

Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May 2022



Headteachers' Blog

Year 11

In the past, when students left school, they left school, only returning on the days when they had examinations. Times have changed. The pandemic has exaggerated the need to maximise lesson time, and so 'study leave' as it was once known, is no more.

But students deserve their rights of passage, and so on Friday last week we held the official Year 11 final day. Final assemblies, signing of shirts, an alfresco lunch, early departures. Many tears, many hugs and handshakes. As staff we try to find the words to capture the potential in their future paths, we try to inspire and ask them to believe in their destiny. We plead with them to keep revising, and to look after themselves as those daunting exams appear over the hill. It is a strange sense of achievement and sadness that I experience as I sign shirts and wave them goodbye.

Every year group has its unique flavour and tone. As our smallest year group, there has been a unity. There has been the exceptional sporting talents, particularly amongst the girls. There has been the exceptional student leadership of Barnaby and Maddie, and the Headteacher Ambassadors.

Today they return for their first exams, and the marathon starts. As the hall silences, and the 'You can begin' leaves the lips of the invigilator, we wait outside with our fingers crossed. I still have a difficult relationship with examinations. So much pressure on young people, but good results do open doors, at numerous levels. Yet they are only one part of what makes a good citizen, a good employee, a good boss. Year 11 – do your best. Believe in yourself as an individual, and please read the questions carefully!

We are here, with you all, throughout this marathon.

Mr Lee-Allan



Year 11 Photos

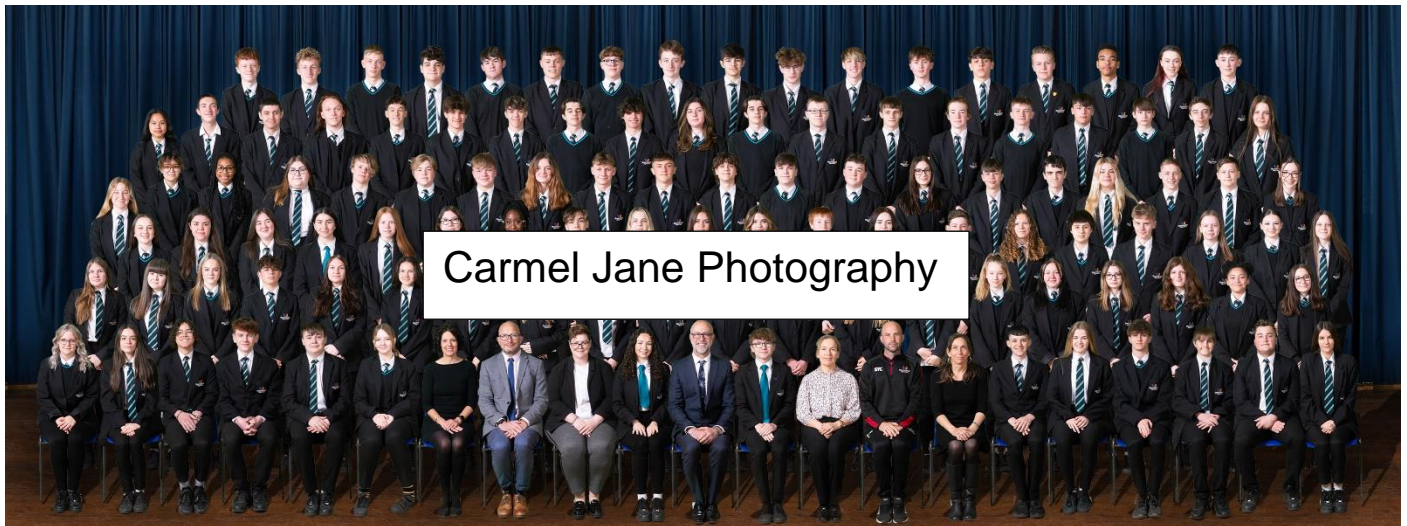


Year 11 Group Photos Are Now Live

Good news your school's Year 11 Individual & Group photos are now available and have been set to selling.

If you have pre-registered you should now have an email with your unique access link. If not please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link: <https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/>

All photographs will be sent straight to home address with free postage and time limited discounts available for the first 14 days.



