

Monday 20th June to Friday 24th June 2022



Headteachers' Blog

Celebration Breakfasts

This week we see the welcome return to Celebration Breakfasts. We developed this concept a number of years ago, where we wanted to celebrate students who had consistently performed well and to also thank their parents who undoubtedly contributed their part of the tripod 'deal'. More traditional processes would involve big evening events and students being marched up to the stage, a process many said they found quite challenging. Up steps the Celebration Breakfast concept – a low key but personal thank you to students and their families. We have one every morning this week bar Friday, and I look forward to welcoming guests.

Hot weather uniform

Last week saw temperatures rise, and with that the challenges of teaching and learning, examinations and office work in warm, uncomfortable environments. Overall, the school community did well, and we all survived! It was disappointing that a number of students attempted to create their own uniform rules (wearing PE kit on Friday) by using the excuse of 'it said it on social media'. They were quickly put right and we soon had them back in uniform.

To be clear, if I am going to change such an important rule, I will tell families directly, by email and on our website. Do not get taken in by your child trying to convince you without that contact from myself.

I did allow students to take their ties off after lunch on Friday, but that was an exception and for now normal summer uniform rules continue to apply.

A few key points that I would appreciate you talking through with your child at home regarding the hot weather;

- Please bring plenty of water, but use it appropriately. Abuse of this essential resource will not be tolerated.
- Fill up bottles before school, between lessons and at breaks and lunch. Staff have been told to stop students leaving lessons to fill up water bottles.
- Take advantage of the shade during lunch and break
- Bring sun protection in a separate plastic bag to stop it leaking in school bags
- Sun hats are allowed at break and lunch.

I do hope that by posting this message, I haven't cursed summer!

Over the weekend Mr Peckford ran the Year 8 trip to Thorpe Park, and Mrs Arnold and Mrs Page continued their work with the arts project 'Jubilant.' I look forward to receiving the reports of both these events.

This week we have two events working with the recently re-named Museum of Food, Careers Conventions, Engineering Careers presentation and Year 10 Sports Leader training, plus invites going out to students who wish to become Diversity Ambassadors.

“Got to go, I’m running out of change, there’s a lot of things, If I could I’d rearrange...”

Earworm.

Have a great week everyone, and I hope the industrial action doesn’t affect any of you too much.

Mr Lee-Allan

Year 8 Celebration Breakfast today



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.

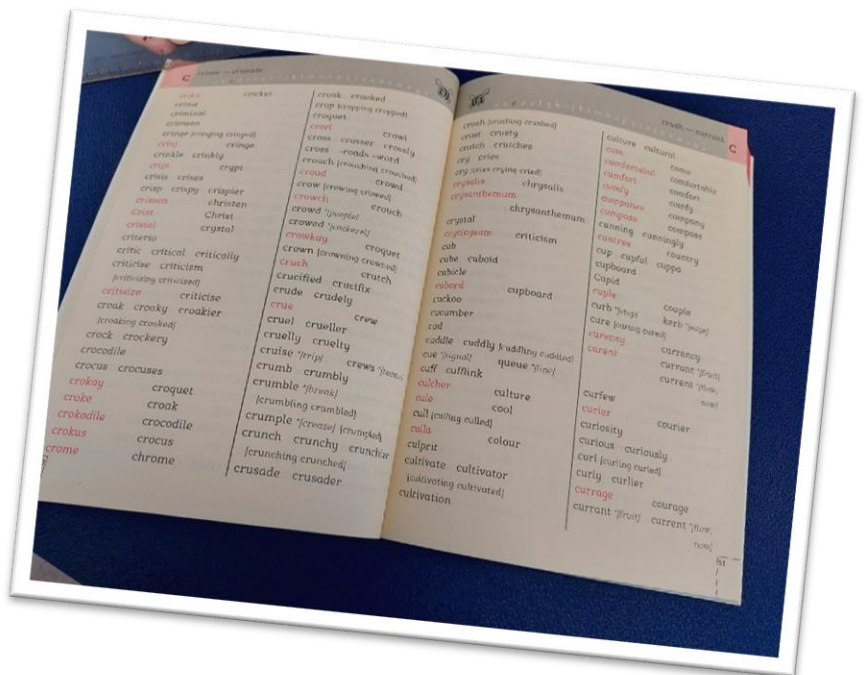
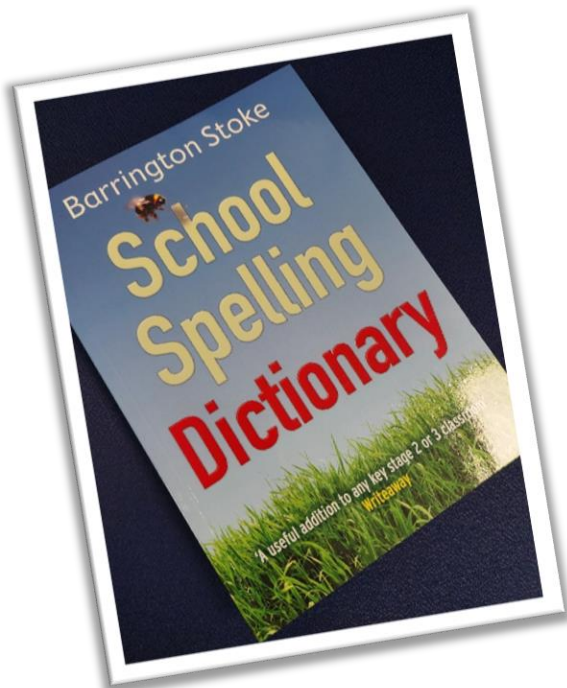
Considering both these factors we have decided to launch a school uniform shop that is based around pre-loved and cared for uniform. The shop will sell the more expensive or bespoke/branded items on our uniform list:

