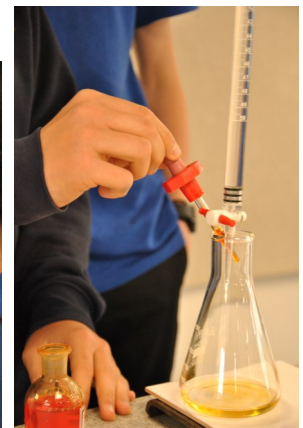


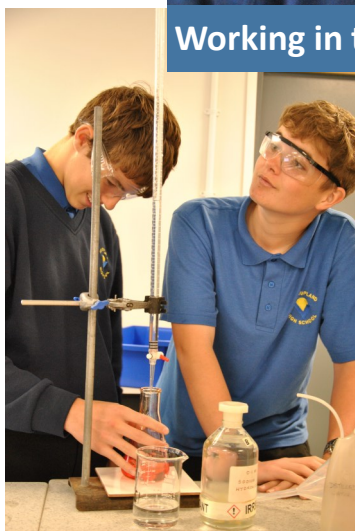
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23 July 2024

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very busy term at the school, and I am delighted to celebrate some of the key events from the past term with you in this newsletter.

Many thanks to all of our staff for their hard work, to our students for meeting our heightened expectations this term, and to everyone who has sent messages of support for the work we are doing to move the school forward.

We are always keen for parents to visit and see the school in action. Please contact us if you would like to arrange this— enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk

Year 7 and 11 students will start back on Wednesday 4th September, and all other year groups on Thursday 5th September. We look forward to welcoming everyone back then. In the meantime, I hope you have a great Summer.

Lee Walker

Safeguarding update

A long break from school isn't always easy. If your child needs support please have a look at one of the following student resources:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.kooth.com/>

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources>

Don't forget you can also contact your GP for help and support.

If you feel that a child or young person is at immediate risk if harm please use the information below:

- Call 999 for an emergency
- Call Customer First on 0808 800 4005 (This is the first point of contact for social services in Suffolk. They deal with enquiries and referrals about adults, children and mental health assessments).

Safeguarding Officer

Contact Details:

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| Main School: | 01449 674827 (8.30am—4.00pm) |
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| Library: | library@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk |
| Attendance: | attendance@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk |
| Absence Line: | 01449 742428 |
| Website: | www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk |

| Term Dates 2024-2025 | | Half Term | Non Student Days |
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| Autumn Term 2024 | 2nd September - 20th December | 28th Oct - 1st Nov | 2nd September |
| Spring Term 2025 | 7th January - 4th April | 17th - 21st Feb | 3rd September |
| Summer Term 2025 | 22nd April - 22nd July | 26th May - 30th May | 6th January 21-22nd July |

4th September—Year 7 and Year 11 back at school

5th September—Everyone back at school

Church Road Stowupland Stowmarket IP14 4BQ

Principal: Mr Lee Walker

Chair of Local Board: Mr Andrew Fell

Poetry





On 13th June, Year 7 students enjoyed a trip to Holy Trinity Church. The visit is part of a series of English lessons in which students are learning how to deconstruct and write poetry. The trip to the church was designed to be a stimulus ahead of the children writing their own poems. Students took notes on the churchyard, graves and inside the church itself. They had been schooled into looking at the detail which is often overlooked by a cursory glance: patterns of lichens and/or moss on gravestones, wooden carvings on the choral pews, the symbolism of plants like the yew tree or capturing the mood beside a shady tomb.

Students were welcomed into the church by Church Warden, Mrs. Ann Doubtfire, who was delighted at the students' engagement. She has extended an offer to display the children's work on its completion for the enjoyment of local churchgoers and members of our local community.

Mock elections

On Thursday 4th July, along with the rest of the country, students at Stowupland High School took part in a mock election. Following a week of assemblies and PSHE lessons in which students were informed about how the UK political system works and the manifestos of the main political parties, our students queued up eagerly at their polling station, cast their votes and the results were...



| Election of the Member of Parliament for the Constituency of Stowupland High School | | |
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| Place an X in the box of the candidate you wish to vote for. Then fold the paper in half and place it in the ballot box. | | |
| Conservative Party |  | 12 |
| Green Party |  | 84 |
| Labour Party |  | 58 |
| Liberal Democrat Party |  | 41 |
| Reform Party |  | 156 |

Modern Foreign Languages

The MFL team have been impressed with the uptake for their extra-curricular activities that will continue next year.

