



## Headteacher's Blog

Dear parents and carers

I hope that you, your families and loved ones enjoyed the Easter break. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

### **Welcome back**

The start of term has been blessed with largely warm and sunny weather. It has been an absolute pleasure to be able to reopen the school field to students at break and lunchtimes. They have certainly made the most of the extra space and fresh air.

### **Teacher assessed grades (or TAGs!)**

Students in Year 11 and Year 13 have had a particularly busy week. They have started to sit assessments that will contribute towards the TAGs they will be awarded later this year.

I want to take this opportunity to pay credit to these remarkable groups of students. We have all had to sacrifice a great deal during the COVID pandemic and lockdown has caused immense disruption and upheaval to all our students. I think it is fair to say, however, that the students who would have been sitting their GCSE and A Level exams this summer have lost out more than any other. Nevertheless, they have been focused and demonstrated great determination. They have retained their good spirits and good nature. Well done to you all.

And I'd like to extend my immense gratitude to my colleagues who have managed, in the space of a few short weeks, to put together the high quality TAG programme that students have just commenced.

### **Farewells and welcomes**

Sadly, we bid farewell to Mr Perry today. He leaves with our very best wishes as he takes up a new role in the NHS. His post as Assistant Progress Leader for Year 10 will be assumed by Mrs Cranfield, who is currently the school's Attendance Officer.

We said goodbye to Mr Willcox at the end of term and wish him every success for the future. Mrs Goddard has taken over his science classes and Mr Gent has taken over his Year 7 tutor group. Miss Lear also joined us this week to provide additional cover in the drama department before Miss Dixie's period of maternity leave starts.

Finally, it was a real pleasure to welcome back Mr Godbold this week after a period of convalescence following surgery.

Word of the Week:

**Alacrity:** brisk and cheerful readiness

## SEND units

Contractors started preparatory work this week on the SEND units which will be constructed on site over the next few months. Students have naturally been curious about this. I have explained that the development will provide much-needed specialist provision for students with special educational needs who live in the local area. Our students see how the whole school community will benefit greatly from this. They are immensely proud to be students at Stowupland and that we were successful in our bid to provide these excellent new facilities.

You may also be aware that over Easter, extensive improvement work was completed to the footpath that runs from Thorney Green adjacent to the school tennis courts.

With my best wishes for the weekend and the week ahead

Peter Whear  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

<b>Wednesday 21 April</b>	Y7 Parents' Evening
<b>Wednesday 28 April</b>	Y8 Parents' Evening

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## Information and Updates

### Attendance for the w/c 12.04.2021:

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
95.6%	94.7%	93.9%	94.8%	93.1%	94.4%

### Home School Communication

Thank you to the large number of parents and carers who have logged on to the Parent Portal and Arbor App.

If you have not yet created an account please follow this [link](#) and select *first time logging in*. Arbor advise that the first time you log in is from a laptop or PC and recommend Google Chrome.

Once you have access to the portal you will be able to view your child's profile, including attendance and behaviour data, and view their timetable. School reports will be sent home using this facility and you will also have the opportunity to update student contact details and medical information etc.

Please do not hesitate to contact Reception if you require any help or support.

### School Immunisation Team

Unfortunately, we have been advised that the School Immunisation Team will be unable to administer the first dose of human papilloma virus (HPV) for Year 9 as planned on Monday 19 April.

However, where consent has been provided, the diphtheria, tetanus & polio vaccines (MEN ACWY/ DTP) will proceed as planned for Year 9 and Year 10 (catch up), together with HPV vaccines for Year 8 students.

Further information will follow once a date for the Year 9 HPV vaccine is confirmed.

### Period Product Scheme

A reminder that a range of sanitary products is held by Miss Parsons, Health Support Assistant, and the Progress teams to provide access to period products when needed and to reduce the stigma surrounding periods.

### Medical Information

Please remember to inform us of any changes in your child's medical records so that we can provide the necessary support in school. Miss Parsons, Health Support Assistant, is happy to discuss any concerns you may have and can be contacted via email [enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk) or by phone on 01449 674827.

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### Literacy

Well done to those students in Year 7 and Year 8 who are completing their Bedrock homework each week. Students should refer to the tutor PowerPoint published at the end of every week during tutor time, as weekly award points will be presented.

Miss Leadon will be monitoring those who are achieving the most points in Bedrock and the top improvers. At the end of the term there will be a prize draw for students who receive a weekly reward. Keep up the good work!

### PE Stars of the week:

Ellie Boreham (10NF)  
Luca Colquhoun (9NP)  
Romilly Cooper (8CK)  
Megan Fynn (8STK)  
Lara Grant (7TW)  
George Hawes (7EG)  
Summer Hollis (8CK)  
Charlie Lamb (9GE)  
Charlie Jones (7SP)  
Jed Millin (7EG)  
Freddie Rampley (7TW)  
Liam Searles (7TW)  
Ben Terry (9NP)  
Liam Thorley (7RJ)



### Red Nose Day!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Comic Relief this year. We are delighted to have raised £550.89 in school for this worthwhile charity.