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Headteacher's Newsletter

An Introduction from Ms Hernandez

14 February 2025

Work Hard, Be Kind



Dear Families

I should like to wish everyone a happy half term and look forward to seeing students back on Monday 24 February hopefully with some brighter, warmer and drier weather.

Ms L Hernandez – Headteacher

SEN ADVOCATES AND PREPARING TO RAISE AWARENESS



As March approaches we in the SEND team are working towards autism awareness week (April 2025), and wanted to share with you our team of SEND advocates. This team, who are a mix of both SEND and Non-SEND students, represent the voice of their SEN peers. It is their role to help us raise awareness of student's needs in school, and to celebrate the diversity that being a SEND student brings. Their first task is to help us create awareness of and to celebrate the wonderful world of autism. They are planning on helping us deliver assemblies during this week and are prepping some brilliant videos to share in tutor time.

Whilst they are busy working, we wanted to introduce a couple of them as we are incredibly proud that they have volunteered for this role.



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They now have their own notice board outside the SEN office in the corridor to our Attic room, here they will announce upcoming events and opportunities for whole school students to have their voices heard around SEN and inclusion. Look out for their Logo for when we are raising awareness.



Eva Murton (Year 8) My name is Eva Murton, and I am related to several people with autism, so I am used to being around people who may have sensory issues, problems with crowds or loud noises.

I would like these people to feel more accepted by their peers instead of being judged. I could achieve this by having sessions with people to share my experiences or making/speaking awareness assemblies.

Theo Marin (Year 7)

I love sport (especially basketball). I wanted to become a SEN Advocate because it can be difficult for some people with special needs to say their opinion out loud. So, we are the people that will amplify their voice and evoke an outcome. As a SEND Advocate we will be part of assemblies, welcome visitors, and run events as well as raise awareness. I love learning and one of my parents has studied psychology and so some knowledge of mental disabilities has been passed down to me. Some of my family members have ADHD, and are Neurodiverse, so I have experience with the sunflower and mental disabilities. I love what we do to help raise awareness and am excited for what we will do in the future.

Our full list of advocates:

- Coraline Thomas (Year 10)
- Leon Blunderfield (year 10)
- Eva Murton (Year 8)
- Ethan Hart (Year 8)
- Ellie Pollard (Year 9)
- Isla Connolly (Year 9)
- Theo Marin (Year 7)
- Toby Cox (Year 7)



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Ethen Hart (Year 8)

I want to be a student advocate because, I want to share my perspective on life and to let other people know how it feels to be who I am, and I want to be seen as someone that can help others and support them for who they are.

Mrs C Broxton – Assistant Headteacher; Acting SENCo

Maths Department

On Wednesday 29 January 2025, 120 of our most able Year 9 and 10 Mathematicians sat the Intermediate maths challenge paper. This is a set of 25 questions designed to make the students think and apply their maths skills in different ways. Many students across the country took this paper, with the highest scorers achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates.

Well done to everyone who took part and we are delighted that the following students achieved recognition for their efforts with this challenge:

Gold Award: Harrison R

Silver Award: (Year 10s) Ethan F, Ralphie A, Jason J, Lucy B, Amelie S and Alfie H

Silver Award: (Year 9s) Lewis C

Bronze Award: (Year 10s) Teddy A, Emily D, Jasper P, Harley S, Darcey S, Freya U, Rich C, Charlotte P, Osca K, Leyton C, Erica D, Daisy E, Nikki O, Max S

Bronze Award: (Year 9s) George L, Neeve M, Corey H, Gilbert W, Jack L, Dexter P, Isabelle B, Kristina C, Noah T, Lucy B, Euan M, Lucy B, Kyle S

Mrs Fisher and Mrs Brett – Curriculum and Deputy Leaders of Mathematics

Year 10 Work Experience – May 2025

Exciting news! From Monday 12 to Friday 16 May 2025, all Year 10 students will have the chance to step into the world of work for Work Experience Week. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore careers, build their CVs, and gain real-world skills.

How It Works:

Students should find their own placements - PSHE teachers and the careers team can offer support, but students must take the lead. ◊ Once a placement is agreed, students must log it on Unifrog (www.unifrog.org), which will handle all admin, including risk assessments and approvals. ◊ No placement? Students are expected in school as usual - unauthorised absences will be recorded.

What to Do Next: Read the placement guides on Unifrog for tips on securing a placement here. Start reaching out to employers ASAP! Questions? Contact me at m.mylrea@stowhigh.com



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Let's make this an amazing experience—good luck with your placement search!

Mrs Mylrea - Careers Support Officer

Ski Trip

Please return slips to Mrs Harvey no later than Friday 28 February (the first week back after half term) if your child is interested in going on the Ski Visit. The letter regarding this visit can be found on our school website. Thank you

Edwards & Blake

Please click on the school's catering supplier's half termly newsletter: [E&B February Half Term Newsletter 2025](#)

Modern Foreign Languages

A big well done to our student's nominated for **student of the month** in January, who have all been identified by their teachers as demonstrating outstanding effort in class.

KS3 French - Zac Allocca

KS4 French - Reuben Francksen

German - Chriss Morrison (Year 9)

German trip, December 2025

We are excited to have our 40 year 9 students signed up to the trip, a letter will follow after half term with further details.

Year 11 Speaking Exams

Please note that the PRE speaking exams are taking place the *week commencing 10th March* upstairs in the C Block. French will be on the Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, German will take place on the Thursday only. Individual times will be shared when we return after half term.

The final exams will take place the *week commencing 28th April*.

Miss Pawsey - Curriculum Lead for MFL



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM HIGH SCHOOL DROP INS

HOT CHOCOLATE // POPCORN // CHEESE TOASTIES
POOL // TABLE TENNIS // GAMING // CRAFT

STOWMARKET

At
The Mix Stowmarket

WEDNESDAY
19TH FEB

12PM TO 3PM

YEARS 7 TO 11

NEEDHAM MARKET

At The Mix Hut
Needham Market

FRIDAY
21ST FEB

12PM TO 3PM

YEARS 7 TO 11



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FOSH (Friends of Stowmarket High)

THE SCHOOL LOTTERY IS NOW OPEN!

It's a weekly draw with the first draw on
Saturday 1st of March 2025

Find our lottery page here:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/stowmarket-high-school

Or scan the QR code below

You can play from just £1 per week, with 50% of income going to the
prize pot - So the more players the bigger the prize!



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Upcoming Events/Examinations

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| Monday 17 February 2025 | Winter Half Term Week |
| W/c Monday 24 February 2025 | Year 11 PRE's begin |
| Thursday 27 February 2025 | Year 9 Options Evening |
| Monday 10 March 2025 | Year 9 Option Form Deadline 6pm |

Communication Hub

Welcome to our Stowmarket High School communication Hub where we will help you find the information you need as quickly as possible.

Please follow this link: [Communication Hub at Stowhigh](#)

Useful Contact Information:

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