

Parent Newsletter

27 September 2024 Edition



Dear Families

A Fantastic Start to the Term!

As we reach the midpoint of this half-term, it's incredible to reflect on just how much has already been accomplished here at Stowmarket. Our students have made a strong and positive start, consistently embodying the core values of R.I.S.E: Respect, Integrity, Success, and Empathy. In most instances, they have demonstrated excellent punctuality, productivity and a commitment to upholding these standards. This term, we have also hosted two successful evening events. Our Year 11 'Next Steps' evening allowed students and parents to explore the wide range of post-secondary opportunities, with various providers showcasing pathways available after Year 11. Additionally, we welcomed Year 7 parents for our 'Meet the Tutor' evening, where they had the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns with their child's form tutor and other key staff members.

Ms F Hubbard

Deputy Headteacher

Each year we try and improve our communication with all parents and carers as we are great believers in the triangular dialogue: pupil, parent, teacher. We always want to foster a relationship where your child's progress can always be discussed and as often where needed, you can assist in that progression. As reported last year, we now report to parents three times a year, at the end of each term. Additionally, in the following documents within the links below you will find when all assessments in all year groups are due to be completed and as such, can check on Go4Schools the performance of your child. Finally, in the documents, there is an explanation, at both Key Stage 3 & 4, regarding our ethos towards progression, assessment and attainment, as well as how we formulate targets and assess grades. As ever, if at any point you wish to discuss your child's progress please do hesitate to contact the school.

Key Stage 3:

<https://www.stowhigh.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/KS3-Guidance-to-Parents-on-Assessment-19092024.pdf>

Key Stage 4:

<https://www.stowhigh.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/KS4-Guidance-to-Parents-on-Assessment-19092024-1.pdf>

Mr Adam Pickering

Deputy Headteacher



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School Photos

The school photographer will be back for a 'mop up' session on 18 November for any students who missed having them taken. A letter will be sent you to those students' parents/carers nearer the time.

Immunisations

There are Flu immunisations on the following dates, a letter requesting permission and information is to follow shortly:

Years 7, 8 and 9 are on 7 October 2024

Year 10 and 11 are on 14 October 2024



FOSH (Friends of Stowmarket High)

Secret Postcard Sale

A wide range of postcard-sized pictures will be on sale at the cost of £5 each. Some from local amateur artists, well-known people, staff and parents.



Wreath Making Workshop

Tuesday 26 November from 6.30pm – 8.30pm – book your place by emailing FOSHsecretary@stowhigh.com.

Come along and get into the festive spirit with a group of friends or a chance to make new ones!



School Lottery

Launch – Spring 2025! More details to follow soon.



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Explore Your Future with Careers at Stowmarket High School

We are excited to be back bigger and brighter than ever this year with a brand-new image to go with our fantastic careers offer here at Stowmarket High School.

This month has seen us host out our big Year 11 Next Steps Event next with a fantastic turn out of families who had the chance to browse our provider stands and talk to college and sixth form staff and employers from the world of work.

Whilst we continue to transition from “Inspirational Futures” to “Careers at Stowmarket High School”, we continue to provide top-tier, impartial careers guidance to empower students in making informed decisions about their future.

For personalised support, students can book a one-on-one session with our Independent Careers Adviser, offering tailored guidance. These are available on request for all year groups, and every student will have one by the end of Year 11 email me for more details.

Mrs Mylrea, Careers Coordinator, m.mylrea@stowhigh.com





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Next Steps Montage 2024



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Coming up:

Date	Period	Location	Speaker	Careers In
24.9.24	Lunch	LRC	Ian Harvey	Health Care Sciences
8.10.24	Lunch	Atrium	WSC/Abbeygate/One	Year 11 Drop In
22.10.24	Lunch	LRC	Jenny Reason	Life as a Vet
October Half Term				
12.11.24	Lunch	LRC	Lt Jake Langford	Life In the Army
26.11.24	Lunch	LRC	Stuart Lipscombe	Working in Criminology
10.12.24	Lunch	LRC	Charlotte Reason	Life As A Lawyer
Christmas Holidays				
7.1.25	Lunch	LRC	Mark Goulding	Cyber Security
21.5.25	Lunch	LRC	PC Levitt & PC Harvey	Life On the Beat
4.2.25	Lunch	LRC	Sarah Norey	Building Industry
February Half Term				
25.2.25	Lunch	LRC	Helen Brown	NHS Careers
11.3.25	Lunch	LRC	Karen Bradford	Ambulance Crew

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

The signup sheet is on the door of Mrs Mylrea's office in the Careers Centre (Opposite Science Work Room, 2nd Floor), or email m.mylrea@stowhigh.com to secure your place.