Please encourage your child to think about coming along to French film club? We've just watched Rio and the Minions in French!

If your child doesn't fancy that, what about German or Spanish club? These are going really well and will help if your child is studying on another platform such as duo lingo.

The French trip is almost upon us 3 days in France with a visit to a snail farm, bakery and sea life centre!

The next trip is to Lille with a visit to the stadium ... keep your eyes peeled for more information

Mulberry Centre

Mulberry gave a fond farewell to our Year 11s by having a celebratory meal at The Crown in Stowupland. The students were treated to a Ford Mustang photo shoot beforehand and enjoyed delicious pizza and good cheer.

Many students participated in a SENDAT trust-wide Athletics Day at Bury St Edmunds running track on 25th June and we brought back a range of medals.



The term culminated in a successful camping and canoeing trip to Outney Meadow last week, where the students challenged themselves to canoe and camp out for a night. It was a fantastic experience for all and we didn't let the cool weather dampen our spirits!

The Mix summer offer

OPEN ACCESS **100% FREE** **the MIX X**

THE MIX SUMMER ACTIVITIES

At Open Access at The Mix, we are always so excited to announce our summer holiday programme, and this year is no exception.

We have an amazing few weeks of activities planned, for all ages and across a number of locations. In this booklet you will see all the things you can get involved in. Below is a quick overview of each weeks 'themes', and then each activity is explored in more detail throughout the booklet. If you are unsure of anything, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Josh on Josh@themixstowmarket.co.uk

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| WEEK 1 29TH JUL TO 2ND AUG | ESCAPE ROOM |
| WEEK 2 5TH TO 9TH AUG | NERF BATTLES |
| WEEK 3 19TH TO 23RD AUG | CRAZY GOLF |
| WEEK 4 26TH TO 30TH AUG | GAMING + ICE-CREAM |

BORED?
WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN AN ACTIVITY?

Perhaps you've seen a sporting group or painting class you want to take over the summer? Maybe there's a skate jam you can't get to? Or you don't have the right equipment to attend?

WE HAVE AN ENABLING FUND TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES. IF IT'S COST OR CONFERENCE HOLDING YOU BACK, SPEAK TO YOUR MIX YOUTH WORKER IN SCHOOL OR ONLINE.

emma@themixstowmarket.co.uk

the MIX X

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of year 7. It feels like a moment ago I was welcoming them all up to school for their transition days from primary school.

They have been a delightful year group to spend the year with. They continue to present themselves as confident, polite and settled members of our school community. It has been a pleasure to be their Progress Leader and to share the following successes, which were recognised at our Celebration Assembly, with you.

Reward Points

The tutor group that has collected the most merits is 7MPE with an amazing 3482 which is an amazing achievement. Second place goes to 7GER with 3266 and third place to 7KST with 3225.

Our top 3 point scorers are Hannah Chapman, Maisy Ling and Lily Boon. Well done to each of you!

Attendance

Year 7s continue to have the best attendance in the whole school. They have attendance well above the national average, which is a fantastic achievement. Attendance is such a key factor in improving standards and academic achievement. Well done year 7!

7LSA have the highest tutor group attendance since starting in September with 96.94%. 7MPE were second with 95.1% and 7DJO were third with 94.1%

Our tutor awards went to

7KST Isabelle Palmer

7DJO Adel Kopasz

7LSA Libby Thomas

7GER Suraj Trivedy

7YEL Lily Boon

7MPE Isla Joy Dennis

This term my progress leader award went to Frankie King for his excellent work ethic and polite and well mannered approach to the school community.

Rewards trips

Many students took part in our recent rewards trips by either going to Go Ape or Africa Alive for the day. Students behaved impeccably with staff at the High Lodge Centre complementing us on having the 'nicest school they have had in a very long time'. They particularly commented on how polite and kind they all were.



Suffolk Schools Football Success

It is with great pleasure that I can also announce that a member of our year 7 has been selected to represent Suffolk in U13 football. Congratulations Blake Bevan! We wish you a fantastic next season, and all best wishes for the future.



As I mentioned at the start of this newsletter section, it has been a pleasure to have been the Progress Leader for your child's year group. After the summer break, Miss Bird will be taking over as the Year 8 Progress Leader.

Mrs Rolfe continues to be the Assistant Progress Leader and can be contacted with anything that you need regarding year 8. The email address to contact staff next year is: year8@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk

Wishing you a lovely summer break, and I thank you for all of your support over the last year.

