



16/02/24

Dear Parents and Carers

I am very pleased to say that after half term we will be using some of our temporary classrooms. To start with, History and Geography will be re roomed along with a theory science room. This will improve the flow of the students around the school and allow staff to be teaching in the same room for the day. New timetables will be issued and students will be shown to the new rooms.

This is only the first step in the recovery from the discovery of RAAC. The completion of the temporary Science Labs will be completed soon. In addition to this, I am also very pleased to confirm that Stowupland is now on the Department for Education’s School Rebuilding Programme. This means we will get significant investment as we look to permanently replace the areas of our school effected by RAAC.

I have written to you about the changes we are making in the school to ensure the atmosphere is warm, welcoming and friendly. We are ensuring that students are safe and well supervised by staff during social times and at the beginning of the day. To continue this work, we are temporarily suspending our lunchtime clubs and enrichment provisions after half term. This will allow us to ensure all students are correctly supervised and managed and the programme we offer benefits all.

## West Suffolk College Junior Chef Introduction Programme

Congratulations to our Hospitality and Catering students who took part in the West Suffolk College Junior Chef Introduction Programme. It was a privilege to be invited to the penultimate day, where the students experienced roles from Back of House, through to Front of House. They worked diligently, with confidence and skill, presenting exquisite dishes fitting of a starred restaurant. I think you'll agree that the photos say it all!



Send interventions will continue as an invite only provision such as Friendship Club which is an SEMH intervention.

Miss Brownsell and the Year 9 teaching team hosted our 'in school' Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday. This was a positive event, with parents and students having the opportunity to have those face to face discussions about student progress and attitude to learning. This information will also help to start to inform students which subject will be the best ones to pick as their GCSE options. The options process has started with students receiving their option booklets this week. The process has changed slightly this year with students not being put in pathways. This will allow them more of an open choice; this will of course still be guided by the school, subject teachers and form tutors.

Have a good weekend

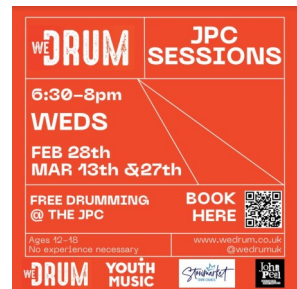
Mr David Brewster

## WeDrum - free drumming sessions

Please scan QR codes to book free sessions that are taking place in Stowmarket.



Y7/8 are invited to join The Mix drop in on Mondays.



All year groups can book into to The John Peel Centre, fortnightly on a Wednesday 6:30-8pm.

[www.wedrum.co.uk/stowmarket](http://www.wedrum.co.uk/stowmarket)



## Cycle safety

We love to see our students cycling to school as it's a great way for them to keep fit and healthy. However we have been made aware of some dangerous situations especially when students on bikes are crossing roads on the way to and from Stowupland High School. We would like to share with all parents and carers a good source of information so we can all help our students to learn to cycle safely.

Please visit [www.think.gov.uk](http://www.think.gov.uk) for education resources aimed at 13-16 year old children.

## Protecting your children from Exploitation

Join [County Lines](https://www.countylines.gov.uk) for an informative and engaging FREE online event on Wed Feb 28, 2024 at 19:30 GMT.

This event aims to raise awareness, share insights, and explore strategies to tackle this growing issue. Our expert will delve into the signs to look out for, the impact on young lives, and the collaborative efforts needed to safeguard vulnerable children. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, ask questions, and connect with others passionate about child protection. A quick background on County Lines...

County lines refers to the practice of criminal gangs from urban areas exploiting vulnerable children and young people to transport and sell drugs in rural or coastal areas. This puts these children at risk of being drawn into a dangerous and criminal lifestyle.

Click [HERE](https://www.countylines.gov.uk) to book your free space at the webinar.



# SPORT NEWS

Fixture	Date	Report
Y11 Girls' Football	05/02	I/we had to deal with a lot of change and uncertainty such as eligible students and match officials. I am thankful for those who helped such as admin and participants. Emily M played again. Phoebe R soldiered on. Leia M had a debut. Despite our commitment and determination we faced a heavy defeat.
U13 ESFA Schools' Cup	07/02	I/we decided to enter the NEW ESFA Girls' Cup. We were awarded a BYE into Round 2. We played Colchester County High School and were the winners. The FT score was 3-0 (Freya L-J, Freya-L-J and Holly S). We proceed through to the next round.

## Upcoming fixtures

Date	Who	Sport	Vs.
26/02	Y7 Girls	Futsal (A)	Debenham High School
28/02	Y9 Boys	Rugby (A)	Ipswich High School



**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		Contact Details:	
<b>February</b>		<b>Main School:</b>	01449 674827 (08.30am - 4.00pm)
16 Feb-25 Feb—Ski Trip		<b>Pastoral emails:</b>	<a href="mailto:year7@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">year7@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
17 Feb-25 Feb—Half Term			<a href="mailto:year8@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">year8@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
28 Feb—Year 9 Options Evening			<a href="mailto:year9@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">year9@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
29 Feb—Frozen - Winter Arts Showcase Reward Trip			<a href="mailto:year10@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">year10@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
			<a href="mailto:year11@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">year11@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
			<a href="mailto:sixthform@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">sixthform@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
<b>March</b>		<b>General:</b>	<a href="mailto:enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
6 Mar—Women in Black—Theatre Trip		<b>Cashless catering:</b>	<a href="mailto:accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
6 Mar—Year 7 Parents' Evening			
13 Mar—Mulberry Parents and Carers evening		<b>Library:</b>	<a href="mailto:library@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">library@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
15-17 Mar—DofE Silver practice expedition		<b>Attendance:</b>	<a href="mailto:attendance@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">attendance@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
20 Mar—Year 13 Parents' Evening		<b>Absence Line:</b>	01449 742428
22-25 Mar—Y9 Battlesfield Trip		<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
28 Mar—last day of Spring term			
<b>April</b>			
15 Apr—return to school after Easter break			

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	<b>12th April</b> 19th July

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