

Monday 18th October to Friday 22nd October 2021



Headteachers' Blog

Eren Simal

I have to start with Eren Simal, a student who was in the class of 2019. Eren joined us in 2015 from Combs Middle. A quiet, friendly, dutiful young man who bore the horror of an early diagnosis of cancer with incredible strength and resilience. He never complained or sought to have excuses made for him, despite the dogged refusal of his cancer to leave his body. Quite tragically Eren died at the age of 18.

The thoughts and condolences of all our staff go out to Eren's family. Mr Hullett spoke in staff briefing on Monday and asked us all to remember Eren's smile as we went about our day.



Covid Cases

There have been a continued number of positive cases at school, balancing out those returning from infection. We currently have 11 PCR confirmed cases— still not near the numbers in institutions around us, but definitely a continual worry. Straight after half term I am having the whole school 'Bio Fogged.' This is a completely safe procedure that sanitises the air and kills any virus particles either remaining airborne or that have settled on any surface.

The 'fogging' takes place after school hours when the building is empty. It is a process that some much larger organisations have been running for a while now, and so I am convinced that it will add to the strategies and mitigation processes already in place.

Summary

I would like to thank everyone for their support during this half term. The world continues to throw challenges to us all, whether that be shortages on the shelves, at the petrol pumps or in recruitment. School however has proved to be a place of consistency, something I think our students definitely need.

The newsletter has some excellent articles, particularly about maths at Stow High, the excellent Careeriosity event taking place at half term, and also news about a wonderful trip Mr Peckford ran last weekend.

If you get a break at half term, I hope it helps recharge your batteries – if you don't, I hope having your children at home gives you some more quality family time and more hands to do some chores!

