



Headteacher's Blog

Dear parents and carers

The Open Evening on Wednesday this week was a resounding success and I was very proud of how we presented ourselves as a school. Countless parents commented on the warm welcome they received, and how they knew that we would be the right school for their children. I was particularly proud of the four students, Alfie, Jessica, Sandy and Ben, who stood up in front of large audiences to talk about their experience at school. They were sensational.

On a very different note, I thought you should know that I have plans to bring my dog into school! This will be on a trial basis to start with. And the reason? Students who struggle with social interaction can often find a reassuring friend in a dog. Dogs can also be useful for teaching pupils social skills and responsibility. Follow this link if you are interested in learning more about [dogs in school](#). To reassure you, we have conducted a full risk assessment and he has been temperament-checked by our vet. Having spent a lot of time in another school, he is well-used to the hustle and bustle of school life.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing weekend.

Peter Whear
Executive Headteacher

Word of the Week:

Ineffable: too great to be expressed in words

Diary Dates for October

Tuesday 1st	Y7 and Y8 Netball (3.30—5.45pm)	Selected students	Mildenhall
	Y9 Boys' Football (2.30—6.00pm)	Selected students	Alde Valley
Wednesday 2nd	Y12 Tutors' Evening, 4.00 - 7.00pm	Year 12 parents, carers and students	
	Y11 Boys' Football v Stowmarket (3.30—5.30pm)	Selected students	Home
Thursday 3rd	Y7 Boys' Football (3.30—5.45pm)	Selected students	Thurston

Diary Dates for October (cont'd)

Wednesday 9th	Y7 Tutors' Evening 4.00 -7.00pm	Year 7 parent, carers and students	
Thursday 10th	Suffolk Schools' Cross Country	Selected students	Royal Hospital School Ipswich
Wednesday 16th	Suffolk Skills Show	Year 9 students	
	6th form trip to London	Sixth Form students	
Friday 18th	Individual Student Photos	Whole school	
Wednesday 30th	Post-16 Options Afternoon	Year 11 parents, carers and students	

Diary Dates for November

Wednesday 6th	Work Experience Information Evening	Year 10 and Year 12 parents, carers and students	Gym
Wednesday 18th	Sixth Form Open Evening, 7.00—8.30pm	Sixth Form students	Gym
Wednesday 27th	GCSE Celebration Evening	Year 12 parents, carers and students	Gym
Friday 29th	PD Day	All students	

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Information and Updates

Whole School Clubs and Activities—Autumn 2019 Term

	Lunchtime (1.15-1.50pm)	Venue	Staff	Year Group
Monday	PE/HSC Intervention	G02	TW	KS4
	Fitness	Fitness Suite	IH	KS3/4/5
	Advanced Dance Fusion	Dance Studio	NB	Y9-11 only
	Friendship Club	A07	BR	Y7-8
	Boys Football	Sports Field	SB	Y7-8
	Food Prep and Nutrition	A06	AHM	KS4
	Boys Parkour	Small Gym	CG	KS3/4
	Colouring/Drawing/Craft	Library	NB	KS3/4/5
	Open Practice	C03 (A/B/C)	TT	KS3/4
	ICT/Computing	B11	MP	KS3/4
	English Drop In	A05	RP	KS3/4
After school (3.40-4.30pm)	GCSE Dance Practicals	Dance Studio	NB	GCSE Dance stu- dents

	Lunchtime (1.15-1.50pm)	Venue	Staff	Year Group
Tuesday	Netball	Sports Hall	SW	Y9-10
	Fitness	Fitness Suite	IH	KS3/4/5
	Rugby (Boys and Girls)	Sports Field	SB	KS3/4
	School Production - Dancers	Dance Studio	CG	KS3/4
	Friendship Club	A07	BR	Y7&8
	Chess	Library	NB	KS3/4/5
	PE/HSC Intervention	G02	TW	KS4
	Afterschool (3.40-4.50pm)	Venue	Staff	Year Group
	English Drop In	A05	JM	KS4
	Fitness	Fitness suite	PE	KS3/4/5

	Lunchtime (12.55-1.25pm)	Venue	Staff	Year Group
Wednesday	Fitness	Fitness Suite	SB	KS3/4/5
	PE/HSC Intervention	G02	TW	KS4
	Friendship club	A07	BR	Y7&8
	Dance Fusion	Dance Studio	NB	KS4
	ICT/Computing	B11	MP	KS4
	Fixture meetings	PE office	IH	KS3/4

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	Lunchtime (1.15-1.50pm)	Venue	Staff	Year Group
Thursday	Fitness	Fitness suite	IH	KS3/4/5
	Netball	Sports Hall	TW	Y7&8
	PE/HSC Intervention	G02	SW	KS4
	Dance Fusion	Dance studio	CG	Y7&8
	Board/Computer Games	Library	NB	KS3/4/5
	Friendship Club	A07	BR	Y7
	Food Prep and Nutrition	A06	AHM	KS4
	History Drop-In	D06	RLB/CC/MB	KS3/4
After school (3.40-4.45pm)	Fitness	Fitness suite	PE	KS3/4/5

	Lunchtime (1.15-1.50pm)	Venue	Staff	Year Group
Friday	Badminton	Sports Hall	SB	KS3/4/5
	Fitness	Fitness suite	TW	KS3/4/5
	PE/HSC Intervention	G02	IH	KS3/4
	Board games/Puzzles	Library	NB	KS3/4/5
	Football	Sports Field	SW	KS3
	GCSE Dance Intervention	Dance Studio	CG	KS4
	ICT/Computing	B11	MP	KS4
	Friendship Club	A07	BR	Y7&8

Sporting News

Y10 Boys' Football (Samuel Ward 0-1 Stowupland)

The team travelled to Haverhill to play Samuel Ward in their first competitive league fixture of the season. The boys controlled the game from start to finish and eventually reaped their rewards in the second half; the ball dropped to Luke Beamish inside the 6-yard box where he made no mistake in putting the ball into the back of the net. A special mention to Toby Blundell for his outstanding save in the second half. Man of the match: Harvey Talbot.

Dance Ambassadors

Six pupils have moved up to Gold Dance Ambassador status as a result of their work leading Fusion Dance sessions and running Wednesday afternoon dance activities. These students are Ellie Ames, Naomi Baker, Charlotte Blundell, Alisha Chittock, Nell-Louise Middlemas and Lily Ruscoe.

Seven students have been awarded Silver Dance Ambassador status. These students will now be expected to take on leadership tasks, including running certain dance workshops with other ambassadors and helping to teach and coach within Fusion Dance. The new Silver ambassadors are Amy Cobbold, Betsy Dean, Charlotte Grand, Mya Patel, Sahira Quintero, Chloe Strachan and Charlotte White.

Road Closure

Suffolk Highways have advised that access in and out of school will not be affected during the overnight resurfacing works planned from 7-12 October. Depending on how the works progress on the Monday and Tuesday, they will look to delay the closure of the road on Wednesday evening to accommodate our Y7 Tutor Evening.