

Stowupland High School Bulletin

Friday 22nd May 2026



From Mr Walker, Principal



Principal's Address

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I started the week celebrating the achievements of a very special group of Year 10 students, and I want to start this bulletin in the same way. Last Sunday, a group of students led by Jess J held a charity netball tournament in support of one of their friends who suffered a serious medical incident earlier this year. The event consisted of charity netball matches as well as a raffle with some terrific prizes, and the group raised well over £3000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital, Addenbrookes and Cardiac Risk in the Young. We are so proud of their achievements - well done and congratulations to Jess J, Bobby P, Hayden E, Noah G, Faye N, Sam B, Emma F, Kirsten H and Luella R.

Year 11

Year 11 have made their way valiantly and skilfully through another week of examinations. They are well into the habit now of breakfast, warm-up, exam and post-exam debrief. My sincere thanks to all of the staff who have been holding warm-ups before exams this week. My thanks too to all the staff who made Year 11's final 'official' day in school such a memorable one.

Year 11 parents and carers have had various communications this week about Half Term revision sessions. There are sessions in Maths, English, Science and French taking place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Please sign your child up for these via 'Clubs' in Arbor. There are also teacher led support sessions, warm-ups and a dedicated revision room open each day after Half Term, once Year 11 Study Leave has begun. Please make sure your child makes the most of this support. [Click here for the timetable](#)



Duke of Edinburgh



Well done to our wonderful Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition students who spent an adventurous and slightly weather-impacted two days in Thetford Forest last weekend. Thank you Miss Truscott, Mr Garrett, Mrs Walden, Mrs Flury, Miss Holder, Mrs Runcieman and Mr Twaits for taking them and making the trip so successful.

Year 6

We welcomed our Stowuptastic Year 6 parents and pupils to the school on Wednesday evening for the first of our induction sessions in the run up to the new academic year. It was terrific to find out about each pupil and answer questions. The next evening is on 2nd July from 5pm in the Drama Studio. This is after the first of our induction days for the new students we will be welcoming in September, and will contain a range of essential information both in keynote speeches and on various stalls. We look forward to seeing you there.

Speak Out Challenge

We are incredibly proud of Poppy K in Year 10 who won through some stiff competition in school to represent Stowupland at the Suffolk Speak Out Challenge on Tuesday evening. Poppy delivered a fantastically animated and polished speech about Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis to a rapt audience (including some very special guests from local business, academia and industry as well as Ipswich Town Mayor Councillor Stefan Long). She spoke without any hint of hesitation, entirely from memory and gave a superb performance. Unfortunately Poppy was not the overall winner but did superbly well nonetheless.

2026 summer Reading Quest

Suffolk
Community Libraries

Calling all writers aged 5–15! Join the 2026 summer Reading Quest and enter in 500-word short story competition. [Click for more details.](#)

I wish everyone an enjoyable Half Term break and we look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday 1st June.

