



Headteacher's Blog

Dear parents and carers

Democracy in action

It's early Friday morning and the momentous result of the General Election has just been announced. I will avoid all political comment other than to say how delighted I am that our students held their own 'General Election' yesterday. They showed a profound understanding of democracy and the political process. They researched the manifestos of the main parties; they gave speeches for and against; and they voted in large numbers. Finally, they emerged proudly from the 'polling booths' wearing their 'I voted' stickers.

Talking to students, I have been impressed with their political insight and their passionate endorsement of policies across the political spectrum.

You may be aware that schools have a duty to 'actively promote' what the government describes as 'fundamental British values' of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. I can confidently say that on this occasion, students have demonstrated their understanding of democracy and mutual respect for others' beliefs.

Pastoral structure

Over the past few weeks, we have been planning and implementing changes to the pastoral support structure. These changes will help us:

- to raise achievement for all students; and
- to manage behaviour and bullying more efficiently.

These were both areas for improvement after the last Ofsted inspection. More information will follow in next week's bulletin.

Sixth form update

Last week, I explained that some exploratory archaeological work was planned. If you have visited the school during the last week, you will have seen the fencing that has now been erected on site.

In the meantime, try to stay dry in all this wet weather.

Best wishes

Peter Whear
Executive Headteacher

Word of the Week:

Honour: high respect and great esteem

Overall attendance to date:

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
96.22%	95.03%	94.02%	91.91%	93.41%	94.17%

Diary Dates for this month

Thursday 19th	Last day of term
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Diary Dates for January 2020

Monday 6th	Staff Professional Development Day
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Tuesday 7th	Students return to school
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Wednesday 8th	Y12 and Y13 Parents' Evening, 4.00—7.30pm	Year 12 and Y13 parents, carers and students	Gym
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Wednesday 22nd	Y9 Options Evening, 6.00—8.00pm	Year 9 parents, carers and students	Gym
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Information and Updates

Library News

This week some of our newest librarians achieved their First Award in library skills. They have all worked extremely hard this term and have become very reliable members of the team. To receive this award, students must be proficient in a variety of library skills such as being able to issue, reserve and return books, shelve books correctly and help and assist staff and students, when needed.

Many congratulations to :

Tabitha Lecomber (9KC)

Holly Leivers (8MP)

Olivia Rivers (8AG)

Kerry Woods (9SB)

Creative Arts' Winter Showcase

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's event, which gave us the opportunity to showcase the truly amazing talent at Stowupland.

The exhibition included artwork from across all year groups and over 60 students were involved in the evening concert, performed to a full house!

Special Mention

Congratulations to Hollie Leivers (8MP) who has been awarded the Blue Peter Music Badge.

PE Stars of the Week

Rosie Hawksbee (10SB)

Ria McLaughlin (10MB)

Stowupland High School Mock Election - Thursday 12 December 2019

The results are in...



The results were incredibly close, with the winner only gaining 3 more votes...

Stowupland High School have voted for...



Brexit Party		28
Conservative		153
Green Party		151
Labour		155
Liberal Democrats		25

51% turnout