

5 June 2020



Dear parents and carers

Predictably enough, the weather has now turned windier and cooler with the official start of summer on 1 June!

I hope you and your families are all safe and well. Earlier today, I sent out information regarding our plans for the wider reopening of the school from 15 June. More information and detail will follow, and we are starting to process the implications of the government announcement yesterday that we must all now wear masks on public transport. We are looking forward to welcoming students back in due course. Our colleagues in the Trust's primary schools which reopened this week, commented on pupils' excitement at being back, and the delight of hearing giggling in classrooms! It will be wonderful to experience that when our own students return!

The safety and security of students and staff are the key priorities for head teachers at all times, and never more so of course than in these difficult times. We are engaged in detailed planning and preparation for students to return to school. Our risk assessments are thorough and are being scrutinised by external experts. Students will come back to an environment that looks very different and will need to follow new rules and guidance to the letter to ensure the safety of all in our school. But our desire to see students achieve and thrive will always be at the heart of our work. As I have written previously, we will rebuild our community with humanity and care.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome two new members on to our staff this week:

Mrs Amy Cranfield - Attendance Officer

Miss Rebecca Riches - Y7 Assistant Progress Leader

Praise Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded certificates in recognition of their high quality commitment, engagement and completion of remote learning:

Elena Edwards (7AL); Chloe Prewer (7MDH); Megan Leeder (8CJ), Ewan Schofield (8AG); Rose Watson (8WCM); Ezmai Elmer (9KF); Kerry Woods (9SB); Hannah-May Chevin (10KAL); Alexander Crawford (10MB); Ben Langley (10KAL); Taren Griggs (6TT); Lauren Stutchbury (6TT) and Lily Thurlow (6TT).

Y11 Hoodies

Year 11 Leavers' hoodies will be available for collection from Reception on **Tuesday 9 June, 10.30am - 3.30pm**. *Please note that in line with social distancing measures only one person will be permitted to enter the Reception area at a time, which may result in a short wait outside.*

As we are unable to distribute hoodies in the 'normal' way this year or have the opportunity to observe students wearing them proudly around the school, please send us photos of them wearing these at home! Pictures can be emailed to enquires@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk

Stowupland Mount Snowdon Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in the challenge. To date we have raised an amazing £870! Please see below an extract from a letter of thanks received from NHS Charities Together:

On behalf of everyone at NHS Charities Together, I would like to extend an enormous THANK YOU for all the fundraising you have done for our Covid-19 Urgent Appeal. The response to the appeal from you and many like you has been so overwhelming and inspiring.

Because of you and many other brilliant fundraisers, we are able to support our NHS staff, volunteers, and

patients in ways above and beyond what NHS funding can ordinarily provide. Your support has helped to provide tablets so patients can communicate with their loved ones and feel less isolated. You have helped to kit out Wobble Rooms, which are dedicated areas of hospitals where staff can go for rest and relaxation during busy shifts. And your fundraising has funded games and activities to support young patients in mental health wards and in the community who are most likely to be adversely affected by the outbreak of Coronavirus due to increased isolation. **Thank you.**

Space related educational resources for home schooling

The UK Space Agency has published a collection of space related educational resources that schools, parents and carers can use when teaching their children at home. The resources are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/space-related-educational-resources-for-home-schooling>

Online Safety Newsletter

The latest JMAT online safety newsletter, together with supporting guidance regarding online bullying, has been posted on the school's website and can also be found using the following links:

[Online newsletter](#)

[Online bullying \(Cyberbullying\)](#)

Sixth form

Building work has accelerated this week with the first floor external walls nearly all in place - the crane has been busy! We expect the roof to be installed next week. Groundwork to install the new car park has also moved ahead rapidly.

Contractors also started to refurbish the students' toilets in the maths and IT corridor yesterday.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading this week's Home Bulletin, and I extend my best wishes for the weekend and the week ahead.



Yours sincerely

Peter Whear
Headteacher