



Monday 20th June to Friday 24th June 2022

Headteachers' Blog

Last week saw the reintroduction of Celebration Breakfasts, and what a delight they were. We came up with the idea of the breakfasts as a way of celebrating the 'tripod' principle – student success being achieved by the student, home and the school working well together. We also wanted to use time efficiently, and so a short but classy breakfast rather than a long evening of hand clapping and speeches seemed to fit the bill.

The pandemic obviously stopped these celebrations, and so we wanted to revive them because when we looked back at the events that we used to run in the old school these always were a favourite. So, the Heads of Year were asked to do the most difficult thing and select ten students who have stood out for their hard work, community contribution, resilience, leadership or any other quality that has resulted in success this year. Of course, the Heads of Year could have chosen many more, and they looked rather aghast when we asked them to list just ten, but they did, and the breakfasts were run each morning last week. What a delight they were. It was lovely to meet the families and to chat over a croissant and a coffee (although I have got to do something about the thimble sized cups!)

Congratulations to the following students and their families on being selected. I look forward to celebrating with many more families in the future.

YEAR 7
Ralphie Allocca
Ruby Abbott
Senna Bloomfield
Charlie-Rose Bloomfield
Pip Cook
Evie Goddard
Mollie Culum
Jack Rodger
Coraline Thomas
Chloe Howard
YEAR 8
Jack Peckham
Amber Weaver
Naomi Selby
Korbon Johnson
Tamas Lejtenyi
Evan Simpson
Clara Owen Stiff
Bailey Whitehall
Magnus Mc Millan
Fiona Jones

YEAR 9
Violet Ali
Josie Buck
Harriet Carr
Amy Cobbold
Natalia Carlile
Harrison Hunn
Jake Manser
Joseph Clarke
Adam Hooper
Max Barnes
YEAR 10
Grace Davis
Nola Levesley
Evalyn Castle
Olivia Castle
Mollie Tuson
Liam Sims
Alex Rodger
Toby Loram
Jake Meads
Tommy Lowes

Recruitment

I wrote recently that this time of year presents many challenges as Headteachers look to ensure a full staffing compliment for the next academic year. I have had a few wins, but the search goes on for a number of key teaching positions. Polish the binoculars, send out the hounds, and lift those rocks.

Covid

We are seeing a slight rise in numbers, both in staff and students, and we are receiving numbers of calls about our Covid protocols around absence management. If a child tests positive, they remain off school for 5 days and if they are then feeling better and have no symptoms, they may return to school. Negative tests are no longer necessary. As they are unwell, there is not an expectation that they complete schoolwork.

This week

A Wimbledon trip, a finance trip, a reward trip to 'Jump', two Year 9 Tripod evenings, food exams, meetings with catering contract tenders, Year 11 Prom and uniform sales for the new Year 7, amongst many things.

Better get on with it!

Have a lovely week everyone, and as ever, thank you for your support. It is the support that gets us through and makes the real difference.

Mr Lee-Allan

Graphic Design Newsletter

It has been a fantastic last few weeks in Graphic Design at Stowmarket High School. Off the back of our Design Exhibition, where the best of our students work was on show, there has been a real drive for producing outstanding out.

Our Year 7's have been producing their own album covers and exploring how colour, imagery and typography play an important part in creating styles and themes that can communicate a wide range of music genres. There has been some fantastic imagination on offer from a large number of students. Below is a small taste of what has been produced.



Work by Cori Cooper, Chloe Howard, Alex Stubberfield & Isla Godfrey

The Year 8's have been developing their CAD skills and using our laser cutter to produce their earphone wraps. So many students have shown fantastic creativity and problem solving skills to turn their initial ideas into working products.



Work by Jack Peckham, Conrad Bezants, Finlay Bagg, Naomi Selby, Nedilina Nedeva, Evie Brown & Charlotte Buckle

Our Year 9's have recently started their opening piece of coursework that gets them exploring the use of the design components (colour, tone, line, type, imagery & composition). They proved to show outstanding experimentation skills when exploring with colour in both traditional and computer-aided design activities to come up with ideas for how it could be used in their new packaging designs. More to come on this later next year.



The Year 10's have been going from strength to strength and are currently studying the work of recognised designers from around the world and attempting to work in their style. I have been so impressed with their work on the illustrators Pablo Lobato and Quentin Blake I have struggled to select which examples to show.



Work by Rhea Dilworth, Lillia Prior, Liam Sims, Isla King, Rebecca Morris, Katie Cutts & Eunice Belen

Our Year 9 and 10 students have recently also benefitted from a the visit of a local graphic design and visual effects artist. Ogi visited both groups and showed them some of the work he has recently been focused on as a specialist in graphics, art, animation and VR fields. After watching his impressive work, he continued to support our students by highlighting how the world of virtual and augmented reality is starting to become increasing popular and the demands for designers is going to surge as more and more applications for this technology grow.

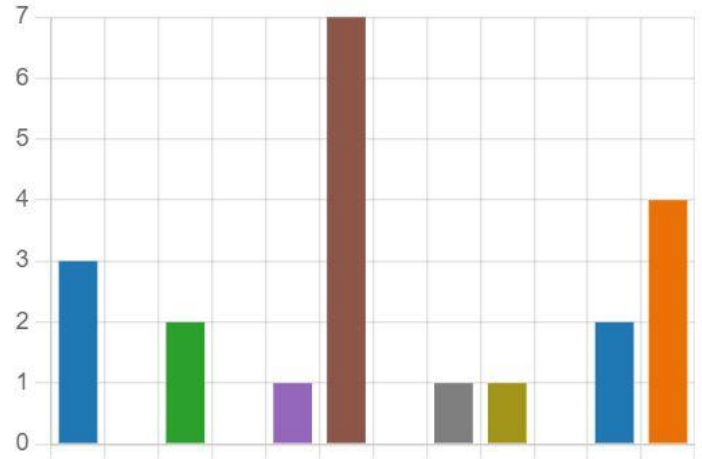


And finally, we say goodbye to our Year 11 students who have now come to the end of their course and time at Stowmarket High School. It has been a pleasure teaching these guys and to see their ability and creativity grow over the years. I wish you every success in the future and hope you look back on your time at the school fondly.

Year 9 Business Studies

We would like to share the outcome of the second £15 charity investment from our Easter £10 challenge with you. This time with the business group 9C. It was quite competitive between John and Jesus...

● Sandra Mariela	3
● Eduardo Fernando	0
● Melessa	2
● Albert	0
● Julani	1
● John John	7
● Ruby	0
● Chimwemwe	1
● Naeem	1
● Piedras	0
● Shahid rasoo	2
● Jesus	4



You can see his business plan here: <https://lendwithcare.org/loans/63326>

That is all our charity money invested now.

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.

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

Wednesday 29th June – Year 9 Tripod Evening

Thursday 29th June – Year 9 Tripod Evening

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



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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.