

Headteachers' Monthly Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024



What a whirlwind of a half term with lots of exciting opportunities and successes for our young people from the D of E Expedition, the New Year 7 events, Work Experience for our Year 10s, to the BBQ and leavers assembly for our Year 11s.

The mural in the canteen will receive its final touches over the half term.

The school had a visit this week from the Deputy Regional Director who praised the school on their rapid improvement this year - please see the quote below:

"We discussed the development of wraparound care, curriculum planning and parental engagement, as well as the ongoing leadership actions. I was struck by the scale of change undertaken over the last two terms and the clarity of focus in driving forward the school to get to an Ofsted Good and beyond. You also explained the challenges from behaviour and the strategies you have in place to address them." **Jon Fairclough**

I also openly spoke about the wider challenges to SEND provision in Suffolk and the difficulties accessing Alternative Provision which he reassured me is high on the agenda for the local authority.

Have a lovely half term.

Lucie Hernandez



Year 11 Leavers





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School Uniform

We value the support of our parents and carers in ensuring our students are dressed and prepared correctly for each school day.

We welcome the support of our parents and carers with making sure students meet our high expectations and are proud of their association with Stowmarket High School by wearing the correct uniform.

We have had issues with small numbers of students having facial piercings, leggings, and hoodies, and we politely remind you to ensure your child does not have any of these items ahead of coming into school each day. It is also important that our students wear their blazer and tie every day. Our uniform expectations are on our website:

<https://www.stowhigh.com/statutory-information/uniform/>

With consistent warmer weather expected after May half term, we plan to inform students they will no longer need to bring their blazers to school. We will inform them accordingly when this starts.

Please also be reminded that if any student has continued uniform infringements, tutors and the leadership team alike will issue a C4 after-school detention as a minimum and consideration will be given to a student being placed in our Reflection Room until the situation is resolved.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. As we progress into warmer weather, it is important our students stay hydrated and drink regularly throughout the day. We have water fountains throughout the school that students can use before/after school and during break times to refill their water bottles. However, any students found having water fights will be sanctioned by staff, so please remind your child to behave appropriately with their water bottle. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Junior Maths Challenge

Well done to our amazing year 7 and 8 Top Mathematicians who took part in this year's Junior Maths Challenge.

This is a 60-minute, multiple choice competition that encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in techniques to solve interesting problems. The questions are designed to challenge and make students think! We had some fantastic results, and we are extremely proud of you all! Everyone who participated will receive a certificate.

Special mentions to:

Lucy B - Silver award and **Best in School**, **Opemido and Freya** - Silver award and joint **Best in Year**.

The following students achieved a Silver Award: Caleb, Leonora, Ronny, Daisy, Lucy, Elois, Lewis, Liam, Corey, Jack, Euan, Ellie, Madison, and Maddie.

Well done from the Maths Department



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Inspirational Futures News

Year 10 - Work Experience

Wow, what a fantastic week we all had. We had over 86% of Year 10 out on work experience placements.

We had students trying out future careers covering aspiring vets, sport coaches, bankers, lawyers, cooks, carers, teachers, musicians, swimming instructors, joiners, builders, estate agents, media talent, hairdressing, air traffic controllers, building control, social workers, librarians, accountants, engineers, mechanics, hairdressers, retailers, horticulturalists, town planners, retailers, decorators, beauty therapists, animal charity staff, car sales, museum personnel across multiple departments, charity workers, website and software developers, hauliers, archivists and driving instructors, Phew!

It was a pleasure for staff carrying out the visits and phone calls to the students across the week seeing our young people thrive under their newfound responsibilities and independence.

We cannot run this without the unwavering support of our amazing network of local employers and we thank you all again wholeheartedly for taking the time to take our students under your wing, and to give them a chance to spread theirs, it really is one of the most impactful weeks of their school careers.

