

# Stowupland High School

*"Outstanding Progress for All"*



15th March 2024

Dear parents/carers

It has been a real mixture of a week, with a huge range of activities going on making our school community such a vibrant and exciting place to be. On Wednesday our Executive Principal, Mr Andy Green delivered some staff professional development on the implementation of SLANT, SHAPE and STEPS. I know he has already spoken to you about these in his video cast and we will be doing further training on the 12th April during our additional Professional Development Day. We are working with our students to develop their confidence and politeness so we can all ensure our school becomes the Warm Welcoming and Friendly place we want it to be.

Year 11 have been working very hard on their final set of mock exams this week along with completing and catching up with any coursework. Their behaviour during the exams has been very impressive and I am confident that they will take the exams in the summer just as seriously. Their teachers will be busy marking their papers and ensuring the students receive feedback before the Easter break to allow for more focused revision.

Our trips and visits schedule continues and this week Mr Broom along with a team of dedicated badminton fans headed to Birmingham for the All England Open Badminton Championships. They

## Yonex—All England Open Badminton Championships

Almost 100 of our students across the years 7 - 10 travelled yesterday to Birmingham to watch badminton championships. The All England Open Badminton Championships is the world's oldest badminton tournament, held annually in Birmingham, England.



Students had a chance to learn more about the game, watch world class players and enjoy the atmosphere of the large sporting event.



## Year 11 and 13 school meals overdraft

Please note, after Easter the facility of overdraft will be removed from all Year 11 and 13 students' accounts. This is due to the past experiences of issues with recovering the debt after leaving high school. Please make sure students' accounts are topped up when using the canteen.

## Water bottles

We have noticed an increase in the number of students who do not have a drink with them whilst at school. As we all know, staying hydrated helps young people to stay alert and focused so could we please remind students to take their water bottles with them to school.

Had a wonderful day and saw some inspirational sport stars playing at the top of their game. A good day was had by all.

We have also been busy planning further developments that will be carried out over the Easter break ready for the start of the summer term. This includes the completion of our Learning Village which will enable our students to restart the practical element of their Science courses. I am sure both staff and students will welcome the opportunity to learn and work in the newly equipped Science Labs.

I would also like to remind you all of some items for next week. The front gate of the school will not be opened until 8:35 am which will then remain as the regular time for the school site to be opened.

Year 13 have their final parents evening on Wednesday, 20th March. This is a good opportunity to hear about progress and to share any revision ideas and thoughts as they prepare for their final exam. Finally, Year 9 have done well so far with returning their options forms but, I would like to remind you that the final deadline is the 20th March. This will allow for us to start organising and allocating the student preferences.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mr David Brewster

Headteacher

## Students at Copleston always adopt the right **SHAPE** on behaviour

**S**peak in full sentences when responding to a question or building upon the response of another student

**H**ave your hands away from your mouths when talking

**A**rticulate your speech instead of mumbling. Your teachers will ask you to say it again

**P**roject your voices to be heard by others. It is polite to ensure that others can hear you

**E**ye contact is utilised to address the person you are talking to

## Students at Copleston always adopt the right **SLANT** on behaviour

**S**it up straight and pay attention

**L**isten carefully to instructions

**A**sk or answer questions at every opportunity but....

**N**ever interrupt anyone when they are talking

**T**rack the teacher when they are talking to the class

## Students at Copleston always adopt the right **STEPS** on behaviour

**S**ir or Miss. Address all adults in this manner or end each reply in this way. The Copleston Full Stop.

**T**hank anyone who does anything for you by clearly saying 'Thank You'

**E**ye Contact - with any person you interact with

**P**lease. Use this word when you request anything either at the start or end of the sentence

**S**mile. A positive facial expression, tone of voice and body language leads to more positive outcomes

# Contact and Dates

DATES FOR THE DIARY		Contact Details:
<b>March</b> 20 Mar—Year 13 Parents' Evening 22 Mar—Y12 - Business, Computing & Games Taster Day 28 Mar—last day of Spring term <b>April</b> 15 Apr—return to school after Easter break	<b>Main School:</b>	01449 674827 (08.30am - 4.00pm)
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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	<b>12th April</b> 19th July

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