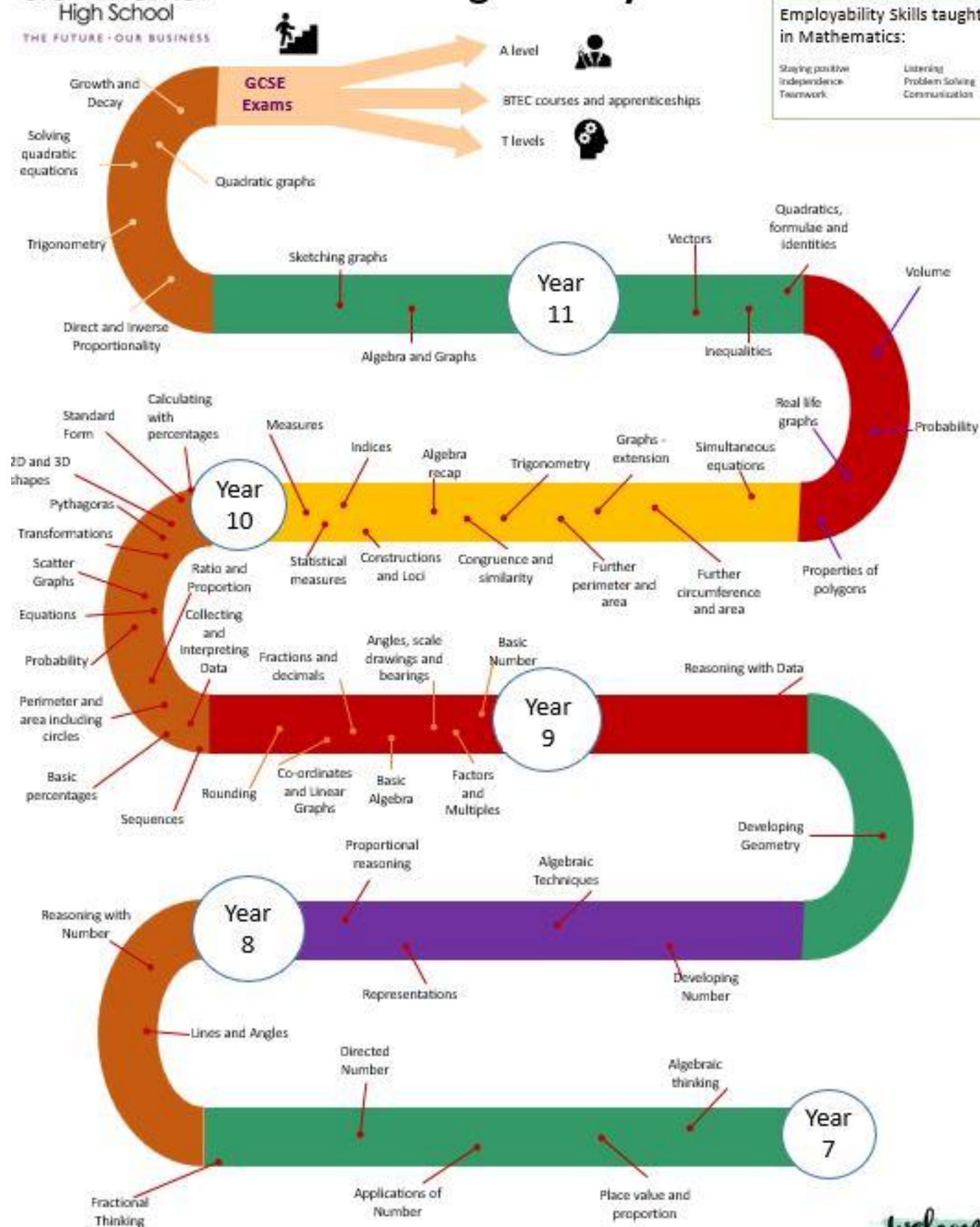
Mr Lee-Allan

Stowmarket High School Mathematics Learning Journey

Employability Skills taught in Mathematics:

Staying positive
Independence
Teamwork

Listening
Problem Solving
Communication



Curriculum News - Mathematics

We believe mathematical intelligence is expandable, and that every child can learn mathematics, given the appropriate learning experiences within and beyond the classroom. Our curriculum map reflects our high expectations for every child. Every student is entitled to master the key mathematical content for their age, by receiving the support and challenge they specifically need.

Our curriculum has three key principles

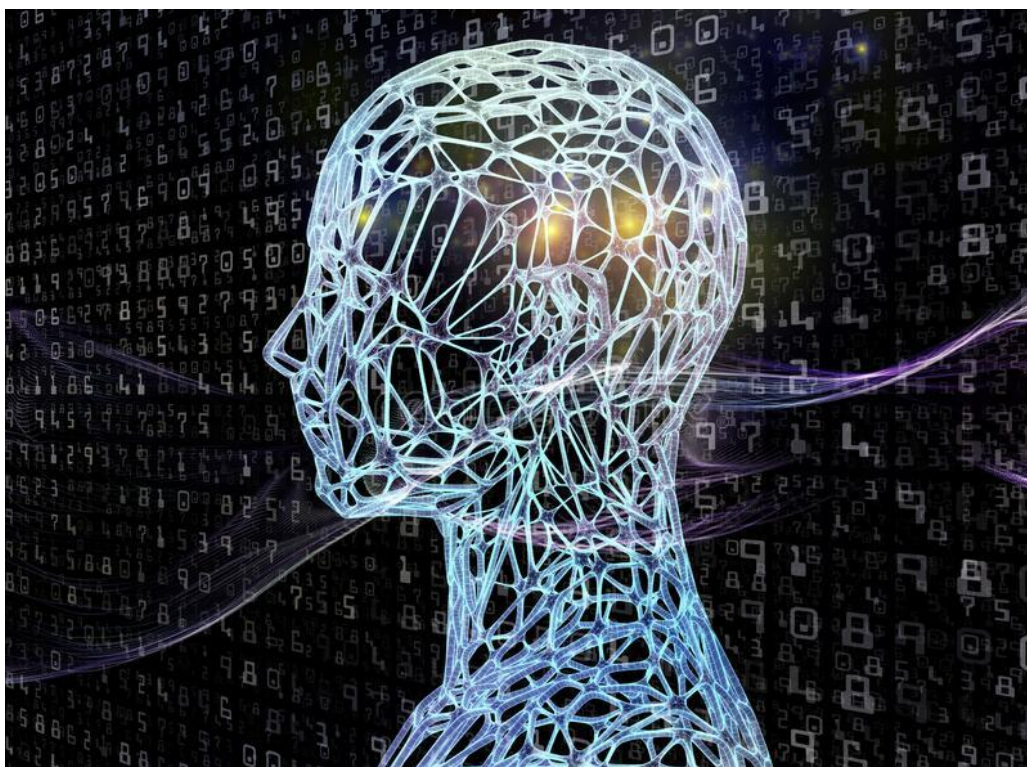
Deep Understanding We achieve this by allowing the pupils to represent concepts in a variety of different ways using both objects and pictures. This is particularly strong in our Key Stage 3 lessons for which we have developed a solid curriculum alongside the use of White Rose Maths