From Mrs Brand, Progress Leader and Mrs Rolfe, Assistant Progress Leader

Over the Summer term Year 8 have again shown enthusiasm and dedication to their studies. They have worked hard across academic subjects whilst also showing their creativity through Art, Design and Music. They have also enjoyed success in a range of sporting competitions. Year 8 have worked hard showing determination and commitment in order to achieve their best which was reflected in the Summer Term rewards assembly.

Summer Term Celebration Assembly

As part of this assembly students are awarded certificates of commendation in subjects where they have consistently shown hard work and dedication to their learning. A number of students have received awards in more than one subject. The details are:

Students who were nominated for 4 awards: Ava F, Chloe A, Davyd T, Georgiana P, Reuben E and Warren M.

Students who were nominated for 5 awards: Aimee B, Emily A and Felicity P.

Students who were nominated for 6 awards: Amelia J, Connor B, Eloise S, Lottie W, Matthew J, Owen C and Poppy K.

Students who were nominated for 7 awards: Amy N, Evie A and Samuel E.

Students who were nominated for 8 awards: Dylan F.

A large number of students also received 1, 2 or 3 awards; over 240 certificates have been awarded this term. Well done to all of them!

Behaviour Points

At the time of compiling results the students who were in the top 3 positions in Year 8 were:

1st – Georgiana P, 2nd – Aimee B, 3rd – Dylan F

Well done to all—you should be very proud of yourselves. You have clearly shown a consistent approach to your lessons.

Reward Trip

Year 8 students also enjoyed the end of year reward trips and were a credit to us all.

Tutor Award

Each term, tutors nominate a tutee who they feel represents the form well and deserve recognition for their effort and the value they add to their form class. The students who received the tutor nomination this term were:

Emily C - 8KTO, Emily R - 8TPA, Evie A - 8KBL, Isla H - 8ADA, Jack F - 8LBL, Lottie W - 8PST, Warren M – 8KKN



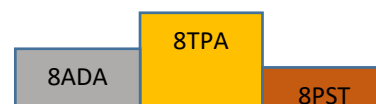
Progress Leader Award

As well as the above, each term I choose 1 student to give the Progress Leader award to and this term has been exceptionally difficult, therefore I nominated 3 before choosing my winner.

My first nomination went to Dylan F for being consistently hard working, reliable and enthusiastic despite whatever is thrown his way. My second nomination went to Miley J who has grown in confidence and resilience through what has been an incredible year for her. My third, and final, nomination goes to Poppy K who has consistently shown a hard-working attitude that enabled her to receive the highest number of Golden Tickets in the year, and second highest in the whole school.

The student I finally decided to give my award to was Miley J. Well done Miley, I hope year 9 is as successful for you as year 8 has been.

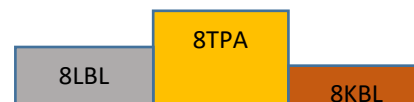
Tutor Group Attendance Award



Well done to 8TPA for winning the best tutor group attendance in Year 8.

Tutor Group Positive Points Award

Congratulations to 8TPA for winning the most positive points award in the Summer term!



We have seen a vast amount of progress and improvement across the school over the last year and it has been a pleasure to watch year 8 grow. I look forward to working with students and parents next year..

Wishing you all an enjoyable and restful summer break!

Mrs Morley

As we close the chapter on Year 9, it is important to reflect on the experiences, achievements, and growth that our students have been through, whilst looking forward to the next big step into GCSE's! It is crazy to think back to the start of the academic year where we found out we had RAAC, resulting in a somewhat disjointed start to the year for Year 9. It has been a year filled with many memorable moments. I am proud of how our students have navigated this pivotal stage in their education, and I am grateful for the continued support from our parents and guardians.

Students have had the opportunity to attend a number of school trips, both abroad and in the UK. Most recently, the vast majority of Year 9 students had the opportunity to attend the rewards trip to either Stonham Barns and Jump In, or to the Ski Centre. I had the pleasure of taking a number of students to Stonham Barns and was particularly impressed with the way the students conducted themselves. This was commented on by members of staff who noted how much of a credit to the school the students were. Mr Garrett, who ran the trip to the Ski Centre, has similar comments about the students who were on that trip. I hope that this time next year, I will be in the position to report the same news and hope that students who were not invited to the trip this year can turn things around in Year 10 so they can join in with the fun next year.

