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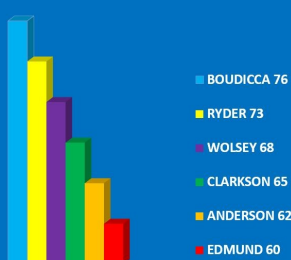
Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you after finishing our Year 6 open event. We had just under 500 people come and visit us over the course of the evening. It is pleasing that so many families are taking the opportunity to find out more about our school and coming in to meet our staff and students. Despite the difficulties with our building over the last few weeks, our staff, as always rose to the challenge and created an event that allowed the prospective Year 7s and their families to see and experience our school.

At the other end of our students learning journey, our Year 13 students and their parents attended school on Wednesday evening. Mrs Macey explained the application process for UCAS (University and College Application Service)) along with different potential apprenticeship routes. Planning the next steps after the 6th form is a big step but the more information students can have will help them make informed decisions. Mrs Macey offered advice on the things to consider before making the applications, including researching different institutions and courses, visits and location, personal statements, the time line of the application process and the import facts around student finance. There is a lot for them to consider but they are now more informed as they start this process.

## House League and Halloween Competition

### Stowupland High School House League



**Boudicca take the lead in the Autumn term House League.**

### **HOUSE HALLOWEEN ART COMPETITION**

We are holding a House Halloween art competition. To enter you need to create some artwork on the theme of Halloween. Paintings, drawings, puppets, it's up to you. Hand your entries into Mr Bartholomew in D.05 by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### Borrowed Uniform

If your child is not wearing the correct school uniform and is therefore borrowing uniform from School, I would be grateful if the borrowed items could be returned washed and in the same condition as when borrowed. All items must be returned within one week. Any unreturned items will be charged to you at £15 per item.

Anyone who has visited the school site this week will have seen some significant changes. The project to mitigate the RAAC issues in our building are moving on rapidly. The contractors site compound which is next to the Science block is now complete, and the extra car park and storage area behind the 6th form building is currently being laid to hard standing. This will allow staff to have easy access to all the learning resources which will be kept safe and carefully stored as they are removed from the affected areas of the school building.

Whilst preparation for further engineering works continue in the Science and Humanities block, plans to improve our current school capacity are well under way. There will be further temporary offices being delivered over the next few weeks, which will be placed on the car park near the Sports Centre. This will give extra space for our support staff and give us better facilities for student interventions.

I am also pleased to say we have secured enough temporary classrooms to create a temporary village which will be set up on the field over the next couple of months. Currently we have potentially 13 temporary classrooms and a building which will become our new library. The current plan is to have these delivered and connected to the main services over the next couple of months. Although these are standard classrooms currently, the DFE (Department for Education) are working on a phase 2 of temporary buildings which will incorporate fully equipment Science Labs. I will share more about these when a time scale and plan are confirmed.

The safety and wellbeing of our school community remains paramount. Contractors are completing DBS checks before coming onto site and movement of machinery outside of the fenced areas is being stopped when students are out of normal lesson time. So far deliveries of our temporary buildings and those of the contractors have been carried out outside of school hours and at weekends. I am also pleased to say that with support from Suffolk County Council and the DFE a temporary closure of the footpath that runs through the school field is being proposed.

Whilst all this work is continuing and being lead by our Trust colleagues I can assure you our main focus in school remains on the learning and teaching of the students in our care.

Wishing you a restful weekend

David Brewster

Headteacher

## Student of the Fortnight Winners



Year 7	Jude W (7YEL)	Superb contributions to class discussions
Year 8	Alex N (8ROL)	Focused and contributing widely in lessons; working hard.
Year 9	Charlie W (9RTR)	Focused in lessons, contributing widely to class discussion, completes work.
Year 10	Emily B (10TWA)	Consistently demonstrates all aspects of the Stowupland 6 every lesson. Great student.
Year 11	Ethan F (11KLE)	Continued hard work and focus in all lessons and good contributions to learning.

## What's on at The Mix

### Job Squad

**Wednesdays**  
 September 27th &  
 October 4th, 11th & 18th  
 3:30pm-5pm

# JOB SQUAD

**Job Squad is our weekly drop in where anyone aged 15-24 can get support with anything job related. You don't need to be signed up with the Together Project to join us.**

**You will have access to laptops, resources and youth workers who will be ready to help you where needed!**

**All you need to do is let us know you're coming by emailing:**  
**[together@themixstowmarket.co.uk](mailto:together@themixstowmarket.co.uk)**

### Together Project

Together Project at The Mix supports young people aged 15-25.

[Read more](#)



## End - to - End Encryption - How to keep my child safe

End-to-end encryption (E2EE) is being introduced by some social media and messaging platforms to enhance privacy for their users – but if this is done without putting the necessary child safety measures in place, it could pose a risk. At the moment, these social media and messaging companies scan their platforms to find and report child sexual abuse material (such as images, videos, and grooming conversations) to law enforcement, so that abusers are arrested, and children are protected.



If E2EE is rolled out widely without necessary child safety measures, social media companies will no longer be able to find and report child sexual abuse material in the same way.

It will make it harder for social media companies and law enforcement to detect child sex abusers who are looking to manipulate, groom, and sexually abuse potential victims. Crucially, it will mean that social media companies will be unable to detect and prevent the spread of images and videos of child sexual abuse within encrypted messaging services.

