



Headteacher's Blog

Dear parents and carers

Well my dog, Rashi, came into school on Monday and Thursday this week and he was an instant hit with students and staff alike! At times, there was a procession of students following him, all wanting to say hello. One student said it had 'made his day' to meet him, and Rashi provided a calming, sensory influence for others who were having difficult days. He will be back next week.



Sixth Form

It is my aim that our Sixth Form should play an increasingly important role in the school community and I am impressed by the contribution our students make. On Wednesday, parents and carers of students in Year 12 came in to meet their tutors and I heard very positive feedback from all concerned. It is good to know that our students have adjusted well to life after GCSEs. On another note, I will keep you informed about the progress of our proposed new Sixth Form building.

Attendance

We are working hard to improve our overall attendance, and have set a target of 96% for the end of the year. Elsewhere in this bulletin, you will see that we have published up-to-date figures for all year groups. We will continue to do this weekly.

As each week goes by, I get to know more and more students. And every day brings fresh joy. Today, for example, I was delighted to hear a Year 7 boy say that he loves it here at Stowupland, and that he enjoys the new challenge. I then watched a group of Year 9 boys offering to pick up litter off the field at lunch time. All of this makes me very proud.

Finally, and as always, I wish you a safe and relaxing weekend.

Peter Whear
Executive Headteacher

Word of the Week:

Panache: flamboyant confidence of style or manner

Attendance (accumulative figures to date):

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
95.8%	95%	94.4%	92.4%	93.6%	94.35%

Diary Dates for October

Monday 7th	U12 and U13 Netball v Thurston (students to be collected between 4.45—5.00pm)	Selected students	Sports Hall
	Y10 Boys' football v Breckland (4.00—5.30pm)	Selected students	Home
Wednesday 9th	Y9 and Y10 Girls' netball 2.00—6.00pm	Selected students	Thomas Gainsborough
	Y7 Boys' football v Thurston (4.00—5.30pm)		
	U18 Boys' Football v Culford 4.00—6.00pm	Selected students	Home
	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
	Y11 Boys' football v Mildenhall 4.00—5.30pm	Selected students	Home
	Y9 and Y10 Girls' netball v Mildenhall 4.00—5.30pm	Selected students	Home
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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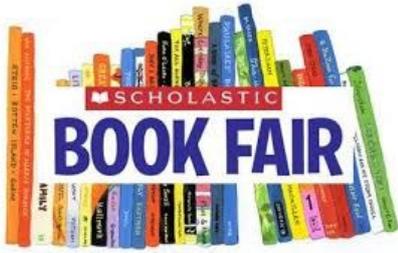
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Information and Updates



The Scholastic Book Fair arrived in school this week and will be open at lunch times for all students until Tuesday 15th October. There are a wide range of exciting books on offer, chosen specifically for secondary school students.

The school earns commission for every book that is sold; last year we received £548 which provided a massive boost to our book stock. We do hope that you will be able to support us again this year.

A competition is being held for students to win a £10 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. All Year 7 and 8 students will be visiting the Library next week to browse through the books and to make purchases if they wish. If you would prefer not to send cash in to school, students can collect an order form to enable purchases to be made from home using a telephone credit/debit card facility. Once completed, the order form should be returned to the Library for the student to collect their book(s).

The Book Fair will also be open during the Y7 Tutors' Evening, providing parents and carers with the opportunity to purchase books whilst waiting for their appointment. Please note that the telephone payment system will be available during this evening.

PE Kit

Donations of PE kit would be gratefully accepted, e.g. old boots, trainers, navy shorts, white sports tops etc. Please hand items in to Reception to be passed on to the PE Department. Thank you.

Sporting News

Congratulations to Lydia Denny (9NA) who has been selected to represent the Suffolk County Schools' Football Association (SCSFA) U14 Girls' team. This is a fantastic opportunity for young players to showcase their talent on a county, and potentially, on a national level.

U12 Boys Football vs Thurston (A)

The Y7 boys' football team played both Thurston A and B teams. They comfortably beat the 'B' team 7-0 and also went on to win 4-3 against the 'A' team in what turned out to be an absolute thriller. Congratulations to all the boys on an outstanding effort.

U13 and U12 Netball v Mildenhall (A)

The girls travelled away to play Mildenhall on a wet and miserable Tuesday but, fortunately, the games were played inside! The Y8 team played a competitive game, with Leah Clifford stretching herself and her opposing Centre to their limits. The girls lost the fixture but worked hard throughout the match, improving in the second half.

The Y7's won by 5-1. Great shooting by Poppy Dyson and Poppy Barnes-Hollebone, who played really well in their first fixture together. Thank you to Mrs Wells for coming along to support both teams.

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U13 Boys Football v East Bergholt (H)

Our U13 boys played host to East Bergholt in the Cup but, unfortunately, came up against a strong Bergholt side and were subject to a convincing away team win. We now look forward to our next league match for a chance to impress.

U16 Boys Football v Stowmarket (H)

The sun shone on Wednesday for our home league fixture against local rivals, Stowmarket. Our U16 side were county champions last year and made a good start to this year's campaign with a convincing 6-1 victory. A solid performance from the team and plenty more to come!