



Headteacher's Blog

Dear parents and carers

Year 7

I have been delighted to watch our new students integrate so well at Stowupland. This is a huge credit to them (and their parents and carers of course!), as well as the fabulous Year 7 team. We held our Year 7 Tutor Evening on Wednesday this week, and staff said that they had never experienced such a busy evening! This was an opportunity to share the many successes, iron out any problems as well as to focus on students' academic progress. Thank you to all who attended.

Road Safety

The overwhelming majority of students take care to follow the advice they have been given about keeping safe on their way to and from school and when they are out and about at weekends and other times. We have, however, received reports from concerned members of the public that a small number of students on bicycles have been putting themselves, pedestrians and road users at risk. I'd be grateful if you would remind your children to cycle with care, using cycle paths where possible.

Attendance

As I said last week, an important aim for the school is to improve students' attendance. I know it has been a struggle for some this term with debilitating coughs, colds and sore throats hitting hard but good attendance at school leads, of course, to stronger progress.

Sixth Form

Most sixth form students, when they leave Stowupland, go on to study at university. Some go to Oxford or Cambridge (Oxbridge); some attend the prestigious Russell Group of universities; but all are able to follow the course that they have chosen. Year 13 are currently busy writing their UCAS university applications. The deadline for those applying to study medicine or hoping to go to Oxbridge is next week. We wish them all success in their endeavours.

Finally, many congratulations to Mr Brewster, the Senior Assistant Headteacher, who completed the North Devon coastal ultra-marathon last weekend. He ran over 34 miles in just over 10 hours - an incredible achievement from which he has hopefully now recovered!

I wish you a safe, healthy and relaxing weekend.

Peter Whear
Executive Headteacher

Word of the Week:

Meme: an idea, behaviour or usage that spreads from person to person within a culture

Attendance (accumulative figures to date):

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
96.1%	95.2%	94.3%	92.5%	93.6%	94.42%

Diary Dates for October

Monday 14th	Y7 Boys' football (4.00—5.00pm; pick up from Thurston Community College)	Selected students	Thurston
	U13 Girls' National Cup (Round 2) v Kesgrave (4.00—5.00pm)	Selected students	Home
	Y11 Boys' football (3.00—6.00pm)	Selected students	Ipswich Academy
Tuesday 15th	Y10 Boys' football v Mildenhall (4.00—5.30pm)		Home
	Y9 and Y10 netball (4.00—6.00pm)	Selected students	St Benedict's
Wednesday 16th	Suffolk Skills Show	Year 9 students	Trinity Park
	6th form trip to Cambridge	Sixth form students	
	Y7 and Y8 netball (3.00—5.30pm)	Selected students	Sybil Andrews
	Y10 Boys' football (2.30—5.00pm)	Selected students	East Bergholt
	Y8 Boys' football (3.00—6.00pm)	Selected students	Sybil Andrews
	Y9 Boys' football v Attleborough (2.30—4.00pm)	Selected students	Home
Thursday 17th	Y7 and Y8 netball v Westley (4.00—5.30pm)	Selected students	Home
	Y11 Boys' football v St Benedict's (4.00—5.30pm)	Selected students	Home
Friday 18th	Individual Student Photos	Whole school	

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

Deep Learning Day

We have an exciting Deep Learning Day planned for next Wednesday, and staff are busy preparing an exciting experience for all year groups. Year 7 are exploring our local heritage with an Anglo-Saxon theme, while Year 8 will be learning about climate change and sustainability as part of the "Eco-Schools" scheme. Year 9 are visiting the Suffolk Skills Show at Trinity Park in Ipswich to investigate employment and apprenticeship offers in our local area. Year 10 will be taking part in GCSE and BTEC enhancement classes as well as participating in a range of workshops to develop their personal skills. Finally, Year 11 will be conducting practical science experiments to deepen their knowledge in the subject. We look forward to reporting back on the success of this action-filled day!

