

# School Bulletin



## Welcome

It has been great to welcome our students back to school for the final half term of the academic year. Each morning we have had standing assemblies on our field in which student focus was exemplary. The message was about culture and ethos - our ambitions and aspirations for them to secure the best outcomes they can, to develop their sense of personal responsibility and to have access to a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities.

## Exams

Year 11 and 13 students are approaching their examinations with real purpose and determination. I am glad that so many took the opportunity to come in for Half Term revision classes, and they are also coming in for masterclasses and warm-ups before their examinations. Thank you for encouraging your sons and daughters to keep going in this long exam season.

## Announcement

After 22 years of dedicated service to the school our Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, Mrs McKendrick, has retired from Stowupland at the end of May.

During her time at the school, Mrs McKendrick has advocated for and supported countless students, families and colleagues and so many have benefitted from her knowledge, guidance and expertise. She has demonstrated a wealth of attributes including kindness, honesty and loyalty which have made her a true stalwart of the school over her years of service. We are grateful for the valuable contribution that Mrs McKendrick has made and wish her all the very best in her future ventures.

## Suffolk Speak Out Challenge

Two students qualified as finalists in the Suffolk Speak Out Challenge at Dance East on Thursday event. Alex Grocott and Joshua Bridges performed superbly, speaking about stage fright and conformity. The winner came from a different school, but we are extremely proud of the achievements of Alex and Josh to make it that far and perform so well in front of a packed audience.

## Learning routines

It is important for students to develop good routines in their learning to enable success in the future. We ask students to be in SLANT whenever the teacher is speaking to the class as this is when they will pick up the key knowledge they need. When in SLANT students should:

**S**it up straight

**L**isten

**A**sk and answer questions

**N**ever interrupt

**T**rack the teacher

## West Suffolk Cup winners!



This week saw Stowupland High School win our SECOND football cup of the year. Our U15 girls' team won 1-0 against Ormiston in the West Suffolk Cup Final on Tuesday evening. This team is made up of both Year 9 and 10 students. Following the U13 team's win earlier this term, we now have two West Suffolk Cup winning teams in the school. Congratulations to all of the girls involved, and to the PE team for their inspirational work with them.