Mathematical thinking. We believe that it is essential for students to develop mathematical thinking in and out of the classroom to fully master mathematical concepts. We want students to think like mathematicians, not just DO the maths.

Mathematical Language. Pupils should be encouraged to use mathematical language throughout their maths learning to deepen their understanding of concepts.

Alongside these three key principles problem solving is at the heart of mathematics. By structuring our curriculum so that all students in a year group are learning the same content at the same time, they have longer to focus on each topic. Our aim is to create the optimal conditions for students to learn through problem solving and to learn to solve problems to develop lifelong transferable skills e.g., finances and taxes.

Throughout our curriculum we also aim to ensure our pupils gain a love and appreciation for all the mathematics around them and will fully enjoy mathematics.



WORKING IN...

MATHEMATICS



EDUCATION

- **HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHER**
Teach academic and vocational subjects at universities and further education colleges.
- **SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER**
Educate young people aged 11 to 16, and up to age 19 in schools with sixth forms.
- **TEACHING ASSISTANT**
Support teachers and help children develop.



FINANCE

- **ACTUARY**
Work with companies and government departments, to help them forecast long-term financial costs and investment risks.
- **INVESTMENT BANKER**
Help companies to raise capital.
- **ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN**
Handle day-to-day financial matters in all types of business.
- **FINANCIAL ADVISER**
Help people and organisations to choose investments, savings, pensions, mortgages or insurance products.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

- **DATA ANALYST**
Identify trends, create models, collect numerical information, and present results.
- **IT PROJECT MANAGER**
Oversee the development and installation of computer hardware and software systems.
- **DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR**
Responsible for data, its availability, security, and accessibility.



MANAGEMENT

- **OFFICE MANAGER**
Oversee the day-to-day running of an office or department.
- **CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER**
Develop service standards, deal with customer enquiries, and manage a customer service team.
- **SECRETARY**
Provide administrative support for all types of organisations. You could work in the public or private sectors or for a charity.



SKILLS REQUIRED

- ability to interpret data
- excellent communication skills
- attention to detail
- problem-solving skills
- excellent presentation skills

SALARY

Finance and investment analysts and advisers:
UK annual median: £37,180

Business and finance associate professionals:
London annual median: £44,644
Top 3 regions: London (£44,644), South East (£35,534),
East of England (£33,420)

PROSPECTS

Business and public service associate professionals:

UK growth: +11.9% from 2017 to 2027, creating 291,903 jobs
London growth: +10.8% from 2017 to 2027, creating 66,826 jobs.

Visit Unifrog's Careers Library for more information!

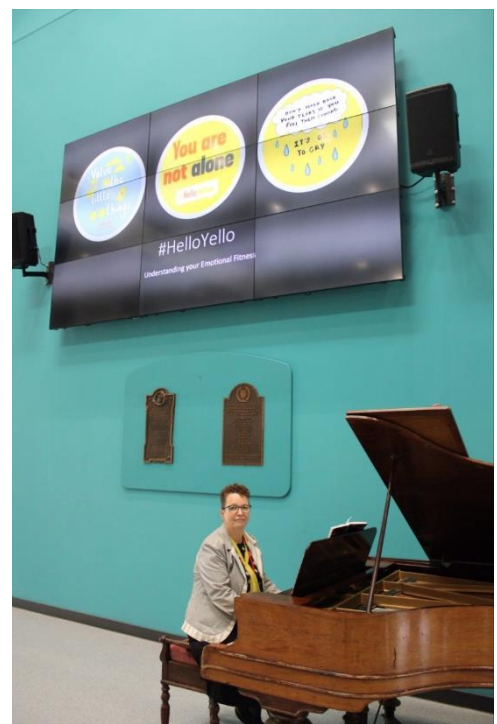
Trip to the National History Museum in London

On Saturday Mr Peckford, accompanied by other members of staff took students on a trip to the National History Museum. The students were excellent, sometimes the impact of such trips is not measurable. Just to be in the capital, seeing different ethnicities, watching a tirade of fire engines fly by us, be amongst large crowds, they seemed to take it all in and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We do hope to be able to offer another trip later in the year.



