

SCHOOL BULLETIN



Parents Evening - Year 7

This online event takes place on Thursday 13th February, and bookings are now open. To book appointments with your child's teacher please use the following link

<https://stowupland.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

STEPS

This acronym can be seen on posters throughout the school. The use of STEPS allows both staff and students to interact positively and politely throughout the school. These principles help maintain politeness and a culture of genuine mutual respect. This will help students progress more smoothly through life. The letters stand for:

Sir/**M**iss - This is the 'Stowupland full stop'. Students use this at the end of sentences as part of their SHAPE answers and also when referring to members of staff. It is for students **AND** staff (as there are many students at the school, staff will not know every child's name and so we use 'Sir' or 'Miss' when speaking to students we don't know. It is a sign of mutual respect.

Thank you, **E**xcuse me, **P**lease - these are basic manners that you would have been taught by your parents/cares and we welcome these in all interactions with members of the school community. Manners are the best mode of transport, they cost nothing and get you everywhere.

Style - our style is warm, welcoming and friendly. We aim for everyone to be polite in terms of positive body language, tone of voice and facial expression. We expect students to follow instructions first time every time

Please help us with this by talking with your child about these expectations and understand how important this is for them.

Toby Graver - karate champion

Toby Graver in Year 9 attended the English open karate championships at the weekend. Despite dislocating his thumb the day before, Toby was determined to compete. He became English Open Champion in the 15-17 division, and will find out in April if he qualifies to represent the England team in the World Championships in Germany later this year. What a phenomenal achievement - we are very proud of you, Toby!



Celebration of Kindness

Young people from across the UK have chosen 'kindness' as our Children's Word of the Year for 2024. Oxford English Dictionary Kindness is also a core value of our school. Last week saw our celebration of kindness, including assemblies, kindness bingo and kindness pledges. These pledges ranged from opening doors and checking in on friends, to helping out around the house and making coffee for parents. One included 'getting up on time to be kinder to Mum!' Hopefully you will see as much of this kindness at home as we do in school.