

Monday 25th April to Friday 29th April 2022



Headteachers' Blog

Welcome back everybody. The weather over the Easter break was a real tonic and we all start back at school well refreshed and eager to push on.

Prior to the break we had loads of fun with Easter Egg hunts and decorations, a spontaneous mob dance, cinema trips, basketball tournaments and a trip to the Museum of Food, plus very successful PE practicals. It was an exhausting but rewarding final week.

Over the holiday we were busy running Year 11 GCSE revision sessions, at which the attendance was very positive. Year 11 now hone in on their exam dates, and we will continue to work with them to prepare for this important period of their educational journey. It is an anxious time for all concerned, but we will do everything we can to minimise the stress through careful preparation, practice and well-being support.

I was busy working with local councillors and with officials from Mid Suffolk and Suffolk County on our plans for developing the site – more of this later in the term.

The term starts off with a double dose of Shakespeare on Monday with Macbeth playing to Year 11 and then a Romeo and Juliet workshop for Year 8. On Tuesday we welcome new School Committee members to our induction day. On Thursday and Friday Year 11 Art students undertake their GCSE examination, whilst the Design Technology team begin setting up for their annual Design exhibition. (I have seen the pieces Year 11's have been working on, and the standard is as high as ever.)

Friday sees the Year 11's year group photo being taken, whilst Year 8 netball girls head off to their residential tournament. At the weekend, the students enrolled in the D of E scheme head off on their expedition.

All of that in one week! As you can see, the energy and pace kicks in on the bang! (A Linford Christie reference for those of us old enough to know!)

I am delighted to announce two new members of staff – Mr Ellice is joining the SEND team, and Mrs Fisher is joining our Safeguarding contingent. Welcome to them both.

A quick heads up – next Tuesday, the 3rd of May, I will be holding a parent voice/FOSH meeting at 5pm. If you would like to attend, please email Mrs Miall at m.miall@stowhigh.com.

Have a great week

Mr Lee-Allan

Box Clever Theatre Company

Today the Box Clever Theatre Company performed Shakespeare - Macbeth for our Year 11 students who have their English exam in less than 4 weeks' time and Romeo & Juliet for Year 8 students who studied this last term. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the modern performance and actively engaged in the subsequent workshops. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience live theatre.



Year 11 Group Photos – Friday 29th April 2022

Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on 29th of April 2022, to take the Year 11 Individual & Group Photos.

All Parents are requested to pre-register before the photography date above to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot. Registration only takes a minute. Please visit www.carmeljanesshop.co.uk and enter the following code: **JRYRTU6**

You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register name. Once registered, as soon as the photos are available you will receive an automatic email notification to inform you that your child's photos are now ready to be viewed and can be purchased.

Don't miss out pre-register today!

Please note the group photo will be taken by Green Screen Technology. The new green screen technology used in the year group photos now supersedes the previous style of photos using a large stage set up. The 'green screen' composite photo allows us to capture a clear image of each student and then edit them together negating the need for all the students to be together. This has been important due to Covid and minimizes the time away from the classroom for each student. The resultant photo is the same layout as the traditional style.



Tuesday 26th April – Trip Ormiston Sudbury Academy

Thursday 28th & Friday 29th April – GCSE Art Exam

Thursday 28th April – GCSE Drama Practical Exam

Friday 29th of April – 2022 – Year 11 Group and Individual Photos

Monday 2nd of May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd of May – Parent Voice/FOSH Meeting 5pm – All welcome

Wednesday 4th of May – Trip – The Hold

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Thursday 5th & Friday 6th of May GCSE – Photography Exam

Thursday 5th of May GCSE Drama Written Exam

Thursday 5th of May – Saturday 7th of May - Design Exhibition



DESIGN MAY 2022 EXHIBITION

We are delighted to invite you to our Design Exhibition at Stowmarket High School which is being held in the Main Hall on:

Thursday 5th May	9.00 am—8.00 pm
Friday 6th May	1.30 pm—4.30 pm
Saturday 7th May	9.30 am—Noon

We welcome all pupils, parents and the general public to come to see the excellent work produced by our GCSE students.

Please come to the Student Entrance to sign in where you will then be directed to the exhibition.

Pictured below work from 2021



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