Applying for a secondary school place

If you have a child born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009, please be aware of the need to apply for a Year 7 school place by **Thursday 31 October 2019**.

Parents or carers should apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions or, if they are unable to apply online, they should complete a paper application (CAF1) and send it direct to the Admissions Team, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX. The Admissions team can be contacted via email: admissions@suffolk.gov.uk or by phone: 0345 600 0981.

PE 'Stars of the Week'

Millie Bloom (8SJC)	Chris Oliver (11KL)
Poppy Dyson (7AL)	Ivy Ruscoe (7RTR)
Ben Gutteridge (6JS)	Charlie Smy (7RTR)
Jayden Hawes (7CK)	Liam Waters (8SZ)
Emma Healy (9CP)	Mia Walters (11SP)

Polite Reminder

School Visit

Y9 students are due to attend the Suffolk Skills' Show at Trinity Park on Wednesday 16 October. Parents and carers are reminded that a payment of £3.50 is requested to cover the cost of the transport. Thank you.

Sporting News

U13 Girls' National Football Cup v Felixstowe

There was a strong team selection consisting of two Y7 and nine Y8 students. Due to time constraints, we played 2 x 25 minute halves. Although, the opposition looked threatening on a few occasions, by half-time we were 2-0 up; both goals scored by Porscha Rampley. In the second half the opposition had more possession and consequently more chances. Despite this, we managed to score again, demonstrating good perseverance. We eventually won 3-0; Porscha Rampley got a hat trick and Mia Lockwood, Millie Bloom and Amelie Harvey contributed well.

Thank you to our 6th form match officials: Benjamin Gutteridge, Darcey Graham and Summer-Rose Batram.

Information and Updates

Suffolk Schools' Cross Country

On Thursday, 54 Stowupland students, including 22 amazing Y7 girls, represented the school at the Cross Country Championships held at RHS, Holbrook.

These championships are the start of the selection process for the Suffolk Schools' Cross County team for the Anglian Championships (Suffolk against Norfolk, Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) and finally the English Schools' Championships, which will be held in Liverpool later in the year. Previous winners include Mo Farah and Paula Radcliffe.

Over 1,800 students took part and congratulations go to the following students who qualified for the next round:

Junior Girls:

35th - Laura Alexander-High (8SJC)

43rd - Freya Hammond (9SB)

50th - Charlotte White (8MP)

Inter Girls:

33rd - Libby Stinson (11RLB)

We were also delighted to see that Jack Chevin, an ex-student, came 4th in the Senior Boys and looks likely to gain a place in the Suffolk team.

U12 Netball v Thurston A + B (H) 1-3 and 1-1

Both A and B games were relatively close with low scores. Player of the match: Jasmine Hall (7OW) for good interceptions in the goal third.

U13 Netball v Thurston A + B (H) 0-12 and 2-6

A heavy defeat for the A team, although the girls worked hard to restrict the number of goals scored in each half. A lighter defeat for the B team; two influential players, Keeley Bullman (8CJ) and Leah Clifford (8AG).

West Suffolk Netball Tournament

The team played four pre-planned games against Mildenhall (5-6), Ormiston Sudbury Academy (2-4), County Upper (4-7) and Thomas Gainsborough (6-2). The games were all relatively close and the team were versatile, with Ellie Moore (10KAL) playing 3 positions in total.

Year 7 Boys' Football (B) v Stowmarket (League)

Our B team came up against strong opposition on Wednesday and lost 4-0. That said, it was a good performance to build on as our first game.

Year 7 Boys' Football (A) v Thurston (National Cup)

Unfortunately, the boys couldn't match the same performance level as last week and lost to a strong Thurston side 5-3. We return to Thurston in the League Cup on Monday; no doubt it will be another close encounter!

Year 11 Boys Football (B) Stowupland vs Mildenhall

The team started well with the game being tied at 1-1 through the majority of the first half. A lapse in concentration at the back saw us concede 3 goals before half-time. The boys came out strong in the second half, scoring 2 goals, but in the end lost 6-3.