

Stowupland High School Bulletin

Friday 14th November 2025



From Mr Walker, Principal of Stowupland High School

Principal's Address



Visit our [Facebook page](#) to watch a video summary of this week.

This week I want to start with Year 11, who have now got to the end of the second week of their mocks. They have conducted themselves very well. I sent a video to all Year 11 parents yesterday about the next steps in Year 11 and the importance of attendance in their last 89 days of school. They will be going through their papers once they are marked and will find out their grades on 10th December (we have brought this date forward).

World Championship medal

We have a medal winner in our midst! Toby Graver in Year 10 has won a World Championship Bronze Medal in the 13-14 +65kg kumite division, as well as 5th place in the traditional Kata. We are hugely proud of him.



Sparx Stars - weekly timetable



Assemblies

The message in assemblies this week has been about commitment to success. Mrs D'Arcy-Hulusi used the quotation first attributed to Aristotle 'excellence, then, is a habit - we are what we repeatedly do', to provide a message of resilience in the face of difficulty. She urged students to embrace the challenges they face, to welcome feedback and always strive for success. We learned how Lionel Messi, world famous Argentinian footballer, said it took him 17 years and 114 days to become an overnight success! She also mentioned Greta Thunberg who battled depression in her younger years to go on and become a world famous campaigner for environmental issues.

World Philosophy Day

On Wednesday it was World Philosophy Day, which provided the opportunity for all students to learn, in the morning message, about what philosophy is and how it has influenced thinking for millennia. This year's theme is 'inequality and the values of future societies', and I asked students to consider whether there can ever be true equality when different societies have vastly different values.

Messages from Mr Sim (Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Attendance - School Avoidance

There are many factors which can contribute to a student's attitude and motivation to attend school. Whatever the reason may be, a young person's emotions can feel overwhelming and make them feel that they can't face school.

It is a fine balance between supporting a student to overcome barriers whilst providing their human right to an education, upholding the legal duty to attend school and protecting future opportunities through academic achievement. To support this we have provided a [useful guide to parents](#) regarding school avoidance.

Weekly Snapshot

From today all parents/carers will receive an email from the school which will give a weekly snapshot of their child's week based on a series of key parameters.

- Attendance
- Merits
- Demerits
- Number of lates to lessons

We are always looking at ways to improve parental engagement and as much as this information is available via Arbor, we hope that this 'Weekly Snapshot' will provide a prompt for you engage with your child about their week at school, looking for those opportunities to praise/celebrate whilst also identifying areas of improvement

Current top students from each group for accumulating the most merits.

Top 10 students from each year group - most Merits				
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
C, Holly	C, Imogen	B, Laila-Mai	E, Reuben	B, Gabby
C, Luke	F, Charlie	C, Hannah	F, Dylan	B, Joshua
F, Leyton	F, Nieve	C, Jorja-Mae	G, Toby	B, Petal
G-S, Ralph	G, Alenka	H, Charlotte	J, Farrah	C, Evie
P, Tommy	H, Maddison	H, Diana	K, Poppy	C, Lottie
R, Maisie	K, Victor	J, Aria	M, Annie	F, Chloe
S, Advika	O, Herbie	L, Maisy	N, Amy	M, Frankie
S, Taylor	S, Jessica	M, Tennyson	O, Caitlin	M, Olivia
S, Toby	Stiff, Finley	P, Favour	R, Immy	T, Felix
W, Mallory	W, Poppy	S, Kaitlyn	W, Lottie	W, Joshua
		W, Texas		