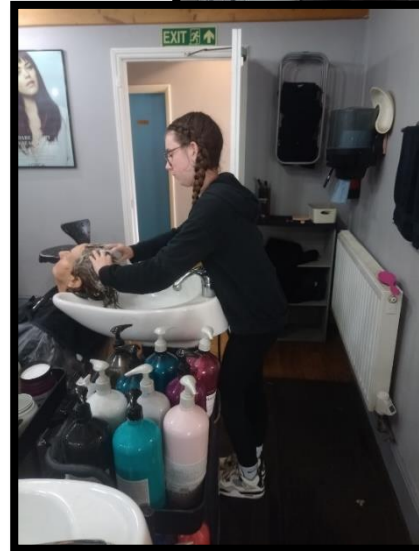
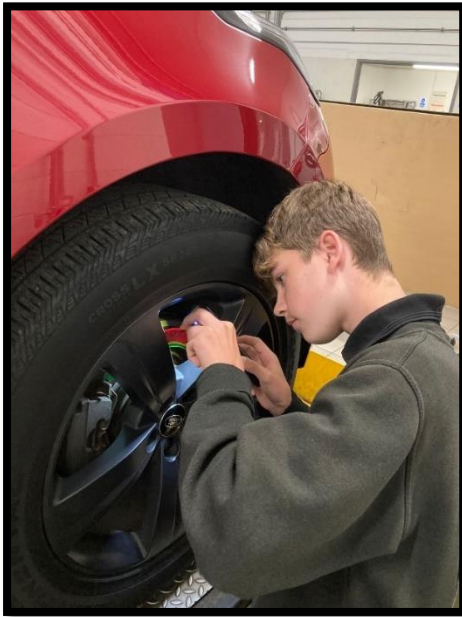
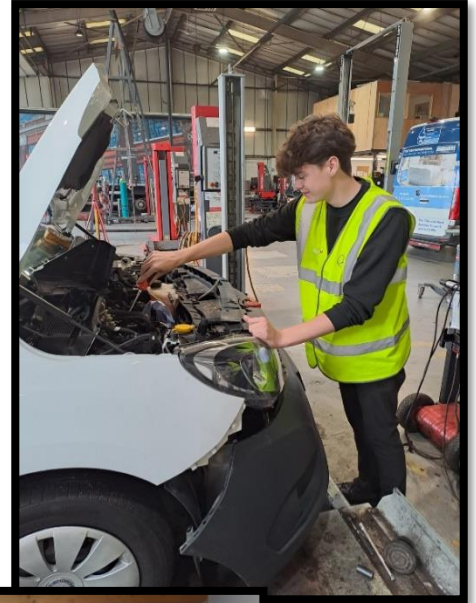
We have had some amazing feedback about our young people, and they should all feel rightly proud of themselves for their conduct over the week.

We will be celebrating with a work experience rewards assembly during our careers week which is running from 8th to 12th July, more details on the full programme will be shared with you after the half term break.





Work Experience 2024



Recently we have hosted PC Chloe Levett and PCOS Dave Harvey from Suffolk Constabulary who talked to the students about careers in the Police Force and opportunities in the Police Cadets. An informative session, all the students participated and we have a few budding police officers amongst us.



Coming up:

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| Tuesday 4th June 2024 | 12.30pm - 1.10pm | LRC | Jenny Reason | Veterinary Surgeon |
| Tuesday 18th June 2024 | 1.30pm - 2.10pm | LRC | Liz Houston & Helen Brown | Diagnostic Radiography |
| Tuesday 16th July 2024 | 1.30pm - 2.10pm | LRC | Mark Goulding | Cyber Security |

Do not forget to encourage your children to sign up for Advice & Slice sessions which are held in the LRC at lunchtimes on Tuesdays.

The signup sheet is inside Mrs Mylrea's office in the Inspirational Futures Centre, or email m.mylrea@stowhigh.com to secure your place.



Inspirational Futures What's Coming Up?

