

Monday 13th June to Friday 17th June 2022



Headteachers' Blog

Year 8 students will receive their confirmed option choices this afternoon. Huge efforts go into trying to ensure that students study the courses they have chosen, and for the vast majority of students this is achieved.

Unfortunately, every year some students don't get all of their first choices. The usual reasons are as follows;

- The chosen course is timetabled at the same time as another choice
- Not enough students chose a course and so it is not going to run
- Lots of students chose a course and it is full
- A full course cannot be expanded because of limited specialist rooms

Hopefully this will apply to very limited numbers this year as students were asked to pick more subjects than needed, so they should get a selection of their choices. Fingers crossed for you all.

As the Year 11 examinations continue, news came in of a mistake in the Physics paper.

Quoted from The Student Room website:

The GCSE Physics Higher Tier Paper 1, which was sat on Thursday 9 June, included a question about circuits - even though [AQA's advance information for the exam](#) clearly stated the topic would not be assessed.

The question - which was the final one in the paper and worth nine marks - was about energy transfers and circuits. Although energy transfers were listed in the advance information as being assessed, circuits were listed as not being assessed.

In a statement, AQA says: "To make sure students aren't disadvantaged, we'll be awarding everyone full marks for all parts of the question, which were worth a total of 9 marks. We're really sorry and we're looking at why our checks didn't pick this up. We're also doing extra checks on the advance information and question papers for future exams."

It is frustrating that mistakes in such important examinations happen, however at least the Board have acknowledged the problem and applied a fair remedy.

This week

Amongst the usual busy events calendar, this week we welcome Laura from the Food Museum on Tuesday lunch, Wednesday, Year 9 Graphic students will meet Ogi Damyan, Director of O-Worlds Graphic Animation. On Thursday the Mind and Voice project continues. On Saturday, Mr Peckford gives up his Saturday to take some lucky Year 8's to Thorpe Park, and the arts project run by Mrs Page and Mrs Arnold, 'Jubilant', also continues on Saturday.

Loads going on – I am very proud when I see so many varied opportunities and activities for our students.

At the end of the week we say goodbye to Mrs Mason in attendance - her determination to ensure students are at school has significantly helped raise standards in our school, and her care and effort on behalf of hundreds of families has been exceptional. We wish her well as she takes up a promoted post with the County Education Welfare team.

We also say goodbye to Kay Timmis, Head of the Kitchen. Kay's energy and bubbly personality have combined with her determination to improve the service students receive to make Lillie's a key part of our social experience. Kay is moving on to work in a new charity - we wish her all the very best.

Keith Woodward will not be known to many parents, but as our science technician he has impacted hundreds and hundreds of lessons, supplying teachers and students with all their equipment and chemicals. He is moving onto pastures new, and we would like to thank him for everything he has done.

Have a great week everyone.

Mr Lee-Allan

Fixtures Next Week:

Monday 13th June

- Year 7 Rounders @ Thurston- 3:10pm- 5:00pm (*G.Whitfield*)
- Year 10 Athletics @ Bury Track- 1:30pm-6:00pm (*J.Howland / D.Wise*)

Wednesday 15th June

- Year 9 Rounders @ Ormiston Sudbury- 2:30pm- 6:30pm (*G.Whitfield*)
- Year 8 Rounders @ Thurston- 2:45pm-5:30pm (*J.Howland*)

Thursday 16th June

- Year 10 Rounders @ SHS- 3:10- 5:00 (*J.Howland / G.Whitfield*)

Friday 17th June

- KS1 Sports Leaders Event @ SHS

Jubilant Project 2022

Having been approached initially by Liz Downie from the Jubilant Project, we were given several options to collaborate with an exciting creative initiative in Stowmarket in the summer. I put in my bids for our Arts students to work with professional creative producers during the 12 week project and we were given an exciting filmmaking & podcast assignment alongside the Sudbury based company 'Offshoot' and a creative writing challenge to work with the very talented James McDermott, a young scriptwriter & poet based in East Anglia.

Students from the year nine Art, Photography, Drama and Music groups were given the opportunity to take part and team up with the inspirational film making company inspired by the prospect of a future career in the film industry, film production or directing, they have all risen to the challenge and worked incredibly professionally during the last 2 months. This week's workshop was no exception, they filmed, directed, and recorded the year 8 creative writers during their morning workshop & lecture from James McDermott.

The resulting footage along with recording of the entire production process, will be assembled and spliced with still images and podcasts from students, staff and guests. It will combine with additional visual, performance art input to enhance the literary content, to make a final documentary-style film. The resulting piece will be presented at the 'Jubilant Project' in July and then at the annual 'Primadonna' festival during the summer holiday. Our talented creative crew have been invited to attend and represent the youth of Stowmarket. They'll be brilliant!



Jubilant!

Saturday 18th June – Trip to Thorpe Park

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Friday 24th June – Year 10 Student Life Ambassador Mental Health Training

Monday 27th June – Uniform Sale for Year 6 Transition Students

Tuesday 28th June – Trip to Wimbledon

Wednesday 29th June – Trip for Form 7S to Jump, Ipswich

Thursday 30th June – Year 11 Prom

Friday 1st July – School Closed for additional Jubilee Bank Holiday

Monday 4th July – Year 10 Field Trip to Southwold

Monday 4th July – Year 6 Transition Day

Tuesday 5th July – Year 10 Field Trip to Southwold

Tuesday 5th July – Year 6 Transition Day

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Friday 8th July – Sports Awards



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