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Student Jasmine Points Golfing Success – Suffolk Ladies Championship 2022

Congratulations to Jasmine Points in Year 10 who was the winner of the Handicap Match Play. In a hard fought final Jasmine won against Christiane Kubitzek on the 17th – no mean feat when she had to give 11 shots to her opponent.

To see the full story follow: <https://www.suffolkladiesgolf.org.uk/suffolk-ladies-championship-2022-2/>



This last term for food students has been a busy one. **Well done Year 11 Hospitality students:** The year 11 Hospitality and catering pupils have worked incredibly hard to complete their practical exams, despite losing a lot of practical time in year 10 due to lockdowns, they continued to work hard to develop new skills ready for their exams. Pictures below are of their mock exams as we are unable to share their final exam pictures just yet.



Year 10 plating and garnishing: At the same time the year 10s have been developing their plating and garnishing techniques ready for their year 10 mock practical's next half term with the Tunnocks tea cake challenge and sushi.



Inspirational Futures News

At the very end of last term we ended on a high with our Youth Empowerment Conference.

A fantastic event, which brought together students from Year's 7 to 11 in mixed groups to take part in four themes across the day. The future of Employment, The Future of the Environment, The Future of Self and The Future of the School Community.

We had a visual artist who captured the student's ideas, thoughts and emotions of the day, this will be going on display in the atrium after the design exhibition so make sure to check it out.

We had external speakers across each theme and The Mix ran one of their transferable skills workshops. The students were super engaged and initial feedback is very positive, we will look to make this an annual event, a great experience for the students.





Miss Ferguson and Mrs Mylrea took both Year 10 and Year 11 Employability for Life Groups to Asda for a careers related morning.

We were met by Manager Sammy who gave us a great tour of all of the different departments and how they operated, we were set a quiz and students were set a stock refilling task and then treated to pancakes and fruit for their efforts.



Back into school for Advice and a Slice at lunchtime in the LRC, where this week we had Alumni Jake Langford, who has just commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst as a 2 Lieutenant, Royal Army Medical Corps, to command 30 Combat Medical Technicians and professionally qualified personnel, looking towards deployments in Mali and potential future humanitarian aid in the Caribbean, as well as being on standby for any potential future conflicts.

He is currently enrolled in a Defence and International Affairs degree whilst also studying Cultural and Behavioral Science and War Studies. He gave a fantastic session on his career path to date and the students were super engaged and asked lots of questions, he proved so popular he will be back again soon!



Following the NCS presentation in form time on Thursday, Beth from NCS was here to host a pop up drop in during lunchtime for Year 11 in the Atrium. A fantastic programme for Year 11's to get involved in over the summer including a fun residential and a local action project. Great for CV's and College and Uni applications down the line.



Finally this week also saw the Together Project Transferable Skills Team from the Mix back again for a six week course come into deliver a sessions on careers and skills for our Year 10 and 11 Pathway students.

Another great session, delivered by Chloe and Charlotte, with some great interactive exercises. The feedback from the students was super positive and they are very much looking forward to the rest of the sessions over the coming weeks.



What is Happening This Week?

May 2022

16th Young Professional Insight Evening - Jaguar Land Rover
5.00pm – 6.00pm Virtual – Years 10 & 11
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JLR-Event>

25th Joe Stocking – Advice & Slice – Music and Working with the Stars
Royal Philharmonic/Kylie/Glastonbury
(All Years – Booking Required – LRC)



Don't forget if you have any careers related questions, or would like to offer to come in and speak to students about your own career journey, please email our Futures Coordinator Mrs Mylrea, m.mylrea@stowhigh.com

Job of the Week

Oceanographer



The latest Futures Fortnightly Newsletter has also just landed check it out here:

<https://publication.cresign.co.uk/cresign/futures-fortnightly-edition-21?pid=MjQ243797>



Monday 16th May – Year 11 Exams Commence

Friday 20th May – Trip: 7W to Stowmarket Library

Wednesday 25th May – Sports Tour Information Evening Via Teams

Wednesday 25th May – Trip 7T to Stowmarket Library

Thursday 26th May – Year 7 Tripod Evening

Friday 27th May – Non-Uniform Day

Monday 30th May Bank Holiday & Half Term



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