

futures fortnightly Dear Parents, Carers and Students



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Communication is a core value of the school and we aim to help support our students to develop this skill for building trust and relationships, resolving problems, providing clarity and direction, increasing engagement and productivity – ultimately building a successful life.

One element of exceptional communication is the ability to inspire. Anyone who has heard an inspirational speech knows the impact it can have. Inspiration helps propel people forward, it can push away apathy and awaken people to new and exciting opportunities allowing them to transcend their limitations. We here at Stowmarket High believe that inspiration and the creative spark it ignites isn't as elusive as it seems. Inspiration is everywhere and it can be captured, activated and manipulated.

Is your child a great story teller, are they passionate about something; a hobby, an interest, a cause, a culture? Are they confident and self-aware? Do they have great empathy for others, are they knowledgeable about a subject? Do they have

a great sense of humour? If you have answered yes to even some of these questions then your child is just who we are looking for to inspire and model great communication skills in our new initiative. If you answered no to a few or all of these then your child is exactly who we are looking for to help develop their communication skills and become an inspiration for others.

This is a new opportunity to have some fun and share with the school what they love – what is their passion? This week we are beginning our preparations to launch a new and inspiring lunchtime club called Mini Ted Talks. We will work with the students to talk about what their interest and passions are – inspire them to inspire others by developing their very own Ted Talk. We will help them script their talks and we have links to an actual Ted Talk speaker who is going to run some sessions on how to make their talk special. It is a chance to talk about what you love and develop public speaking skills at the same time.

We will film either with or without an audience – depending upon

the student's preference and we will show the talks initially on the school platform but our aim will be to develop an external platform as we want to celebrate their passion and share it with our community.

If you think your child would love the chance to talk about Minecraft, climate change, TikTok skills, Judaism, LGBQT+, bird watching, drones, (the possibilities are endless), please let Mrs Mylrea know – more details to follow in form time.

FOLLOW YOUR JOY SHOW UP **BE BRAVE GET IN THE FLOW**

This club will initially be open to our Year 7 students but when restrictions ease we will aim to mix this up and open it out to others.





Work Virtual Work Experience Launched This Week

We are very excited to take part in the pilot scheme of Discover Your Future 2021

There were just three schools chosen in Suffolk so it fabulous that we have been given this fantastic opportunity for our Year 10 students.

Discover Your Future 2021 is an exciting opportunity for students to engage with employers, employees, apprentices, and the selfemployed and provide them with an insight into a variety of organisations across Suffolk.

The programme allows students to have meaningful and informative virtual experiences to help raise aspirations, equip them with 21st century skills and broaden their



understanding of the local jobs market and pathways. The programme offers employers, employees and the self-employed a flexible approach to engaging in careers education. A range of staff are able support the programme – from senior staff to graduates, apprentices, interns and Kickstart placements. Each online employer session will be supported by an offline session in the classroom facilitated by a teacher or careers staff. The themes represent different aspects to working life that the students will explore during the project. Throughout each session they will



develop skills, qualities and characteristics needed in the workplace, build their confidence and learn all about the opportunities available to them in the future.

The future is not so far away. Sometimes decisions are made on impulse without much research or effort, but with something as important as a career it is best to take time to gather information to help students make informed decisions.

The programme runs from now until July when we end with mock interviews and a celebratory event – watch this space...



Virtual Advice and a Slice Sessions

CALLING ALL YEAR 10



We will be running our **Advice & Slice Sessions** in the LRC from 1.30pm to 2.00pm on Tuesdays, keep your eyes peeled on the big screen for dates and details.

Don't miss out, make a note and email me on **futures@stowhigh.com** if you are planning to attend so I can make sure we order enough Domino's Pizza.

UPCOMING TALK

Life in the Police Force Tuesday 4th May 2021 Who else would you like to hear from? Please email suggestions to futures@stowhigh.com

Mrs Melenie Mylrea Futures Coordinator

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Best Practice for schools and colleges

Come along to hear from a school whose students have benefited from virtual work experience with Speakers for Schools.

Find out how your school can be involved and hear real examples from schools and employers who have delivered placements for students across the UK.





Hear from the RAF about their journey delivering virtual work experience and the very real impact it has made to young people. Also hear from another school, and how their students benefited from virtual work placements.



SOME RECENT VWEX FEEDBACK

Exactly what I required to totally confirm the career I intend to go down.

One of the best educational things I've done.