Careers What's Coming Up?

October 2024

- 1st Year 10 & 11**
Young Professionals - UCAS & Lloyds Banking Group Virtual Event
 5.00pm – 6.00pm – Virtual
 Sign Up: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG-Careerslive>
- 2nd Year 11**
Young Professionals - Insight to Linklaters - Law Event for Students
 5.00pm – 6.30pm – Virtual
 Sign Up: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Linklatersvirtual>
- 3rd Year 10 & 11 Plus Families**
Young Professionals Families Information Evening
 6.00pm – 7.30pm
 Sign Up: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPYourchild-theirFuture>

November 2024

- 12th** Advice & Slice – Open to All Years
 Lunch Time: 1.15pm – 1.55pm – LRC
 Sign up with Mrs Mylrea in the Careers Office (Opposite 2.03)
[Lt Jake Langford – Life in the Army](#)
- 20th Year 7**
 BAE Systems Careers Roadshow
 Period 4 – Main Hall
- 28th Years 9 and 11 Careers Drop Down Day**
- 26th** Advice & Slice – Open to All Years
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 Sign up with Mrs Mylrea in the Careers Office (Opposite 2.03)
[Stuart Lipscombe, UOS – Working in Criminology](#)

On The Horizon

12th – 16th May 2025 - Year 10 Work Experience



FRIENDS OF STOWMARKET HIGH SCHOOL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

16th October 2024 11.45am

To be held in-person at Stowmarket High School staff room

AGENDA

Ordinary Business

- 1] Apologies for absence
- 2] Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
- 3] Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4] Reports for the period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024
 - 4a) Chairperson
 - 4b) Treasurer
- 5] Election of Officers and Trustees of the Committee
 - 5a) Chair
 - 5b) Secretary
 - 5c) Treasurer
 - 5d) Ordinary Committee members

Any Other Business

Upcoming event dates

Secret post card sale launch venue and date to be confirmed

Wreath making workshop Tuesday 26th November 2024 6.30-8.30pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 23rd October 2024 TBC



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Dear School Family,

Re: Friends of Stowmarket High School (FoSH) - the school's PTA - Annual General Meeting

We would like to give notice that the AGM of the Friends of Stowmarket High School, is to be held on **16th October 2024 at 11.45am**, in the staff room.

We require a minimum of 14 parents and a school representative to attend the meeting. Please confirm your interest in attending the AGM by emailing fosh@stowhigh.com

FOSH plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, are invited to attend the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the school students.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTA of their intention to stay in their role.

If you have any questions or would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please contact Paul Bearman (Chair of FOSH) by emailing fosh@stowhigh.com

If you wish to be considered for a role on the Committee, please complete the attached slip over the page by **Friday 11th October 2024**, and either email this to fosh@stowhigh.com or print it off and take it into School Office. The election for the Committee will take place by open voting at the AGM.

We look forward to seeing you on the **16th October 2024**.

Kind Regards

Paul Bearman

Chair of FOSH

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Friends of Stowmarket High School

Nomination for election to an officer role AGM September 2024

Name of person nominated: _____

Status (Parent/Staff): _____

Role nominated for: _____

Signed: _____

Nominated by

1st

Name: _____

Signature: _____

2nd

Name: _____

Signature: _____



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NEW Thursday School -
Stowmarket High School
4.45pm - 7.45pm

Friday School - Riverwalk
Bury St Edmunds
4.45pm - 7.45pm

Saturday School - Riverwalk
Bury St Edmunds
10.00am - 1pm

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burystedmunds](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/burystedmunds)**

01284 762988

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NEW Thursday School -
Stowmarket High School
4.30-6pm

Friday School - Riverwalk
Bury St Edmunds
4.30pm - 6pm

Saturday School -
Riverwalk
Bury St Edmunds
Early Stages 1: 9.30am-
11am

Early Stages 2: 11.15am-
12.45pm

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**MINI
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Wednesdays
10.30-11.15am

All Saints Church, Park Road, Bury St
Edmunds, IP33 3QW



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Upcoming Events:

Thursday 3 October 2024	Year 11 Parent Information Evening
Monday 7 October 2024	Immunisations (Flu) Years 7, 8 and 9
Monday 14 October 2024	Immunisations (Flu) Years 10 and 11
Tuesday 26 November 2024	FOSH Wreath Making Workshop

Useful Contact Information:

Head of Year 7	Miss S Durrant	s.durrant@stowhigh.com
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Head of Year 9	Miss O Hart	o.hart@stowhigh.com
Head of Year 10	Mrs N Goss	n.goss@stowhigh.com
Head of Year 11	Ms L Baker	l.baker@stowhigh.com
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