June

4th June

Advice & Slice – Open to All Years
Jenny Reason – Life as a Veterinary Surgeon



12.30pm – 1.10pm – LRC

Sign up with Mrs Mylrea in the Inspirational Futures Centre

18th

Advice & Slice – Open to All Years
Liz Houston & Helen Brown, Diagnostic Radiography



1.30pm – 2.10pm – LRC

Sign up with Mrs Mylrea in the Inspirational Futures Centre

July

8th – 12th

Stowmarket High School Careers Week

10th – 11th

Year 10 Mock Interviews

16th

Advice & Slice – Open to All Years
Mark Goulding – Cyber Security



1.30pm – 2.10pm – LRC

Sign up with Mrs Mylrea in the Inspirational Futures Centre

17th

Year 11
Anchor of Technology STEM in The Royal Navy
6.30pm – Virtual

[Sign Up Here](#)

On The Horizon



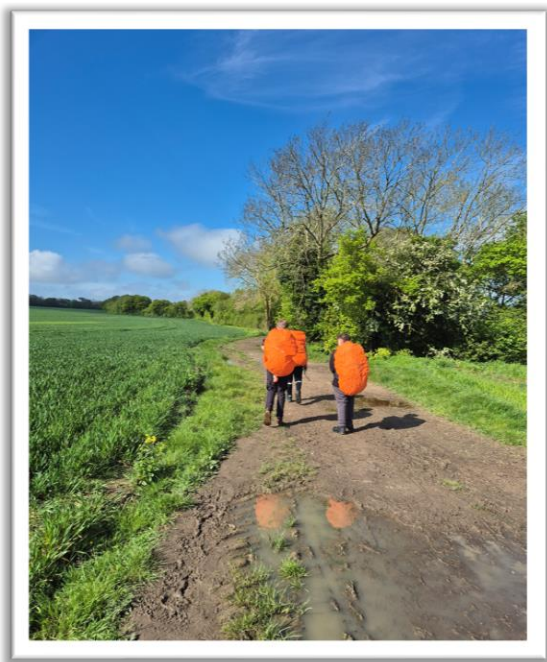
Youth Empowerment Conference 2024: Celebrating Diversity

Duke Of Edinburgh Expedition

We had a fabulous weekend of weather and the students acquitted themselves extremely well.

My thanks to Flo Harvey, Jack Thompson, Dan Pratt, Simon Peckford, George Whitfield, Victoria Mallett, and my wife, for giving up their weekend to make it all possible.

Mr A Wright



FOSH Quiz Night Wednesday 12th June 7-8.30pm

FANCY A FUN FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT?

Our next Quiz Night is on Wednesday 12th June. Join us for some great family fun. To book a team (up to 8 for just £10) just drop us a message or email fosh@stowhigh.com and pay on the door - we can take cards too! Family friendly questions, half time raffle, plus snacks & drinks available.

Quiz night

**WEDNESDAY
12TH JUNE
7 - 8:30PM**





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Stowmarket High School Carnival Float

CAN YOU HELP? We need some extra hands 🙌🙌🙌🙌 with the school's Stowmarket Carnival float...

The float helps celebrate and promote the school to the local community and looked fantastic last year. Could you help make things for the float? The painting of cardboard will never be so exciting!

Could you help setup the float on the Friday evening or Sat morning? 📦- lots and lots and lots of duct tape is involved!!

Helpers on the day - could you be on, or walk next to the float to help keep our students safe? Or help take the float apart after the parade? - many hands make quick work with this job!

If you can help us in any way to create the winning float, please drop us a message or email fosh@stowhigh.com

FOSH Secret Postcard Event

To continue our fundraising efforts, towards the end of this year, we are holding a Secret Postcard Exhibition.

What is it?

We will be exhibiting and selling original postcard sized pieces of artwork created by members of the school community, artists and hopefully some celebrities too!

The artwork is anonymised during the exhibition, being signed only on the back. The artists identity will not be released until the artwork has been purchased. All pieces will be sold for the same bargain price of £5.

How can you help?

We are asking for donations of ORIGINAL post-card sized pieces of art.

We would be grateful if you could help us by creating an amazing piece of artwork, then signing and clearly writing your name on the back only. Please feel free to share that you are taking part in this event, however we would appreciate it if you could keep your postcard design a secret.

Please hand in your signed (on the back only) artwork to the school office labelled for the attention of Friends of Stowmarket High (FOSH) or contact us for collection.





Donation from the Salvation Army

We were extremely fortunate to receive a donation from the Salvation Army for 5 prom tickets. All the names of students going to the Prom were put into a hat and 5 names drawn out. The successful students will receive a refund for their prom ticket via ParentPay.



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