



18 March 2022

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

As ever, I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well.

Spring is definitely in the air! And on Wednesday, we also experienced the meteorological phenomenon of dust from the Sahara Desert moving across our region, turning the skies orange and leaving behind a thin deposit of sand.

I am delighted that we are now able to plan and run more educational visits for students. Yesterday, a group of over 90 Year 10 and Year 11 students attended the GCSE *Science in Action* day at the Emmanuel Centre in South London. Students benefited from a series of engaging and interactive sessions to broaden their appreciation and understanding of science as well as helping to prepare them for their GCSE science exams. Thank you to Ms Sheldon and the science team for organising such a successful and enjoyable visit.

Student Absence

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please make every effort to notify us first thing in the morning so that the absence can be correctly recorded.

The student absence line is **01449 742428**.

Advance notice of absence for medical reasons etc. should be emailed to attendance@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk together with notification of the appointment. A screenshot of a text confirmation is acceptable evidence.

Sixth Form Tea and Tours

Weekly Tea and Tours will be held from today until May half-term on a Friday morning between 10.00 - 11.30am.

This will provide prospective students and parents, unable to attend the Open Evening, with an opportunity to visit the John Milton Academy Trust 6th form building. A guided tour will showcase the facilities the new building has to offer.

Mr Hailstone, Director of 6th Form, will also be on hand to discuss the subject options and opportunities.

Bookings should be made in advance via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). Please note that numbers have been limited to enhance each visit.

On Monday, a large group of Year 9 students went to see a production of *Animal Farm* at the Theatre Royal in Norwich. It was an enjoyable and thought-provoking performance, and for many students, it was their first visit ever to the theatre. Visits to the theatre are special and memorable experiences - I still have my collection of theatre programmes dating back to my childhood decades ago! Understanding the etiquette of watching a live production is an important skill that we want all our students to learn and master. Thank you to Miss Roberts and the English team for organising this visit.

It is Red Nose Day today. To celebrate this biennial event, we have invited students and staff to wear an item of red clothing to complement their school uniform, in exchange for a minimum donation of £1. From Red Nose Days in previous years, we know how generous our school is in supporting this amazing charity that supports those who are less fortunate within our local communities.

On the subject of fundraising, we can enjoy the Big Hoot Owl Trail at the Suffolk Show and in Ipswich town centre later this year. It's in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice. Please take a moment to look at the photos of the wonderful designs our Year 7 students have been working on for Stowupland High School's owl.

And finally, the weather looks set fair for the weekend with temperatures set to reach up to 18C in some areas. I hope you are able to enjoy the warm sunshine.

With my best wishes to all for the week ahead

Peter Whear
Executive Headteacher

Parental Awareness of Self-Harm

Self-harm can be anything from nail biting to hair pulling right through to more serious actions. If you are interested in reading about some of the triggers, the signs to look for and how to have an open conversation about ways to support young people to break the cycle of self-harm please follow [this link](#).

The Household Support Grant

Parents and carers of students in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a discretionary grant to help with costs during the Easter holidays. A £30 Edenred supermarket voucher will be issued for each eligible student.

The voucher will be issued on Friday 8 April and must be spent before the expiry date. Failure to do so will mean you cannot be reimbursed. Please contact Mrs Wooldridge via accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk if you require any further information.

Jubilee Celebrations

Suffolk County Council is looking for young people to join several activities to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this Summer.

Please see the [attached poster](#) for details of how to get involved.

Big Hoot Owl Trail



Attendance up to 18 March 2022

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
91.9%	90.5%	90.1%	87.3%	91.3%	90.2%

Diary dates

March:

Thursday 24th: Drama Y11 GCSE trip—
Woman in Black

Wednesday 30th: Y8 Parents' Evening
HPV vaccinations for
Years 8, 9 and 10

April:

Friday 1st: Y7, 8 and 10 Reports
shared with parents and
carers

Wednesday 6th - *Matilda*
Friday 8th:

Friday 8th: Y11 Reports shared with
parents and carers
Last day of term

Contact Details:

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Attendance:	library@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
Absence Line:	attendance@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
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Term Dates 2021- 2022		Half Term	Non Student Days
Autumn Term 2021	2nd September - 16th December	25th - 29th Oct	2nd September 3rd September
Spring Term 2022	4th January - 8th April	21st - 25th Feb	26th November 4th January
Summer Term 2022	25th April - 22nd July	30th May - 3rd June	22nd July

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