SPEAKERS for schools

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Click <u>here</u> to join us.





REGISTER NOW FOR THE TAKE YOUR PLACE FAIR

From Tuesday 4th May 2021 neaco will be hosting a series of virtual events helping you explore the different routes from your current study to higher education.

If you are currently Y12-13 or studying on a L2/L3 course this event is for you.

- Discover local employers
- Find out about local apprenticeships
- Talk to current higher & degree students
- Access content when it bests suit you

NO TRAVEL NEEDED

Participate from wherever you are

VIRTUAL EVENT TIMETABLE

TUESDAY 4th May	WEDNESDAY 4th May	THURSDAY 4th May	FRIDAY 4th May
SPORTS	ENGINEERING	THEATRE/	HAIR & MAKEUP
EDUCATION	CONSTRUCTION	ACTING	FASHION DESIGN
CHILDCARE & EARLY YEARS	SOFTWARE & GAME	DANCE	PHOTOGRAPHY
		MUSIC	GRAPHIC DESIGN
HOSPITALITY	DEVELOPMENT	PRODUCTION	ILLUSTRATION
	UNIFORMED SERVICES	BUSINESS	ANIMATION
MEDICAL CAREERS	FORENSICS	ACCOUNTANCY	JOURNALISM
		LAW	BROADCASTING

Please note, while every effort has been made to make this event accessible, this may not be possible with all content including any technical difficulties on the live days

To find out more and register for the event visit www.typ.vfairs.com









Check Out All Of Our Current Apprenticeship Vacancies

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HOW DO I APPLY?

You apply for an Apprenticeship in the same way you would apply for a job, find a vacancy, submit an application/CV and await a possible interview. Apply using the links listed below, or search for an Apprenticeship Vacancy on our website: https://www.wsc.ac.uk/find-a-course/ apprenticeships/vacancies

Not finding a vacancy that suits you?

Why not try approaching companies local to you with an updated CV/cover letter to enquire if they will be looking to take on an Apprentice. This method sometimes works better with smaller businesses. Our Talent Coaches are available to work with you to get the best out of your application or CV, and they can guide you further by completing practice online interviews. Please email the One Step Closer team to ask for support.

Please contact onestepcloser@wsc.ac.uk

You can apply using the links listed, or search for an Apprenticeship Vacancy on our website:

https://www.wsc.ac.uk/find-a-course/ apprenticeships/vacancies

West Suffolk College email addresses are reviewed regularly and you will receive a response within 48 hours.



Bench Joiner Apprentice Baylham, Ipswich	DEBEN Electro-Mechanical Engineering Apprentice	Gears Pre-School Apprentice Early Years Practitioner
£172 per week Closing date 07/05/2021	Woolpit, Bury St Edmunds £173 per week Closing date 02/08/2021	Clare, Sudbury £150 per week Closing date 03/05/2021
Woodersteiner Early Years Apprentice Sudbury £129 per week Closing date 28/04/2021	Apprentice Administration Assistant Ixworth, Bury St Edmunds £190 per week Closing date 07/05/2021	CONCESS BARN Hospitality Apprentice Bury St Edmunds £227 per week Closing date 30/04/2021
Apprentice Site Carpenter	Apprentice Site Carpenter Colchester	Apprentice Site Carpenter Clacton-on-Sea
£172 per week Closing date 26/04/2021 INFO	£172 per week Closing date 26/04/2021 INFO 溪	£172 per week Closing date 26/04/2021 INFO

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Apprenticeship Vacancies' IN SUFFOIK

Level 2 Food and Drink Process Operator Apprentice,

Beccles, Suffolk Qualifications Required English and Maths Grade C/4 and above



Level 2 Land-based Engineering Apprentice,

Raydon (near Ipswich), Suffolk Qualifications Required Minimum Grade 3/D in English and Maths



Level 2 Hospitality Apprentice,

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk Qualifications Required English & Maths Grade C/4 and above



Level 3 Accountancy Apprenticeship,

Woodbridge, Suffolk Qualifications Required 5 GCSEs including Maths and English at Grade C/4 and above



Did you or a family member attend Stowmarket High School?



We want to reconnect with our former students. Amongst our alumni is a whole host of talented role models who we want to connect with in order to celebrate their success and inspire our current students. Alumni can be brought back to school to offer careers and education advice, mentor students, provide work experience placements and much more!

Please help us reach out to our former students using your own networks. From doctors to dancers, pilots to plumbers, we need alumni from a range of careers to open our students' eyes to what is possible.