Celebration Assembly

Subject Nominations

As ever, we concluded the term with a celebration assembly which saw many students recognised for their achievements and commitments in their academic subjects. Some students to note who were nominated in a number of subjects are Chloe F (7), Joshua B (6), Marcy B (5), Thomas W (5) Mark W (4), Lewis H (4), Petal B (4), Poppy P (4), and Sienna W (4). This is a fantastic achievement, so well done to those who have been named.



Part way through this academic year, as you should all be aware, we changed our rewards system from “positive points” to “merits”. These are awarded for a number of reasons including being warm, welcoming and friendly, asking and answering lots of questions etc. Based on the merits that students have been receiving since March, the following students have scored the highest amount of merits in the year group:

Joshua B: 136 merits, Evie-Mae T: 123 merits, Joshua H: 121 merits

Congratulations to those students and well done for your exceptional attitude to learning and generally being warm, welcoming and friendly young people. You are a credit to the year group and I am very proud of you.

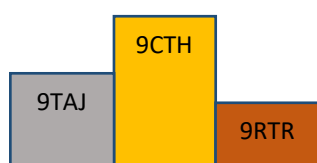
Tutor Award

Each term, the tutors nominate one person in their form who stands out for a variety of reasons and the following students received the tutor award for Summer Term:

9CTH: Faye L, 9EGR: Kieran T, 9GCO: Joshua H, 9JGA: Vince W, 9RTR: Chrissie Q, 9TAJ: Thomas W,
Year 9 Mulberry: Sienna S

Progress Leader Award

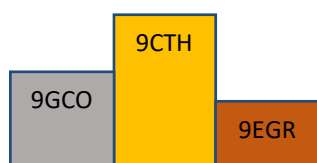
This year, I chose to give the Progress Leader Award to Mark W. Mark is an exceptionally polite young man and a member of staff at Stonham Barns went out of his way to find me to tell me just how impressed he was with Mark. He described speaking with Mark as like speaking with an adult. He is incredibly polite, always says good morning or asks how my day is going and generally looks out for other people. He has really grown as a person over the last few years that I have known him, and it is great to see what a lovely and genuine young man he is growing to become. He is a brilliant member of the Year 9 cohort and takes a very mature approach to his studies. Well done, Mark!

Tutor Group Awards**Best Attendance**

9CTH – 90.8%

9TAJ – 89.59%

9RTR – 89.57%

Most Merits

9CTH – 2242

9GCO – 1643

9EGR – 1577

Farewells

Sadly, we are going to be losing a few brilliant people from our Year group, Joshua H and Faye L. They are progressing on to a specialist engineering and pilot school. Both students had to pass a set of exams to gain entry to the school, so this is a great achievement for them and an amazing opportunity. I am so disappointed to lose you from the Year group as you are both such polite, kind and driven young people. Please do keep in touch and let us know how you get on with this next step in your journey through education.

I am also really sad to be losing Mrs Cook from the team of Year 9 tutors. Mrs Cook is an amazing form tutor who worked incredibly hard with 9GCO over the last academic year. She is a member of staff who is incredibly organised, has high expectations and ensures that students are always recognised for their achievements within the form. She will be sorely missed by her form and I will miss having her on Team Year 9. We wish you all the best in the next step of your career.

To our Year 9 students, I am incredibly proud of each one of you. Your resilience, hard work, and enthusiasm have made this year a success. As you move into Year 10, remember to stay curious, work hard, and always strive for excellence. Thank you for being such a fabulous year group. I am so proud to be your Progress Leader and can't wait to see what Year 10 will bring for you. For now, enjoy the well-deserved break and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Miss Brownsell

Progress Leader: Miss Brownsell

On May 14, 2024, thirty of our Year 10 students were selected to participate in the prestigious Speaker's Trust - Suffolk Speak Out Challenge. This remarkable event focuses on developing young people's communication skills, building their confidence, and empowering them to speak out and be heard.

Throughout the day, our students worked closely with an experienced oracy trainer. It was incredibly rewarding to see their confidence grow as the day progressed with the trainer commenting on how Elliot Stanley, Hayden Southern and Andi Wright overcame their initial shyness to talk with confidence at the end of the day. The trainer was exceptionally pleased with everyone's dedication and improvement, ultimately selecting five semi-finalists: Alfie D, Elena K, Jed M, Reef M, and Saffron H.

