

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022



## Headteachers' Blog

### Welcome Back

I hope you all had a thoroughly restful and enjoyable half term, made special with the Jubilee celebrations.

We return full of energy and drive into our final half term – a half term that brings the continuation of formal public examinations for Year 11, transition events for our new students, Sports Days, Celebration Award Breakfasts, Futures events and residential trips and much, much more.

Firstly, a reminder that summer uniform rules now apply, meaning that students do not need to wear a blazer anymore, however the rules regarding non-uniform hoodies and jumpers still applies. Typically, the weather this week doesn't look so great, but I will take the opportunity to remind everyone to stay safe in the sun, wearing caps outdoors, sunscreen and to drink plenty of water.

### Mrs Wellham

Mrs Wellham joined us in 2010 as Health and Social Care Instructor, having previously worked as a Senior Support Worker, a PA, an Ambulance Care Assistant (looking after ambulances??) and a Licensing Officer for Suffolk Coastal District. On her application form it will come as no surprise to any of us that one of her achievements was being nominated as the Adult Learner of the Year in 2009. For many years Mrs Wellham developed an enviable reputation in her teaching of Health and Social Care, and also with her award-winning work with Young Carers.

It was therefore an easy decision to make Mrs Wellham Director of Social Science in September 2017. Mrs Wellham grew into an excellent leader, holding together and greatly improving the range of disciplines under her wing. All of this was done with her inherent good nature, calmness and support, but most importantly an iron will to make sure things were done properly.

Unfortunately, the closure of the Sixth Form resulted in the disbanding of this faculty, and the new path of Head of Year opened up for her. Once again, after a cautious start, Mrs Wellham has firmly established herself in the hearts and minds of her students and her tutor team as a highly determined, caring, considerate and compassionate leader, with no other thought other than ensuring her charges get the best deal possible.

Regrettably for us, but fortunately for the disadvantaged youth of France, Mrs Wellham has taken the extraordinary step of moving abroad and setting up a home to support the most economically challenged students within the French system. Her care is going international.

So, we wave goodbye and say our thanks, and move onwards, with Year 10 now under the highly experienced leadership of Mrs Dolby and Mr Rourke Beasley.

Change is a strange influencer. Many worry about change, and some desperately try to avoid it, but it is an unstoppable force, and brings with it new opportunities, ideas and energy. As a leader of a school, I strive to lead change, to prepare for it, and to bend with it when it takes a sharp and unexpected turn.

So here is looking forward to Half Term 6 – full of opportunities and, hopefully, warmed by a glorious summer.

Mr Lee-Allan

### **The Queens Platinum Jubilee**

We would like to remind you that schools were allowed to choose their own date to have the additional bank holiday, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. To minimise disruption to Year 11 during their exams, it was decided we would have our additional bank holiday on **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July**, therefore the school will be closed on this day.





## Jubilee Celebrations

The last day of term we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a red, white, and blue themed non-uniform day and a bake sale. Thank you to everyone who took part, we raised £205.00 to be donated to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.



## Inspirational Futures News

We are excited to be back for another half term full of exciting careers related activities.

### Year 9 Parents – Take Your Child to Work Day – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Please remember to sign up [HERE](#) for the Year 9 Take Your Child to Work Day which is happening on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022. If you have any queries, please email Mrs Mylrea on [m.mylrea@stowhigh.com](mailto:m.mylrea@stowhigh.com)

At the end of the last half term, we were delighted to host Mr Joe Stocking, Head of Music at West Suffolk College into school. He talked to students about his career highlights to date including working with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Kylie Minogue, and at Glastonbury. He explained how WSC students have had the opportunities to work with stars such as Ed Sheeran and Adele.

Joe talked about the importance of being multi skilled when it came to playing instruments and discussed which instruments, he recommended students to learn to play, for example if they were going to learn guitar make it a bass guitar as there is a shortage of them. If they were learning piano, then to train to sing too.

At the college students learn how to create tracks from scratch, write and mix music and how to get sponsors.

The college they have a new WW2 themed recording studio called 'The Bunker', with LED lights. We have been offered a tour of the college so keep your eyes out for details this half term for all our budding music stars.







Don't forget to encourage your children to sign up for this week's Advice & Slice session which is held on Wednesday in the LRC at lunchtime.

The signup sheet is outside Mrs Mylrea's office in the LRC, or email [m.mylrea@stowhigh.com](mailto:m.mylrea@stowhigh.com) to secure your place.



## Sessions


**Wednesday 8th June 2022 - 12.30pm**  
Annabele Osborne, Neaco Art Champion

**Creative Careers Workshop**

All in the LRC at lunchtime please let Mrs. Mylrea know in the LRC Office or email her on [m.mylrea@stowhigh.com](mailto:m.mylrea@stowhigh.com) to make sure that we have enough Dominos Pizza

### What is Happening This Week?

#### June 2022

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| 8 <sup>th</sup>  |  | Annabel Osborn – Advice & Slice & Design a Logo – Creative Careers<br>(All Years – Booking Required – LRC)            |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> |   | Year 10 Trip to Suffolk Rural Experience Day  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> |   | Careers in the Curriculum – Year 9 Graphic Products – Period 3<br>Ogi Damyan – Director, O-Worlds, Graphic Animation  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> |   | Careers in the Curriculum – Year 10 Graphic Products – Period 5<br>Ogi Damyan – Director, O-Worlds, Graphic Animation |

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](mailto:m.mylrea@stowhigh.com)

## Job of the Week

### RECYCLING OFFICER



## Places have become available for our Year 8 Bawdsey Trip

Before half term students received further information on our end of year residential trip to Bawdsey Manor. There are a couple of places now available, so if your child is not booked on but is now interested, please do contact [g.whitfield@stowhigh.com](mailto:g.whitfield@stowhigh.com) ASAP to confirm a place.



Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Trip 7O to Stowmarket Library

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Trip 7W to Stowmarket Library

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Year 10 Trip to Suffolk Rural Experience Day

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Trip to Thorpe Park – Year 8 (letter to follow)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Student Life Ambassador Mental Health Training

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Uniform Sale for Year 6 Transition Students

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Trip to Wimbledon

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Trip for Form 7S to Jump, Ipswich

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Prom

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – School Closed for additional Jubilee Bank Holiday



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