

School Bulletin



From Mr Walker, Principal of Stowupland High School

Open Evening

Stowupland High School's Open Evening for those considering joining Year 7 in September 2026 takes place on Thursday 25th September, from 5-8pm. If you have a child currently in Year 6, please do join us for the Open Evening. We are looking for tour guides too, and student helpers in each department, so please encourage your child to sign up for this if they are willing to show their school to parents and primary pupils.

- To help in subjects they should let their subject teacher know.
- To help as a tour guide, they should sign up with Miss Walden before morning line ups or at lunchtime in the yard.

Equipment

It is excellent to see students bringing every piece of equipment on the list to school and to each lesson. Thank you so much for ensuring your child is well prepared for learning - I really appreciate all the effort you have gone to to have the equipment they need. Much of the equipment is named too - which is also appreciated.

Front of school - parking

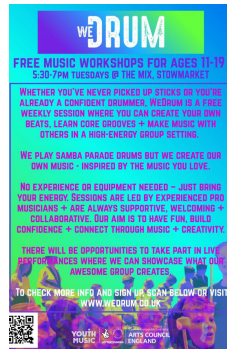
Thank you also for parking away from the front of school whilst the demolition work continues. This has meant much less congestion at the start and end of the day, and enhanced safety for students.

Clubs and activities

There is a 'clubs and societies fair' at lunchtime next Wednesday (in the yard - with an alternative if it rains!) Please encourage your child to join as many clubs as they can. This is an excellent way for them to learn new skills, meet new people, improve their well-being and boost their future prospects. For the list of clubs and details of how to sign up, please visit our [WEBSITE](#).

WeDrum

WeDrum will be running a taster session next Friday lunchtime, and if anyone is interested, they should click the following [link to sign up](#). The taster session will be in C03 (the main music room) and is open to students in all years.



School uniform - footwear.

A polite reminder that the school uniform policy requires footwear to be plain, black, and made of leather or a leather look material. Sensible and comfortable designs are required and for health and safety reasons, canvas material, backless shoes, open toes, 'pumps', which do not cover much of the foot, high heels, boots and platform shoes are not acceptable. Skate shoes, canvas shoes, plimsolls, crocs and any footwear that is non-black or coloured logos/branding are not permitted.

Branded, all black, leather look trainers are permitted as long as it does not conflict with the list of non-acceptable footwear above and there is no non-black colouring of the shoe.

We have given some examples below of what is allowed and what is not allowed with regards to trainers at school. We believe that by allowing leather or leather look trainers, this provides options for parents/carers for more durable footwear that will last in comparison to formal footwear. However, we can't permit any variation in this. The examples of what is not allowed have started to creep in this year and the school will be communicating with families in order to rectify this as soon as possible.

Please understand that the uniform policy is in place to ensure fairness to students, self discipline in following basic expectations, health and safety and ensuring that students are smart and presentable when coming into school.



Attendance

We would like to extend our thanks to all families for their support in the first full week back at school. As it stands our overall attendance sits at 94.2% which is above the national average at this point. This is an excellent start to the year and ensures that all students are benefiting from new, enriching lessons as well as building positive routines around organisation and time management.

Notable attendance rates for Year 7 at 97.5% which is phenomenal and 95% for Y10 which is equally excellent.

65 students have already had a day off ill this academic year. The school understands that there are occasions when children simply can't attend school. However, if the student benefits from some additional time at home resting in the morning, they may feel better in the afternoon and can therefore minimise the amount of lost learning. If students are able to get in at 13:00 if they are ill in the morning they will be able to socialise with friends before going into their final two lessons of the day.

Please follow the link for the BBC article regarding the importance of attending school at the start of the academic year - [BBC News - Attendance](#)

School Menu

Please follow this [LINK](#) to our website to view Autumn term dinner menu.

