

# Stowupland High School

*"Outstanding Progress for All"*



23.10.23

Dear Parents and Carers.

Apologies for the later publication of our weekly home bulletin. I appreciate that Friday was a challenging day for lots of people as we all dealt with the extreme weather event that unfolded during the course of the day. I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding as we dealt with the ever changing situation.

The end of a half term is always a good opportunity to reflect back, it is amazing how much we have achieved over 6 weeks. The number of school events and activities that have taken place beyond the regular school day is a true testimony to how dedicated and hard working the staff at Stowupland High School are. Parents have had several opportunities to attend school over this time, to meet staff and discuss students' progress. We have also been able to show our school to some potential new members of our community with our Tea and Tours and Year 6 Open Evening.

I was involved in the Year 11 "Steps to Success" evening on Wednesday. This involved some of our students having individual appointments with a senior member of staff to discuss their progress, plans for the future and how the school could support them further over the next 8 months. I always find these discussions enjoyable, hearing about the students future plans and being able to offer some guidance and views on the best way for them to achieve their desired outcomes.

## A note from the Trust Board – Friday 20th October 2023

Today, the John Milton Academy Trust is saying farewell to Chief Executive, Karen Grimes, who is retiring following a near 40-year career in education.

Trustees, Local Board Members, former and current staff across the Trust said goodbye at an event on Thursday at the John Milton Sixth Form Centre.

Karen said: "It has been an enormous privilege to have led JMAT since its formation in September 2016.

"I am very proud of what has been achieved by the Trust – our schools have all flourished over the years, providing excellent learning facilities for children in the area.

"I was headteacher at Stowupland High School for just over 12 years, so the school will always have a special place in my heart. I am particularly delighted to have overseen the opening of the John Milton Sixth Form and the school's Mulberry Centre for Cognition and Learning. Staff and students should be very proud of what they have achieved."

The Trust Board has appointed Mr Shaun Common as interim CEO. He has already visited Stowupland several times and is really looking forward to working with everyone after half-term.



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As you may be aware, since the start of the academic year some of our classes have been taught by non specialist teachers for their French or German lessons. This reflects a national picture of the challenges in recruiting Modern Foreign Language teachers, with many schools struggling to fill the vacancies. However, I am pleased to report that following a rigorous recruitment process we have made the following appointments:

- an experienced Lead Practitioner in languages teaching, who will be starting after half term;
- an experienced, multilingual MFL teacher, starting in January;
- Head of Languages, starting January.

We have had an interim MFL consultant working with the school, helping ensure consistency and continuity of the curriculum, as well as Mrs Mayhew, our French teacher and Mrs Rhodes our teacher of German.

Mr Sim will be writing to you all separately about uniform, behaviour and attendance. The vast majority of our students have had a really successful start to the new school year. They have been meeting our expectations and collecting over 14,000 positive reward points between them. We have over 300 students who have not missed any time off school over the first half term. I hope this number stays as high over the rest of the year.

Over half term our building work will continue, initial work on preparing the 2 small areas of RAAC affected areas of our school will start so the floors can be repaired or replaced over the next few months. Our temporary accommodation will continue to be readied for occupation, with mains services being installed from the main school whilst there are no students on the school site. Hopefully when we return after half term we will have a better idea as to when they will be ready for occupation.

As you may have already read, Mrs Grimes has retired, having been the CEO of our Trust since establishing it in 2016. She has worked at Stowupland High School since 2004, leading the school as Headteacher before forming The John Milton Academy Trust. Over this time she has devoted her energy, time and passion so the students have the best possible education along with ensuring the safety and welfare for all in our school and the wider Trust. I hope you will join me and the school in wishing Mrs Grimes a wonderful retirement.

David Brewster  
Headteacher

## Halloween Art Competition

### HOUSE HALLOWEEN ART COMPETITION

We had lots of brilliant entries for the Halloween competition and it was difficult to choose the winners but eventually we decided upon the following four:

Freya L , Phoebe K and Alexis B—Year 7

Lottie H—Year 8

Emily E—Year 10

Well done to all those that took part. Points awarded to all and treats for the winners!

