

Headteachers' Newsletter

Monday 8 May 2023 – Friday 12 May 2023



Last week we saw Design Technology's second year of 11-16 Design Show work, and after the resounding success of last year the team have once again produced an extraordinary crop of products. It was a privilege to be led round Resistant Materials work by Mr Hawkins, Graphics and Engineering by Mr Duszynski, and Textiles by Miss Addison as they each pointed out the complexities of the designs and in many cases the barriers the students have overcome to produce such high quality material. It was a tour of some of the very best of our school.



Supporting us and awarding prizes are a wide array of local employers – Bennet Homes, Timber Supplies, Molls and Dolls, Young Furniture Makers, Breheny, Jackson Engineering, Timberwolf, BRIX Brand and Creative, Spi-Des-ign, West Suffolk College, TMJ interiors and Precon Products. My thanks to all those employers for sponsoring us and taking the time to view and judge student work.

Design Technology is not without its academic challenge, and so it is too simplistic to say it is suited to those who struggle in more academic subjects. However, it does allow those who are better at working practically to demonstrate real success, and the DT team are experts at nurturing that.

To all those who visited, including some of our local primary partners, thank you for taking the time to support our young design superstars.



CEO

Our CEO in waiting, Craig Morrison, joined the rest of the Trust leadership team last Wednesday for his first meeting and visit to Stowmarket. I was very proud to show him round twice during the day, explaining our history, our successes and our challenges. It was great timing to be able to show Mr Morrison and all my guests the Design Show – an added bonus. Of course, the topic of Ofsted was discussed and I came away with some sense of how he will be supporting us as we re-frame and rebuild. Mr Morrison takes up his post in September.

Handball

Huge congratulations to the U'15 girls handball team, who have battled their way through to the English National Finals.

They played schools from all over the Region and dominated in their initial group stage. They won all three of their group games, beating Swavesey Village (10-5), Branston (3-2) and WBS (7-6).

After winning their group stage, they faced Sprowston in the Semi-Final. They also dominated this, winning 7-1 and sending them into the final!

In the final they played Ashfield (last year's National Runners-Up). A nervous start meant Ashfield took a big lead and at half time Stow were down 2-8. The girls had a much better second half but despite their efforts they could not catch their huge lead and the final scored finished 9-6. Both first and second place have qualified for the National Finals so the girls are looking forward to the rematch!



Squad: Chloe Taylor (GK), Harriet Croft, Eve Caldwell, Jasmine Randell, Martha Hardcastle, Milly Healy, Gracie Lucas, Evie Chenery, Georgia Lodge, Maerhyn Bishop.

Friday Breakfast Winners

Congratulations to all of the following students selected to attend our Friday Celebration Breakfast due to their exceptional achievements and hard work:

Roman Jarrold
Kara Burgess
Evie Harrison
Theo Donovan

Ralphie Allocca
Teddy Allen
Jack Brown
Katie Barnes

Seth Peachment
Bailey Whitehall
Jasmine Miles
Evie- May Emerick

Harley Godbold
Harrison Hunn
Ruby Wright
Evie Woodger

Paige Doe
Harvey Tatton
Andrew Parr
Courtney Cunningham

Georgia Durrant
Braydon Chapman
Tom Catchpole

Danielle Taylor
Olly Knock
Caitlin Buxton

Julija Moisejenko
Zack Stacey
Harley Fulcher

Mya Lowe
George Manser
Aubrey Lawday

Camron Hamfleet
Tabitha Plowman
Nicole Fensome



Have a great weekend everyone – thank you for your support

Mr Lee-Allan

Please click on the link below for information regarding vaccinations by East Anglia NHS and their clinics that are available.

[Vaccinations](#)

FOSH

We've now had a good few meetings with a small group of committee members and have well and truly got the FOSH back underway! We aim to raise money to help the school buy the extra things they would like and creating school and wider community events. Already this school year we have attended 4 events, selling refreshments at the Christmas Carol Concert and 3 Matilda performances, these were a great success and big thanks to everyone that helped out.

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Upcoming we have a Family Quiz Night on 7th June at the school, all welcome - kids, grannies and friends! Tables of 8 available via the entry form on a separate letter.

TRANSITION EVENING

On 4th July FOSH will have a refreshments stall at the parents transition evening helping to welcome new parents to the school.

STOWMARKET CARNIVAL

In July we are joining in the Stowmarket Carnival with a float and stall, and are looking forward to getting the students involved designing and being on the float, and promoting the school in our town. Any students or adults that wish to help out or to be on the float please let Mrs Shaw know via the school office or email: FOSH@stowhigh.com.

A REQUEST FOR PAST STOW HIGH STUDENTS!

The carnival float theme is 'Past, Present & Future'. If anyone has any old green uniform (jumpers/ties/PE tops) we can borrow for the students on the float to represent the 'past' of the school please get in touch via the school office or email: FOSH@stowhigh.com

Looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

Paul Bearman FOSH Chair

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