



# STOWUPLAND HIGH SCHOOL

## Outstanding Progress for All

### A Welcome from Your Year 7 Progress Leader!

Dear Year 6 Pupils and Parents

My name is Mrs Cook and, as of September 2020, I will be your new Year 7 Progress Leader. I wanted to contact you all in advance, particularly given the current circumstances where transition, as we previously knew it, is not able to happen.

I may seem familiar to some of you ... I am currently the Headteacher at Bacton Primary and before that I was the Deputy Head at Abbot's Hall Primary in Stowmarket. The original plan was that I would join the team at Stowupland at Easter but I stayed on at Bacton to support the school through COVID-19. After 24 years teaching and leadership experience in Primary Schools, I am really excited to be taking up this next challenge in my career and look forward to meeting you.



### What Will High School Be Like?

For the first time ever, I think that Year 7s are going to be at a real advantage in September. We don't know what it was like at High School before COVID-19 lockdown so we don't have anything to compare it to. September is going to be like a new start for everyone - whether they are starting for the first day (like us) or returning after months away. How to get around the school will be new for everyone, what will happen in lessons will be new, as well as how break times work. I can confidently say - we are all in this together!

I, for one, am excited ...excited to meet you all, excited to learn together and excited to be part of a great team who I know will help us on our way. I am planning to spend some time in July getting to know my way around and finding out how things will be. I will make sure that I share this with all of you, ahead of September.

Don't worry about having missed some learning this term - as an experienced Primary practitioner, I know the Year 6 curriculum inside out so we can pick up from wherever you left off!

### How Can I Find Out More?

A good place to get information from is the school website

<https://www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk/>

You can keep up to date with changes as they happen because, remember, secondary schools are currently only having Year 10 and Year 12 pupils so, just like the primary schools, things are changing all the time. You can also see photos of the school site, information on staff, times of the school day...and there is a copy of the current prospectus available too (but remember that COVID-19 may have changed some of this information).

I am also going to be putting together a set of FAQs which I will send out to you before the end of this term. In another few weeks, we will hopefully have some more information about how things will look in September - based on Government guidance that is continually being updated.

### What Happens Next?

At the moment, we don't know if we will be able to have transition time in July. But don't worry - your Year 6 teachers are passing on information to the High School so we will feel like we know you before we even get to meet you!

Staff at the High School have been busy making a virtual tour for you so you can see your way around the school and get to meet some of the people who will be working with you.

I am going to be at the High School throughout July in order to prepare everything that you will need for your start in September.

In the meantime, you need to enjoy your remaining learning time at Primary School, if you are attending, or enjoy your time at home with your home learning. Then you need to have a lovely summer break so that you are ready to go from day 1 when the time comes for you to start secondary school.

### Transition Projects

Hopefully, your Primary School will have sent you our transition project for you to be working on ahead of September. Or perhaps they are planning to complete the work with you if you are back in school. It is based on the question 'What is a Healthy Diet?' and can be a poster or booklet. Please bring your finished piece to present on your first day at secondary school - I look forward to seeing them!