## Boudicca in the lead

### Stowupland High School House League



**Boudicca back on top in the Autumn term House League.**

## Year 11 Revision Guides

Year 11 Revision guides are now for sale within the ParentMail Shop. Deadline for ordering books is 10th November.

## Sixth Form Open Evening

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR DETAILS ABOUT OUR COURSES



**Sixth Form Open Evening**  
Wednesday 22nd November 2023  
6.30pm-8.30pm

## PE Club after school—Autumn 2

Tuesday after school - PE clubs (3.40-4.45pm)

The following clubs will be available on a Tuesday after school starting after October half term:

Netball club - ALL year groups in the sports hall with Miss Wardley

Handball club - ALL year groups in the small gym with Mr Broom

Fitness club - Y8-13 in the fitness suite with Mr Garrett

# SPORT NEWS

Fixture	Date	Report
Year 7 Netball	17/10	9 participants experienced a tournament style. We played Sybil for 2x10 halves, 2-6. We then played County for 2x7 halves, 1-0 and Mildenhall for 2x7 halves, 2-3. The participants' spirits weren't dampened, they had a singalong to songs by Bon Jovi and Aqua! Player of the tournament, Isla B. Other participants will get an opportunity to play next term. Thank you.
Year 8 Netball	17/10	Well played to the U13 girls who travelled to Sudbury for a fixture. We had a match against Ormiston. The score over the 4 quarters was 6-5, 12-10, 20-13, 24-16. The girls improved throughout the match developing the quality of their passing and movement, particularly in the second half. A great win for the team!
Year 10 Futsal	17/10	Boys played really well but came up short in a few tight games, meaning overall they came 3rd, but a great effort from the boys and hope they enjoyed it.
Year 11 Boys Football	19/10	The Year 11 boys football team put in an outstanding performance against Debenham High School in the National Schools Cup. The game finished 3-3 and went into extra-time. Daniel B scored the winning goal in the first half of extra time. Final result: Stowupland 4 -3 Debenham. The team now plays Farlingaye in the 3rd round.
Year 10 Girls Football	19/10	The Year 10 girls football team played against a strong Thurston team in the County Cup. In an entertaining game Thurston eventually won the match 4-2.  Well done to all the girls that were involved and I'm sure we can come back stronger in the West Suffolk Cup.

## Upcoming fixtures

Date	Who	Sport	Vs.
31/10	Year 7 Boys	Football County Cup (H)	Thurston
1/11	Year 10 Boys	Football County Cup (A)	Debenham
2/11	Year 7 Girls	Football West Suffolk Cup (A)	Kesgrave
2/11	Year 9 Boys	Futsal (A)	Stowmarket

**IMPORTANT: If your child is taking part in any sports fixtures, please look out for an email to give consent for student to take part. These can be announced very last minute so we would appreciate your prompt action. You will find the consent box within Arbor under Activities/Trips.**

# Contact and Dates

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### November

3rd Nov—Y7 Maths Trip: Racing to School

8th Nov—Parents Evening—Mulberry and Year 11

9th Nov—Careers Fair

17th Nov—KS4 Dance East—GCSE Dance

20th Nov—HPV 1 Year 8

22nd Nov—Sixth Form Information Evening

**24th November—Non Student Day**

### December

11th Dec—Music Industry workshop

13th Dec—Winter Showcase

21st Dec-2nd Jan—Christmas break

**3rd Jan—Non Student Day**

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Term Dates 2023-24		Half Term	Non Student Days
<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	4th September - 20th December	23rd - 27th Oct	4th September
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	3rd January - 28th March	19th—23rd Feb	5th September
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	12th April - 19th July	27th May - 31st May	24th November
			3rd January
			19th July

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Chair of Local Board: Mr Andrew Fell