If you are a former student or know of any who would like to stay in touch and give back to their old school, ask them to sign up.

SIGN UP

https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/register/stowmarket





ROUTES INTO STEM



Flexible study courses running in May and July 2021

Now more than ever, young people need us.

Through Routes Into STEM we connect young people with their peers in a safe and reliable environment where they can engage, develop and thrive together. Our structured and curriculum enhanced Routes into STEM course provides skills and knowledge to help students navigate their future career choices.

We are here to help.

Whilst everyone is getting used to a changing schedule as restrictions ease, EDT can give them a peace of mind by continuing to connect young people with industry and inspire STEM futures.

Virtual Routes into STEM course

This an innovative and exciting opportunity for all students aged 13-16 (Year 9 & Year 10) to explore the various routes they can take towards their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) career. It is designed to give students an insight into pathways following GCSE's including study routes via College and University and direct Apprenticeship routes through industry. It is suitable for all academic abilities - all that is required is a genuine interest in STEM subjects and inquisitiveness about what the future can hold.

Approximately 20 hours of studies are required to be completed over 3 weeks, allowing students to study flexibly at a pace that suits their individual circumstances, giving them the freedom to study around other activities that they may have planned.



LIVE A variety of live interactive sessions will take place allowing students to listen and ask questions to diverse STEM professionals and student ambassadors.

Click here for full course details



Visit us online www.etrust.org.uk





virtual ROUTES INTO STEM

gives students a fantastic insight as to what life would be in a variety of different settings. Students will be able to tour a variety of multiple colleges, universities, and employers across the UK virtually.



sets out a chance to take part in exciting STEM activities and projects including hands on problem solving, decision making and critical thinking tasks.

provides access to live STEM education and career sessions with range of role models including student ambassadors, apprentices, graduates, academics as well as mentor panels with STEM employers to join live Q&A session with an opportunity to ask our panel of experts any questions

awards students with an extremely valuable addition to their portfolio, a highly regarded industry led accreditation that was inspired by HRH The Prince of Wales. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive a Bronze Industrial Cadets award and be in a position to make a more informed decision about their future.

Course details

The course cost is £60 towards the cost of administration and the Industrial Cadets Bronze award. Bursary places are available, please refer to the application form.

Next course dates: 20th May – 10th June 2021 15th July – 5th August 2021

If you have any further questions, click here for more info or please contact our team at studentrecruitment@etrust.org.uk or call on 01707 906106



Don't just take our word for it!



of the students feel **96%** confident about skills and knowledge after the course

compared to 45% prior to the course and developed an understanding about variety of STEM pathways

"I just love how we could do it over time and fit it around our schedule."



98% of Virtual No... STEM students post-course recognised of Virtual Routes into

apprenticeships can enable them to train in a fulfilling role in STEM

"It was really interesting to find out how the people working for various companies got into their jobs, and I learnt a lot about what can happen after GSCEs which I didn't know before. Overall it was a really beneficial session, and introduced me to many pathways and career options which I wasn't even aware of before."

Upcoming School Talks Easter to July

Next Steps Year 10

Target Year Group: Year 10 Length: 10 - 15 minutes Delivery: Live, virtually via Microsoft Teams, Zoom or Google Meet

A PowerPoint presentation to support pupils with their choices at 16. Covering pathways and courses available at the college, entry levels, and hints and tips to prepare over the summer term. A Q&A Chat option is available after the talk, if required. This can be delivered to an individual tutor class, small group of pupils, or whole year group.

Let's Talk T Levels

Target Year Group: Year 9, 10, 11

Length: 10 - 15 minutes

Delivery: Live, virtually via Microsoft Teams, Zoom or Google Meet

A PowerPoint presentation to introduce your pupils to the brand-new qualification, T Levels. The talk will cover T Levels on offer at the College, how they are assessed, and what to expect once you apply.

This can be delivered to an individual tutor class, small group of pupils, or whole year group.

Make a booking

Complete the online booking form, which can be found on the In Your School page. Fill in your school details, choose your activity option, and give details about your booking in the overview box.

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The best preparation for life

"Life isn't about finding-yourself. Life is about creating yourself Hearge Bernard Shaw













Finborough Sixth Form is a thriving and growing community with a rich curriculum and wealth of opportunities.

We offer an unrivalled level of support and challenge, with close academic and pastoral care made possible by small classes, excellent teaching and an exceptional attention to detail.

