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Dear parents and carers

This week I have, fortunately, been able to meet with some of our parents and carers. I really enjoy this aspect of the role, hearing parents views and hearing what is happening at school being reported at home. We discussed lots of different aspects of the changes and I would like to share with you all in more detail some specifics.

I feel I need to explain how the leadership structure in the school is being enhanced to ensure we make the rapid progress we all want. Mr Walker is joining us after Easter as Principal. He will have the ultimate responsibility for what happens at the school on a day to day basis whilst having oversight of the strategic direction of the school.

I will still be the Headteacher, working very closely with Mr Walker and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team.

This is a vital step in increasing capacity to deal with many of the issues we want to address to ensure all students receive the very best possible level of provision. This was detailed in the video-cast that Mr Green (Executive Principal) sent to all parents and carers yesterday.

The work we have been doing over the last few weeks is beginning to show in how our students react to different circumstances. During my morning gate duty I am being greeted with more

## Free Holiday Activities

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have put together free holiday activities and food for children that are eligible for means tested free school meals over the February Half Term.

In order to book onto these activities, guardians of eligible children will need to book spaces though directly contacting the provider. Schools **will not** be providing the Wonde codes for eligibility for this holiday. Providers will complete their own eligibility checks.

For more details about the activities available in the local area, please follow this [LINK](#)



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positive 'good mornings' and certainly getting into more conversations with students. Staff are also noticing more of these interactions around school. Following a brief reminder at the start of the lesson, a member of staff commented on how courteous students were: using 'please' and 'thank you' and answering in full sentences. We still have lots more to do but it is pleasing to see that the work we have started is beginning to have an impact.

Today I have been showing Jo Churchill around the school with our interim CEO, Mr Common. It is always a pleasure to show guests around the school, especially someone who has so much influence. During the tour Mr Sim demonstrated how the school's expectations are being modelled in the classroom with year 7. She was very supportive of what we are doing in the school and could see how the RAAC issue has affected our school.

Wishing you all a restful weekend

Kind regards

Mr Brewster

Headteacher

## **Valentine's Day Bake Sale**

Our Sixth formers are looking for donations towards their prom.



## **Is your child fully vaccinated? Catching up is easy, at any age.**

You may have read or heard that cases of measles are increasing in England. While cases in Suffolk are currently low, we should prepare for and protect against the potential for increased cases.

If your child has not been fully vaccinated with the MMR vaccine it is a good time to get this done to protect them.

Step 1: Check whether your child has had all of the vaccines they should have had.

You can look in the 'immunisation' section in your child's red book (Personal Child Health Record) to see if they have received their MMR vaccination.

If you're still unsure, check their records with their GP or email the vaccination clinic [hct.SuffolkSAIS@nhs.net](mailto:hct.SuffolkSAIS@nhs.net)

Step 2: If your child is missing any vaccination, book an appointment to get them up to date.

This can be done at a vaccination clinic or your GP.

If you would like to book a place on a clinic, please call 0300 555 5055 option 3 to book appointments for any outstanding vaccinations.

Important - Please do not attend a clinic without booking in advance.

For more information, including a list of available vaccination clinics, visit [Childhood Vaccinations - Healthy Suffolk](#)

# Contact and Dates

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### February

12 Feb—Year 9 vaccinations  
(MenACWY / DTP)

12 Feb—Year 11 Doctors' Show, history trip

14 Feb—Year 9 Parents' Evening

16 Feb-25 Feb—Ski Trip

17 Feb-25 Feb—Half Term

### Contact Details:

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<b>Cashless catering:</b>	<a href="mailto:accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
<b>Library:</b>	<a href="mailto:library@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">library@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
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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 5th September
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	3rd January - 28th March	19th—23rd Feb	24th November 3rd January
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	12th April - 19th July	27th May - 31st May	12th April 19th July

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