[Read measures you can put in place here](#)

## Friends and Networks



Friends and Networks (FaN) is a new DfE-funded project, delivered through Suffolk County Council Inclusion Services. FaN supports school-aged children with emotional based school avoidance (EBSA) and/or special education needs and disabilities (SEND), who are experiencing difficulties in maintaining a full-time education placement or facing placement breakdown.

FaN offers a child-led approach to re-engagement, through activity-based, short-break sessions. Participants are supported to develop their skills and build resilience, in activities aligned to their likes and interests. We work closely with families and schools throughout, to encourage joint working towards shared goals.

Support through FaN is free of charge to children/families/schools. If you wish to find out more or refer a child to FaN, please contact: [friendsandnetworks@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:friendsandnetworks@suffolk.gov.uk), alternatively you can call Lauren Flood on 01473 264267, who is overseeing the scheme.

[www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk)

# ATTENDANCE

## Attendance up to 29th September 2023

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
95.3%	91.6%	91.6%	90.2%	88.7%	91.1%

Regular school attendance is crucial for children in secondary school for several compelling reasons. First and foremost, consistent attendance fosters a disciplined and responsible attitude in students. It instils the value of punctuality and commitment, which are essential life skills. By attending school regularly, students learn to manage their time effectively, a skill that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Secondly, secondary school is a critical stage in a child's academic journey. The curriculum becomes more complex, and missing classes can lead to gaps in knowledge that are difficult to fill. Consistent attendance ensures that students receive continuous instruction, allowing them to grasp the concepts and skills necessary for success. It also provides opportunities for interaction with teachers and peers, fostering a supportive learning environment.

Lastly, attendance is closely tied to academic performance and future prospects. Good attendance records can positively impact college and job applications. Moreover, it helps students build a strong work ethic, which is invaluable for achieving their career goals. Therefore, as parents, encouraging your children to attend school regularly is an investment in their education and future success.

Regular Questions we receive from parents and guardians are as followed:

- **What are the rules regarding a positive Covid test?**

Following the government guidelines students do not have to have a negative result to return to school. They may come into school as long as they are feeling well enough to do so and don't have a high temperature. You must call or email the school everyday of absence.

- **What are the rules regarding sickness and stomach upset?**

We do not enforce the 48 hr clear rule like primary school. There are many reasons why a child is sick and not always due to illness. If as a parent you feel the child is too unwell to come into school please call in or email every day of the absence.

- **Why am I getting attendance letters so soon in the term when my child has had one day off?**

In accordance with our Attendance Policy, attendance letters are typically sent when a student is absent, even for a single day, these are accumulated to a certain threshold in our case 95% attendance and 90% attendance or when there's a concern about a student's overall attendance. It's important to maintain regular attendance to ensure your child doesn't fall behind in their studies.

When we are more concerned for a student's attendance a follow up call will be made for a meeting at the school.



# Attendance Matters



Sol Attendance  
Sustainable Impact

100%

0 DAYS

0 LESSONS MISSED

99%

1 DAY

4 LESSONS MISSED

98%

3 DAYS

12 LESSONS MISSED

97%

1 WEEK

20 LESSONS MISSED

96%

1.5 WEEK

30 LESSONS MISSED

94%

2 WEEKS

40 LESSONS MISSED

93%

2.5 WEEKS

50 LESSONS MISSED

92%

3 WEEKS

60 LESSONS MISSED

90%

3.5 WEEKS

70 LESSONS MISSED

**Maximise your potential.  
Attend the Academy Every Day.**

# SPORT NEWS

Fixture	Date	Report
Year 10 Boys Football	20/9/23	Year 10 boys played Farlingaye at home. The game was tight but overall we deserved more at full time being the better side throughout. A late penalty for both teams added drama but we went to penalties at 1-1 full time. The entire team stepped up to take a penalty and we sneaked through to the next round of the National Cup. A very good result against a decent side. On we go!
U13 Girls' Football	25/09/23	In the first half we played 3-4-1, it allowed us to get on the ball and secure possession. In the second half we played 2-5-1 to attack more. Some secured 1 or more hat-tricks. Good squad rotation of 7 and 8. We look forward to our game next week. Spectators are welcome.  Stowupland 21-0 Castle Manor.
U13 Boys' Football - County Cup	26/09/23	The Year 8 boys football hosted Thomas Mills in the first round of the County Cup on Tuesday 26 September. The boys controlled the majority of the match and went on to win 4-0.  A great team performance with some really good team goals.  A big thank you and well done to Lewis Howes (11WCU) for refereeing.

## Upcoming fixtures

Date	Who	Sport	Vs.
2/10	Year 11 Boys	Football (National Cup)	Claydon (H)
2/10	Year 10 Boys	Football (National Cup)	Kesgrave (A)
3/10	Under 13 Boys	Football (West Suffolk Cup)	Castle Manor (A)
3/10	Under 16 Girls	Netball	Breckland (A)
4/10	Year 11 Boys	Football (County Cup)	Stowmarket (H)
5/10	Under 15 Girls	Netball	Castle Manor (A)

**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

### October

11/10—Suffolk Skills Show Y9 - Y10

11/10—Year 7 Tutor Evening

16/10-20/10 —Year 11 Sixth Form Masterclasses

17/10-18/10—Y7-Y11 Flu Vaccinations

w/c 23/10—Half term

### Contact Details:

**Main School:** 01449 674827 (08.30am - 4.00pm)

### Pastoral emails:

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**Absence Line:** 01449 742428

### Website:

[www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk](http://www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk)

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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