All of our students enjoy an individualised programme built around both academic success and the best preparation for life. We focus intently on their progress and the requisite learning skills required both for their A Level studies and going forward to university and beyond.

Developing well rounded young adults who have the aspiration and confidence for success is achieved through our "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers' programme. This dovetails beautifully with a plethora of experiences on offer that make our students stand out from the crowd.

We have enjoyed major developments to our facilities, including a state of the art Sporting Complex and the development of a new Science and Art Building, alongside a stunning new Sixth Form Study Centre.

For elite sportsmen and women, our 'Sports Professionals Programme' enables outstanding achievement and progress towards your performance and career goals. Sport is a central part of life at Finborough. Whatever your sporting aptitude or prowess, we will tailor an athletic programme, including opportunities to develop as a coach, to inspire you.





University Online Events Supporting Curriculum & Progression

Channel Talent Summer Programme April and May Events

Channel Talent have a great programme of online university events lined up for this term and, as per last term, they are open to individual students and teachers, depending on local and national circumstances.

The sessions, each including either one or two universities, offer enrichment for curriculum themes and support for students considering progression to HE. They aim to be dynamic and participative, encouraging everyone to engage and shape the session but in a way that they are comfortable with. The talk was very interactive and it was lovely to see how everyone interpreted the prompts differently. I really enjoy writing but I was struggling to find some motivation, this session has really built my confidence and I would love to attend again! Thank You :)"

Year 12 Student

66 'Really excellent session - the students enjoyed it. This was the kind of session that encouraged students to think about what they are studying in a more critical/ nuanced/synoptic way, and it also inspired wider reading. So, it worked for everyone I think!"

Politics HoD

A small number of sessions will be recorded but the majority will focus on the live, participatory nature of the event, which is where the feedback we receive suggests the greatest value.

April 29 @ 12:45 - 13:45 TV/Film/Media: Friends & Why It Matters -Reading (KS5)



April 29 @ 14:15 - 15:15 Music Technology: Production & Editing Masterclass with Surrey (KS5)



May 4 @ 12:45 - 13:45 insight4me Engineering - Practical Applications of Physics Principles with Sheffield & 1 Uni TBC (KS5)



May 5 @ 16:15 - 17:15 Human Rights – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate - Goldsmiths & 1 TBC (KS4 & KS5)



May 6 @ 11:15 - 12:15 insight4me Computer Science - Focus on Algorithms with Nottingham & 1 Uni TBC (KS5)



May 12 @ 16:15 - 17:15 Mathematics: Problem Solving & Thinking Skills - Maths Gym Workout with 1 University TBC (KS5)

May 12 @ 17:00 - 18:00 HE Guidance: Clearing and Adjustment 2021 with Goldsmiths (KS5)



May 13 @ 11:15 - 12:15 insight4me Sociology - Focus on Identity with Surrey & UEA (KS5)



May 13 @ 16:00 - 17:00 Theology & Religious Studies: Teleological/ Design Arguments & Their Critics with Glasgow (KS5)



May 17 @ 13:30 - 14:15 Society for Natural Sciences: Advancements in Forensics via Natural Sciences (KS5)



May 18 @ 14:00 - 15:00 International Politics: Terrorism - Pasts, Presents And Futures with UEA (KS5)

May 18 @ 16:15 - 17:15 Free Speech & Misinformation – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate - Unis TBC (KS4 & KS5) INFO

May 19 @ 12:45 - 13:30 Computer Science: Why Girls Are Choosing Study & Careers in Computer Science - Sheffield (KS5)



May 19 @ 14:00 - 15:00 Media Studies: Study Skills for Media with Goldsmiths (KS5)

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May 20 @ 14:15 - 15:15 insight4me Economics - The Labour Market with UEA & 1 Uni TBC (KS5) May 20 @ 16:00 - 17:00 Theology & Religious Studies: Free Will & Moral Responsibility with Glasgow (KS5)



May 25 @ 11:00 - 12:00 insight4me Media - Focus on Media Language with Reading & 1 Uni TBC (KS5)



May 26 @ 16:15 - 17:15 Pharmacy/ Pharmacology -University Module Insights - UEA & Nottingham (KS5) INFO

May 27 @ 14:00 - 15:00 History: Study Skills for History with Goldsmiths (KS5)

May 27 @ 16:00 - 17:00 Theology & Religious Studies: The Problem of Evil and Suffering with Glasgow (KS5)





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