These students then delivered their speeches to an audience of Year 7 students. Their courage was commendable, making it a tough decision for the judges to choose only two finalists. After much deliberation, Jed and Saffron H were selected to represent our school at the grand final in Ipswich.

On June 18, Jed and Saffron attended the final at Dance East, competing against twelve other talented students from various Suffolk schools. Their participation in the event was a testament to their hard work, courage, and exceptional speaking abilities.



We are incredibly proud of all our students who took part in the Speak Out Challenge. Their dedication and growth throughout the competition were truly inspiring. Congratulations to Alfie, Elena, Jed, Reef, and Saffron for reaching the semi-finals, and a special commendation to Jed and Saffron for making it to the finals. Your achievements have made our school proud!

A fantastic end!

After joining the school last year it has been a pleasure to support the year group over the last 14 months. The attitude and care shown towards their studies developed significantly over the time and I am confident that this will be rewarded in positive exam results on 22nd August. It has been lovely hearing all the positive comments from the exam team as to how the students conducted themselves during the exams, setting a new high standard for the upcoming year groups.



Our final assembly saw students celebrating their time at Stowupland over the last 5 years including some wonderful Year 7 photos as well as awards for both academic and personal achievements.

The final celebration of the year was the Prom, held at Fynn Valley Golf Club. The singing and dancing from all the students (and some staff) showed how happy the students were to have made it through their exams.



Well done to everyone including the parents who have supported over the last 5 years. I look forward to seeing many happy faces on exam results day.

Many thanks
Mr Terry

Progress Leader: Mr Terry

PE and School Sport Newsletter

'A summer term full of activities'

It has been another extremely busy term with lots of fixtures and events going on for our students to participate and compete in. Please see below a summary of our students' successes this term:

Football finalists

Our Year 7 girls football team reached the West Suffolk Cup Final this year where they faced our local rivals Stowmarket. Despite having lots of possession the girls lost 3-1. We are confident that the team will come back stronger next year.

The Year 10 boys football team also managed to reach a final where they played Copleston High School in the County Cup. The boys dominated large parts of the game and with the score all level at 1-1, Stowupland looked the most likely team to go on to win the match. However, Copleston in the final five minutes of the match scored from a set piece to win the U15 boys County Cup.

Girls Rugby Festival Well done to the mixed year 9 and 10 girls rugby team who went to play in the Suffolk Rugby Festival at Stowmarket Rugby Club. The girls played with good spirit, despite the cold and the rain. All students developed their skills and confidence which resulted in some pleasing teamwork and impressive tries.

Super 8 Athletics

Some of our KS3 students have had the opportunity this term to represent the school in the Western Area Super 8 athletics events. Students competed in one track, one field and the medley relay. Congratulations to all those students that were selected to attend these events.

Cricket and Rounders

Students have had the opportunity to attend clubs and competitions in both cricket and rounders this term. We have also had a specialist cricket coach come in and work with a group of students on a Tuesday after school.

Multi-skills

A small group of Year 7 students attended a multi-skills festival at KEGS and had a great time taking part in Uni-Hoc, Foot Golf and Combat Archery.

Orienteering

Two of our Year 7 Orienteering teams reached the County Finals this year. The finals were hosted at Haughley Park and both teams gained valuable experience and competed well.



Sports Day – another huge success

Our Annual Sports Day was an enormous success, due in no small part to the combination of fine weather, excellent organisation and superb participation. There were a number of outstanding track performances during the afternoon and some really close races. Congratulations to all the competitors and a special mention to our amazing Sixth Form who were excellent assistants on the day.



Wimbledon trip – Wednesday 10th July

We took eight very excited students to the quarter finals of Wimbledon on the 10th July. We had an incredible day and it was such an amazing experience to see some of the best players in the world.

We had tickets for court no. 2 where we saw the QF of the ladies' doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles.

We also had the opportunity to watch some of the players warm up on the practice courts (albeit from a distance) but certainly seeing the likes of Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz was a key highlight of the day. A massive thank you to Ms Walton for entering the ballot and for organising such an amazing day.



Sky Sports Ambassador Visit

We welcomed Declan Brooks to our school on Wednesday 3rd July. Declan is a British Olympic bronze medal-winning cyclist who competes in Freestyle BMX. Declan worked with all of our Year 8 students, delivering an inspiring assembly and he also led some bespoke workshops.

