

School Bulletin



From Mr Walker, Principal of Stowupland High School

I hope that you had an enjoyable Summer, and that your child is looking forward to the new term and all the opportunities it will bring. We have had a very positive start to the new term, and we look forward to helping your child learn more in each of their subjects this year.

Well done to last year's Year 11 and 13 students who collected their results in August. There were some brilliant successes, with many students achieving well beyond their expectations. Overall, the school has continued to improve outcomes and we are very proud of the progress we are making. Most importantly, though, we are delighted that these students will now progress to college, university, sixth form, apprenticeship and all of the other opportunities that their hard work has secured for them.

Welcome to all and carers of Year 7 students. They have had a terrific start to their life at High School - busily engaged in lessons, tutor time, assemblies, ice-breaking activities and starting to find their way around the school. Thank you for your support in helping them prepare for their first week.

We had a packed programme on each of our recent staff training days, putting in place lots of practical steps to ensure that all students can love learning and make exceptional progress regardless of background or circumstance.

It was a real pleasure to learn over the Summer that our PE team has gone one step further than last year and achieved Gold in the School Games award. This is a national programme to ensure sporting activities in school meet local needs, and activities make a real difference to young lives. Congratulations and well done to Mr Broom and the team for this achievement.

Three new members of staff have joined our team this September. Mrs Kowalska will teach Maths, and we have two trainees with us this term - Mr Twaites in Maths and Miss Finn in Science. We wish them all the best.

The school learnt last year that we are going to have a significant new build, to replace our older buildings and those which were discovered to have RAAC and could no longer be used. The first phase of this is the demolition of the old E and D Blocks, and this has progressed over the Summer. We are yet to find out how much of the school will be rebuilt, but I will provide regular updates throughout this term as the plans progress. Please bear with us whilst the demolition is completed over the coming weeks - parents and carers should not use the front areas of school for parking and picking up children for safety reasons and to avoid congestion.

To help students make progress in their learning and achieve exceptional results, they must have all the equipment they need every day. Thank you to all those parents who have ensured their child has this. We will continue to check in each tutor time. The equipment list is published on our website [HERE](#).

Finally your son or daughter will be bringing more exercise books home than they have in the past. This is so that they can use them for homework and revision, and to help their organisation. You can help us by ensuring they pack their bag the night before with the books and equipment they need for the next day. They have a copy of their timetable and it is also on the Arbor Parent app (please download this if you haven't already).

With very best wishes,

Lee Walker
Principal

