

Monday 29th November to Friday 3rd December 2021



Headteachers' Blog

Covid Update

The latest government advice regarding Covid management strategies for schools was released at the weekend, but Suffolk had pre-empted this by adopting masks in communal areas some weeks ago, so life at school for students at Stow High remains quite 'normal.' I have another role as Chair of the Suffolk Association of Secondary Heads, for which Stowmarket receives a small payment, and so I am often asked to comment on such developments in the press.

My line regarding the latest announcement is firstly to commend Suffolk Council for being an early adopter of these measures, but also to highlight the issue that should Year 11 or 13 students face isolation for being a close contact of someone with the new variant of Covid, then this must add weight to the call for the plan to hold summer exams to be reviewed.

PE

Reading the PE Newsletter that Miss Howland puts together fills me with such pride. When I started at this school PE was an area, like others, a bit down in the dumps. Under the leadership of Mr West, with a team of highly dedicated and passionate staff he has transformed the extra-curricular provision at this school. So many teams, so many opportunities to engage. Most credit must go to the students themselves who volunteer to represent us as a school in a wide variety of sports.

SHELF

Last week I had a visit from some key people, including representatives from Mid Suffolk, and Jo Churchill MP to review progress towards an ambitious plan we have all been working on called SHELF. Stowmarket Health, Education and Leisure Facility aims to use the power of collaboration to be able to provide our school and the local community better health and sporting facilities. We are some way off tangible reward for our efforts, but we are inching closer, so that something that some considered my pipe dream now has a fighting chance of becoming a reality. Great news for everyone.

Time to go, have a lovely week

Mr Lee-Allan

Student Leaders

Miss Howland is leading a revolution at Stowmarket High – a brand new Student Leadership programme. We had already appointed our Headteacher Ambassadors, and they in turn have now appointed the Student Union – details below. Congratulations to every student mentioned here – well done for stepping up and I look forward to working with you and your colleagues.

Head Pupils				
Head Boy: Barnaby Moore		Head Girl: Maddie Chenery		
Deputy Head Pupils				
Deputy Head Boy Oli Lucas		Deputy Head Girl Emily Wright		
Headteacher's Ambassadors (Year 11)				
Mental Health Ambassadors	Equality & Diversity Ambassadors	Charity & Events Ambassadors	Environment Ambassadors	Extra-curricular Ambassadors
Sonny Larke Cerys Price	Rehema Kansonkho Poppy Parry-Ward	Louis Blanchard Danny Bowman	Ruby Elwood Shona Mills	Sam Manning James Broadhurst
The Student Union (Year 7 – 10)				
Mental Health Reps	Equality & Diversity Reps	Charity & Events Reps	Environment Reps	Extra-curricular Reps
Harriet Croft	Violet Ali	Naomi Selby	Lily Craft	Daisy Abbott
Annabelle Harrod	Emma Warner	Joanna Vince	Georgia Lodge	Jude Mason
Ruby Sharpe	Evie Crowfoot	Harrison Hunn	Coraline Thomas	Eve Caldwell
Maisie Moss	Julija Caprina	Gracie Lucas	Camron H	Oliver Owen
Courtney Cunningham	Francis Morris	Erin Mileson	Joseph Firman	George Manser
Katie Walker	Nola Levesley	Amy Cobbold		
	Millie France	Evie Chenery		



Pictured above Jo Churchill MP & members of Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council

Community Tree Planting Event – 2nd December 2021

I am pleased to confirm that we will be taking 20 students across all year groups to this event, which is being held at the Museum of East Anglian Life in Stowmarket. The aim of the day is to plant around 250 trees in the museum's grounds and we have been invited to play our part in the day.

There are still 6 available spaces if you child is interested in taking part, please complete the permission slip and return it to school



Masks

Could we please remind parents that students are now required to wear a mask in all communal areas of the school. Therefore, could you please ensure that your child has a fresh mask to wear each morning.

Testing Kits

Testing kits can be collected every lunchtime from Mrs Millerchip in the Atrium.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is absent from school due to illness or a positive Covid test please call us on 01449 613541 and select option 1, this will take you to an answerphone where you can leave a message. Please do not leave a message just asking us to call you back, leave details of your child's name, form class and reason for absence.

Covid Guidelines

We have received several calls this morning questioning the Covid guidelines, these have not changed and are as follows:

If your child has been in close contact with a positive case, they should test daily with a LFT test and follow up with a PCR 5 days after first contact. So long as their tests are negative, they can continue to attend school.

Donation of School Uniform

Do you have any school uniform that no longer fits your child you would like to donate? We would particularly appreciate PE tops and school blazers. If you can help, please bring the clothing to our school reception.

School Christmas Lunch

If your child would like to order a Christmas Lunch, please remember to complete your order by Tuesday 30th of November. Please log on to ParentPay to make your payment of £3.20. If your child is entitled to a free school meal you are still required to pre-order your meal. There will be other food options available on these days from our 'Grab & Go' section.

Dates for your Calendar

Monday 13th December – Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15th December – Year 7 Cinema Trip – 7S, 7T and 7O

Thursday 16th December Year 7 Cinema Trip - 7W, 7H, 7I and 7G

Thursday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December – Christmas Hamper Competition



Christmas Hamper Competition- Our Tenth Year!

Your son/daughter's form group will be involved in a Christmas hamper competition during the month of December. Every tutor group has been tasked with making and filling a hamper which will be donated to the Stowmarket Food Bank once completed. Our school Christmas hamper project is now into its tenth year.

Your generous gifts of food and presents would be greatly appreciated, at a time in which more vulnerable people are particularly in need. Items should be non-perishable please and could include something from the list below. The food bank will come into school on the last day of term and judge the competition, they will then take the hampers and the contents to the foodbank.



Please choose from our shopping list & donate to the foodbank ~ thanks for your support.

Christmas cakes / Iced fruit bars

Tins of salmon

Tin/carton of custard

Christmas puddings

Boxes of chocolates

Packets of crisps, Twiglets, cheese savouries, etc

Packets of nuts, Pringles

Biscuits for cheese

Christmas chocolate logs

Cartons of fruit juice

Instant hot chocolate

Variety packs of cereals

Tinned ham



**Stowmarket Foodbank, Hillside Community Centre,
Stowmarket, IP14 2BD - 01449 774000**

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