Finally, congratulations to all of the following students for being awarded a Sports Direct voucher for their outstanding contribution towards either PE and School Sport and/or dance this term:

Year 7 – Oscar K D-R and Maisie L

Year 8 – Samuel E, Reuben E, and Georgiana P

Year 9 – Joshua H and Kiera A

Year 10 – Callum B, Elena K and Olivia C (GCSE Dance)

Mulberry – Sienna S and Logan H

Sixth Form – Thomas A

Wishing you all a lovely Summer holiday.

Mr Broom and the PE Department

Youth Perform Festival

The following students deserve a huge congratulations for performing at the New Wolsey Theatre for a Youth Perform Festival on Monday 24th June.

Emily E, Saffron H, Beatrice B, Chloe F, Chiarah R-B, Amelia J, Amy N, Lilly Crysell-Harrison, Eloise S, Felicity P, Leila P, Poppy K, Connor B

The group has been attending after school rehearsals where they devised a performance based on the stimulus of climate change. Together they created a 12 minute performance that was shown to members of the public, local council members, and friends and family. They performed together with six other schools and local youth theatre groups.



Stowupland should be proud of these students who received a massive applause at the end of our piece. As we were promoting how to combat climate change as part of our devising process, we decided that we would take the train and walk to the theatre during the day as opposed to going by coach, which would have been worse for the environment. The group had found this statistic in their research: "Replacing car journeys with public transport can help reduce CO2 emissions by 42% if using the bus and 73% if travelling by train." We also all definitely reached our step goals by achieving over 20,000

steps by the end of the day!

A massive well done to everyone involved!

Miss Pollard and Miss Stevens

Summer Showcase

The evening of the 15th July was filled with music, dance, drama and other visual arts at Stowupland High School. Students and staff together with parents, carers and friends celebrated the outstanding work of their students throughout this academic year.

Visitors could also view the GCSE and A-Level art exhibition and admire the skill and talent of many graduates.



Folk Dance Workshop

The Fusion Dance group enjoyed a full day Folk Dance workshop with professional musicians Mossy Christian and Megan Wisdom. The pupils learnt four different dances including Cotswold Morris, Rapper and Longsword and soon became skilled in the various dance steps. Amy in Year 8 said, 'It was a fun day and the musicians were great.' Leila, also in Year 8 added, 'It was really nice to do something a bit different, especially the dance with the swords.'



The workshop was organised by the East Anglian Traditional Music Trust as part of a project called Stowmarket on Show which has been funded by Mid Suffolk District Council's Community Development Fund. It is hoped that the dance group will be the opening act at the John Peel Centre in Stowmarket for Traditional Music Day. This is a popular event which sees free music, song and dance sessions, concerts and demonstrations taking place all over the town throughout Saturday 21st September.



The dance workshop was not the only event that saw pupils become engaged in local and traditional arts. Year 7 pupils made masks based on the East Anglian folk tales of the Green children of Woolpit and Black Shuck and these will be worn by our dance group for their performance.

A melodeon club learning traditional folk music has also been running at lunchtimes led by Alex G in Year 9.

Castle Acre Year 10 GCSE History Trip 2024

On Wednesday & Thursday 19th & 20th June more than almost 90 Year 10 students made the History department's annual pilgrimage across the border to Castle Acre Priory in Norfolk to experience Norman life in preparation for their forthcoming examinations. The site perfectly embodies the three components of Norman life; those who fought, those who worked and those who prayed over 900 years ago. Acre was awarded to William de Warenne for his services to William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings. William hastily constructed an impressive motte & bailey castle from which to command his land, but also later settled French Cluniac monks to pray for his salvation, and a thriving fortified town soon grew up at the intersection of the River Nar and the ancient Peddars' Way trading route.



With a healthy dose of imagination students were able to place themselves in the magnificently decorated Priory Church, as well as performing a ceremonial procession around the cloister to get a feel for the strict daily regime of monastic life, learning some Norman monastic sign language along the way! They then made the short trek across to the priory fields to explore the remains of the castle itself, the perfect summer weather allowing the students to enjoy seeing history around them for real.



Practicing monastic sign language – that'll be the porridge for breakfast then?

In science we have been delighted with the completion of the new science laboratories in the learning village over the summer term. Students have been able to participate in long anticipated practical work and our Year 7 students have finally been able to use bunsen burners!

In Years 9 and 10 students have been able to catch up on GCSE required practical, which are essential to have experience of hands on. The impact of which we saw in some of the mock questions.

Our technician team have been fantastic. You can only imagine the logistics needed to relocate every piece of equipment and every chemical bottle safely!

