



14 January 2022

## Message from the Head of School

Dear parents and carers

It has been another busy week with students and staff settling into the new term. Our resetting of expectations around uniform, attendance, punctuality and equipment has had a positive impact, with the majority of students meeting these expectations.

My assemblies this week have focused on learning and setting targets. Part of my message is to encourage students to discuss their lessons at home. I hope they will be sharing their learning experiences with you.

I also launched the Year 9 Options process. This is an exciting time for students as they start to plot and plan their futures. They have important decisions to make over the next few weeks and, to support them with this, each student has received a personalised course booklet. Subject specific assemblies are planned and Options time will be allocated during PSHE lessons. Subject videos will also be uploaded onto the website ahead of our virtual Options evening on Wednesday 19 January.

## COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, students self-isolating with COVID will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can immediately return to school on day 6.

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Further information on [self-isolation for those with COVID](#) is available.

The Community and School Aged Immunisation Team (CSAIS) will be in school again on **Thursday 27 January** to administer the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to all eligible students.

A separate, more detailed communication has been shared with parents and carers. Please note that the team will require consent for a first dose if your child has not already received the vaccine, or re-consent for a second dose.

If you have consented to taking part in the Quality Assurance exercise to support NHS Test & Trace, a single use PCR kit will have been given to your child today to perform a PCR test alongside their usual LFD test on Sunday. An information leaflet, accompanying the PCR kit, provides detailed guidance.

On Wednesday, Year 13 had their last Parents Evening. Students are now on the final push to secure the best grades they can this summer. I am always pleased to hear how their applications are progressing and what offers or interviews they have received. It is an exciting time for them as they move onto the next phase of their education or employment.

Year 11 students are in a similar position, planning their next steps. Hopefully, we will be able to host the 6th Form Open Evening at the 6th Form Centre on Wednesday 16 February as planned. Further details will follow in due course.

When students receive their mock examination results today, they will see how close they are to achieving or excelling their target grades. Whatever the outcome, I know Mr Benson and the Y11 Progress team will be supporting and working closely with students until the final exams.

Best Wishes

David Brewster  
Head of School

## **Suffolk Schools' Cross County Championships**

Well done to the 5 athletes from Stowupland who progressed through the first two rounds of this season's cross country trials.

The final trial was held yesterday at Woodbridge School.

Junior Girls: May Richardson (28)

Junior Boys: Syd Webb (25); Ashton Denny (53)

Inter Girls: Freya Hammond (10); Isabelle Barber (31)

Many congratulations to Freya who will represent Suffolk Schools in the Anglian Championships on 5 February.

## **Battlefields 2022**

Unfortunately, due to a change in the travel company's terms and conditions, we have had to take the decision to cancel the Battlefields 2022 trip. We apologise for the disappointment that this will, undoubtedly, cause.

A more detailed explanation has been sent out separately to parents and carers of Y9 students.

## **Post-16 Travel**

The Local Authority will contact parents and carers of Year 11 students directly if they currently receive Suffolk County Council (SCC) funded school travel.

If young people believe they are entitled to subsidised travel, they need to apply before the closing date of 31 May 2022.

Further information about travelling to school or college can be found on [Suffolk on Board](#). The customer service team can also be contacted on 0345 606 6067 for advice or by emailing [customer.service@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:customer.service@suffolk.gov.uk).

## **The Mix**

*The Mix* is introducing an additional youth club session for over 16's on Thursdays and is looking to expand their volunteer team.

If you are you available for a minimum of 2 hours between 3.30pm and 9.30pm on a Thursday, and would like more information please call 01449 745130 or email [volunteering@themixstowmarket.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@themixstowmarket.co.uk).

## Attendance up to 14 January 2022

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
91.7%	91.8%	90.3%	88.4%	91.2%	90.7%

Diary dates	Contact Details:
<b>January:</b>	<b>Main School:</b> 01449 674827 (08.30am - 4.00pm)
Wednesday 12th: Y13 Parents' Evening	<a href="mailto:year7@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">year7@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
Friday 14th: Y11 Mock Results Day	<a href="mailto:year8@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">year8@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
Wednesday 19th: Y9 Options Evening	<a href="mailto:year9@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">year9@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
Thursday 27th: CSAIS visit	<b>Pastoral emails:</b> <a href="mailto:year10@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">year10@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
Friday 28th: Y11 Reports shared with parents and carers	<a href="mailto:year11@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">year11@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
<b>February:</b>	<a href="mailto:sixthform@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">sixthform@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
Wednesday 2nd: Y11 Parents' Evening	<b>General:</b> <a href="mailto:enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
Friday 4th: Y9 Reports shared with parents and carers	<b>Cashless catering:</b> <a href="mailto:accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
Wednesday 9th: Y9 Parents' Evening	<b>Library:</b> <a href="mailto:library@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">library@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
	<b>Attendance:</b> <a href="mailto:attendance@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">attendance@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
	<b>Absence Line:</b> 01449 742428
	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>

Term Dates 2021- 2022		Half Term	Non Student Days
<b>Autumn Term 2021</b>	2nd September - 16th December	25th - 29th Oct	2nd September 3rd September
<b>Spring Term 2022</b>	4th January - 8th April	21st - 25th Feb	26th November 4th January
<b>Summer Term 2022</b>	25th April - 22nd July	30th May - 3rd June	22nd July

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