



Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July 2022

Headteachers' Blog

Last week was busy, but my goodness this week is even busier.

Last week we welcomed our new Year 7 and their two days were a great success – we are really looking forward to them joining us in September.

We also ran numerous trips and activities, including the Year 10 Geography coursework trips to the coast, the Harry Potter trip, and the excellent careers interviews for our Year 10 students, working with a range of super helpful local companies and employers. If this was not enough, we also had a Year Nine music concert, careers in engineering and Timberwolf visits, plus the amazing Sports Awards with special guest, Olympic and Commonwealth boxer Anthony Ogogo. Still not complete, we had 4 ex-students who started their Silver D of E prior to the pandemic, supported by staff, taking their expedition in the Peak District over the weekend: Kye Mayhew, Toby France, Charlie Owen and James Griggs.

I asked my staff at the start of the year to make sure we were providing more joy in our curriculum, and goodness have they responded.

This week sports days dominate at the start of the week, but we also see the return of Abbots Hall Primary who are spending 3 days in our Main Hall rehearsing and performing Peter Pan. We then see the culmination of other projects, the Jubilant Arts work, a Dialect workshop, art workshop days for three year groups and the Mind and Voice project culminates with a performance on Thursday afternoon.

Students will also see a presentation from Mid Suffolk colleagues regarding the plans for the development of sports facilities on the site, and we hope that they will contribute to the surveys we are sending out. Parents and the general public will be given access to these surveys a little further down the line, but in the meantime I am very excited that this ambitious project builds momentum.

On top of this we have numerous interviews as we continue to seek staff for September, right up to the wire!

Hot weather

A reminder that for Monday and Tuesday, as sports days are running I have said that students can wear PE kit, however on Wednesday we are back in school uniform. It is likely that I will remove the requirement to wear ties if this heat persists, but students should bring them in just in case. Our health advice is to wear sun protection, sun hats and to drink lots of water, and to take advantage of the shade wherever possible, particularly during sports days.

Year 9 Music Concert



Sports Awards



Donations from Stowmarket High School to The DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

We are really proud to announce that we have now donated £1,800 to DEC Ukraine, this is money raised from our non-uniform days and charity events. Thank you to you all.



Pre-worn, loved school uniform

As a school we are trying to improve our environmental footprint and want to do all we can to support sustainability. We are also conscious of the need to reduce the overall cost of our uniform, the pressure this can put on families at hot spot times of the year is apparent.

Considering both these factors we have decided to launch a school uniform shop that is based around pre-loved and cared for uniform. The shop will sell the more expensive or bespoke/branded items on our uniform list:

- Blazers
- Ties
- (PE) Hoodies
- Jumpers
- PE tops and shorts/skorts

We would very much appreciate it if you have any pre - worn, loved uniform from the list above that your child could bring into school over the next week. If you are a year 11 parent with no younger siblings, we would love to take their old uniform to sell on. Please can you send uniform via your child to student services as soon as you possible can.

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Warm Weather – Water Bottles

This week the weather is set to be very warm, please make sure that your child comes to school with a water bottle, these can be refilled breaktime and lunchtime from the water fountains.

Introducing our new Attendance Officer

We would like to introduce our new Attendance Officer who started with us this week, Jessica Perry. Jessica has joined us from Thurston Community College. For any future attendance related emails and absence requests please email: j.perry@stowhigh.com



Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th July – Sports Day

Tuesday 12th July – Sports Day

Thursday 14th July – HPV Catchup Immunisations Yr 8, 9 and 10

Thursday 14th July – Mind & Voice Project Final Performance

Thursday 14th July – Year 8 Tripod Evening

Friday 15th July – PGL Residential Trip

Tuesday 19th July – End of Term & Non-Uniform Day