#HelloYellow

On Friday in school, we celebrated #HelloYellow - World Mental Health Day by asking students and staff to wear yellow accessories. Here are some pictures of staff taken by our photography students.



Careeriosity Festival 2021

Careeriosity Festival 2021 – Transform the way you think about the future!

Have you heard about Careeriosity Festival? It is taking part over the half term holiday and free to attend. Some of the sessions will be running at Stowmarket High School.

Students are being invited to find out how to get a job in film, music or gaming as well as a range of other careers and opportunities during an exciting new festival coming to Stowmarket this half term.

The four-day event, called “Careeriosity” is running between 25 – 28 October, and will bring together a range of organisations and experts including Screen Suffolk, John Peel Centre, Prima Donna Festival, Apprenticeship Suffolk, West Suffolk College, Menta, Kinetic Science, and the Museum of East Anglian Life to showcase some of the vast range of exciting opportunities available to young people here in Suffolk.

The sessions are free to attend and cover a wide range of topics such as event management, music and film production, games development, self-employment sports science, artificial intelligence, and forensics. Aimed at students between the ages of 14-19, sessions will offer practical tips and guidance on different career paths as well as hands-on experience and workshops to provide a taster of the media, tech, and creative job opportunities available in the county. There are also events for aimed at younger students between the ages of 9-12yrs.

While the sessions are free to attend, places must be booked in advance by [visiting the Careeriosity website](https://careeriosity.co.uk).



The poster for Careeriosity Festival 2021 features a purple top section with a white stylized logo of a sun or starburst. Below the logo, the text 'CAREERIOSITY — Festival 2021 —' is written in white. The middle section is red with white and blue text. It asks 'STRIVING FOR A CAREER IN FILM? FASCINATED BY FORENSIC SCIENCE? DRIVEN TO RUN YOUR OWN BUSINESS? CURIOUS ABOUT FUTURE TECH?' and describes it as 'A free festival aimed at young people to find out more about the opportunities that exist in the world of work.' It specifies the dates '25th – 28th October' and provides the website 'careeriosity.co.uk' for booking and more information. The bottom section is white and contains three logos: the European Union European Regional Development Fund logo, the HM Government logo, and the Mid Suffolk Apprenticeship Working Together logo.

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COLOUR RUN 21st OCTOBER

The Colour Run will take place on Thursday 21st October 2021 when we will adopt revised timings to allow for an earlier lunch break to enable the event to take place at 1.50pm. We are asking for a minimum donation of £4.00 per student which includes a donation to the Cardiomyopathy UK Charity and covers the cost of the paint for the Colour Run.

The powder paint used is the same used in Colour Runs in other primary/secondary schools across the country. It is safe to use with people, safe for the environment and easy to clean by brushing off or using water. Further information can be found on <http://www.holicolorpowders.co.uk> under 'cleaning and safety'.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the Colour Run, please ensure they come to school in light coloured tops/sports clothing ready for the run and bring a pair of goggles or sunglasses. Please send your child with a spare change of clothes for those getting the bus home. Should your child not be taking part they should wear their school uniform as normal.

Please pay your minimum £4.00 donation via ParentPay by Monday 11th October 2021. This will automatically enter your child into the run. If you need login details or require financial assistance, please contact the finance office at: finance@stowhigh.com. __

In addition, this time we have set up a Just Giving page for family and friends to sponsor your child in this event. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stowmarkethighschoolcolourrun>



SAVE THE DATE

Stowmarket High School
Christmas Concert will be on
Wednesday, 15th of December

Starting at 6pm

Further information to follow



20th October – Flu Immunisations

21st October – Colour Run

21st October – Year 7 Tripod Evening

22nd October – Non-Uniform Day – Halloween Themed

22nd October – Pumpkin Carving Competition

25th October – Half Term



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