

School Bulletin



From Mr Walker, Principal of Stowupland High School

This has been a terrific week at Stowupland! Not only did our Under 14 swimming team perform brilliantly at the Suffolk schools qualifying event (results below), but also rehearsals for Fame (The Musical) began in earnest, we received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Royal British Legion for our excellent work carried out in last year's Poppy Appeal and we also had our best week so far this term for attendance - topping the national figures by quite a margin!

We have welcomed over 40 visitors on 2 days this week for Tea and Tours. All were keen to see the school in action during the day, visit lessons and experience the ethos and culture we are so proud of. Visits from families are always welcome - please click [HERE](#) to book.

Year 11

Year 11 students are having a series of assemblies on Mondays from a range of speakers focusing on careers. This week we had a superb talk from Suffolk New College covering the range of options available there, and in coming weeks talks from individuals and organisations will outline other possibilities. As you would expect, our Year 11 were superb ambassadors for the school.

GCSE Preparation Evening takes place for all Year 11 students this coming Thursday. This will be a unique opportunity to hear from Subject Leaders, revision experts and pastoral leads about how your child can be more successful in their GCSEs and the upcoming mock examinations. If you haven't already signed up, please click [HERE](#).

Sport News

Our Under 14 swimmers represented the school with considerable skill and determination at the Suffolk qualifying event this week at Ipswich High School. Adison, Alex, Ethan and Freddie competed magnificently in individual and relay events to easily qualify for the final. I thought you might like to see the final table (top 6 teams go through to the final):

1st Ipswich High School
2nd Stowupland
3rd Northgate
4th Farlingaye
5th Copleston
6th Kesgrave
7th Thurston
8th Hartismere
9th East Bergholt




In other sporting news, on 24th September the U15 netball team travelled to Clare to play in the U15 Develop Netball Tournament. The team beat Stour Valley 10-2 in their first game. They then won again against Ormiston Sudbury (16-8) and Mildenhall (6-4). Congratulations to all of the students who played with determination and great team work, providing lots of encouragement and support for each other. The boys' U15 footballers were in cup action at Thurston earlier in the week. They acquitted themselves well in the face of tough opposition, dug in and finished the afternoon with 1 win, 1 draw (despite having only 10 men) and 1 loss.

Online Safety

As a school we benefit from a range of resources from The National College. They provide useful fact sheets on a range of themes and we will share these with parents over the course of the year. This week [please find a resource](#) to inform parents on age-inappropriate content and how to manage this with their children.


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Wall of fame



Toby - Year 10

At the end of this month, Toby will be representing Team England in four categories at the WKU World Championships for Traditional Karate. This is an amazing achievement Toby - we are SO proud of you!



We love to celebrate the achievements of our students - please get in touch if your child has news to share on our "Wall of fame" enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk

Attendance and Punctuality

As a school we have been actively promoting the importance of good attendance at school. Students maintaining an average of 95%+ throughout the school year will place themselves at a significant advantage of achieving higher outcomes. This is proven by both national and Stowupland School data.

We are over half way through the first half term and we are extremely pleased with the high number of students whose attendance is currently at or above 95%. However, we can always do better. In order to achieve at or above 95% for the half term, students can have no more than 7 sessions (3.5 days) off school. This means if you have had a week's holiday (5 school days will equate to 10 sessions), your child will be unable to reach this 95% threshold by the half term break. A 2 week holiday or period of absence (10 school days or 20 sessions) will mean the maximum attendance your child can achieve for the year is 94%.

In addition we have noticed a growing number of students that are arriving late for school in the morning. Students are registered every lesson of each day but we are legally required to report both the AM and PM registration mark to the Local Authority and the DfE.

Uniform expectations

We are very proud of how the students are presenting themselves in school. We have come a long way with uniform and are very pleased with how smart students look for school and how cooperative students and parents/carers have been about resolving any issues. This does not mean that teenagers will not make decisions to try and break the rules and so this is a polite reminder that as well as the specific items of clothing that should be worn each day, including having their jumper each day, the following expectations are also part of our uniform policy:

- Nose piercings are not permitted in school and must be removed. This applies to all other body piercings.
- If a parent/carer approves their child can have their nose pierced or indeed any additional piercing it should be considered if it can be removed when in school.
- Nail varnish, gel or acrylic nails are not allowed.

We very much appreciate your support!