- 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.

New department in our Learning Resources Centre

With the help of our SEND Advocates we now have a section of our library with books aimed at students with Dyslexia. The school has purchased some new Dictionaries which not only tell you how to spell a word it also shows you how the word is actually pronounced.



Inspirational Futures News

Careers in the Curriculum – Graphics

Last Wednesday the Year 10 and Year 11 Graphic Design Students were treated to a visit from Ogi Damyán, Director of O-Worlds and a specialist in the graphics, art, animation and VR fields.

Mr Duszynski stated “Ogi was brilliant and is a really inspiring individual for students to gain an insight into graphic design opportunities in the future. I think he hit a real chord with a handful of students too.

I've benefited hugely from talking to him and getting information about several bits of software we could look to explore and use in the future too.

I've already said it would be great for us to keep in touch and make use of his expertise in the future.

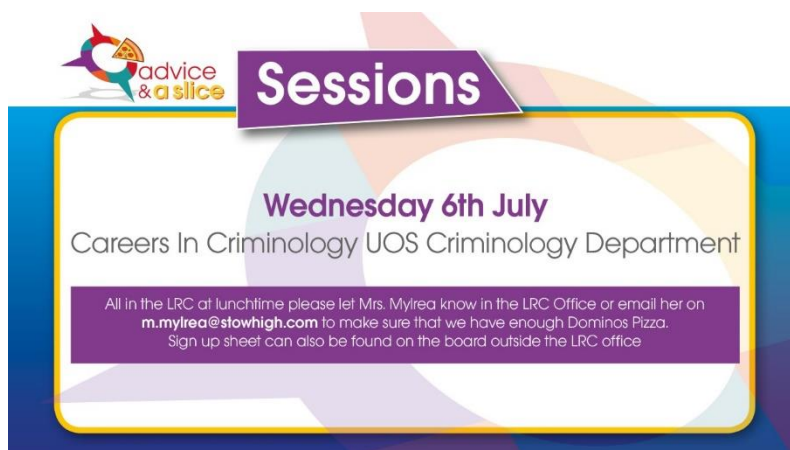
Thanks ever so much for this one, definite a Futures win”





Don't forget to encourage your children to sign up for Advice & Slice sessions which are 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 to secure your place.



What is Happening This Week?

June 2022

- 20th Careers in the Curriculum – Year 10 Engineering – Period 1
Josh Finbow, Jackson Civil Engineering, Gateway 14 Project
- 23rd Careers Convention 2022 – Trinity Park
- 23rd Young Professionals International Women in Engineering Day Virtual Event
5.00pm – 6.00pm – Years 9, 10 & 11
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Women-Engineering>
- 29th Chilton Primary School Careers Day
Talk by Claire Broxton and Melenie Mylrea
9.00am – 10.00am
- 29th Year 10 E4L Group - P1/P2
Guest Speaker Mrs Gail Johnson, Careers in the Aviation Industry



Job of the Week

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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

Tuesday 5th July – Year 6 Transition Evening

Friday 8th July – Sports Awards



Fixtures Next Week:

Monday 20th June

- Year 9 Rounders @ TCC (3:30-5:30pm) *J.Howland*

Tuesday 21st June

- Year 8 Rounders County Finals @ SHS (2:00- 5:00pm) *J.Howland/ G.Whitfield*
- Year 9 Volleyball @ Castle Manor (2:00-5:30pm) *D.Wise*

Wednesday 22nd June

- Year 9 Rounders vs Sybil Andrews @ SHS (3:10-4:30pm) *J.Howland*

Thursday 23rd June

- Year 10 Rounders County Finals @ SHS (2:00- 5:00pm) *J.Howland/ G.Whitfield*

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Reporting of any absence requests or medical appointments

As you are aware Mrs Mason our previous attendance officer left us on Friday.

Therefore, if you need to report your child's absence due to a medical appointment or wish to request a holiday please email Mrs N Goss: n.goss@stowhigh.com

Please continue to report student sickness by calling 01449 613541, select option 1 and leave a message.