

Headteachers' Fortnightly Newsletter

Tuesday 5 September 2023 – Friday 8 September 2023



Hello All

Welcome to the first edition of the Stowmarket Newsletter for 2023-24.

It has been a privilege to be made to feel so welcome by the staff and students as the new Headteacher. As any new year starts, there are feelings of anxiety and pressure to make a good first impression and a strong start – I feel this as much as the students this year!

My experience to date has been from working in 3 London based schools that all faced their own challenges over the years to make necessary improvements and to be a school that was regarded for its quality education, approach to behaviour and high expectations and where tolerance, respect and kindness was explicit.

As the Headteacher of Stowmarket High, I stand for positivity, hope and integrity and believe that communication and strong relationships are vital in ensuring that high expectations exist and where challenge is proportionate. We all at Stowmarket High acknowledge that mistakes will be made, but it is how we respond, learn and grow from them that will help us to strive to be the best versions of ourselves.

Whilst there are basic expectations in and around school to my mantra to students is 'Work Hard and Be Kind'. For some these may be more challenging, therefore I ask in advance for your support to ensure that a consistent message is echoed at home and school to ensure students thrive at Stowmarket High and that they utilise the tools and teachers around them to do the right thing and seek support when necessary and fulfil their potential.

In both my staff and student assemblies I drew on the challenges and the successes of the England women's team, in particular Mary Earps where she talks about almost giving up on her football career and that it just takes one person (her coach) to approach things in a different way, guide you and challenge you to be better. So, I leave you with this quote from her: 'there is only one you in the world, you are more than good enough, be unapologetically you'.

I am committed to you and your families and look forward to meeting you over the coming months at parent events, school productions and events.

Ms Hernandez.

Drama

Theatre trip spaces!

The drama department are running a theatre trip to watch 'Blood Brothers' on Thursday 21 September 2023. A coach will take students to the Regent Theatre in Ipswich for an afternoon performance and they will arrive back at school at approximately 18:20. If any further information is required or you would like your child to attend this trip please email Miss Rea n.rea@stowhigh.com to confirm your child's place.



Inspirational Futures News

Inspirational Futures What's Coming Up?

September 2023

19th



Advice & Slice – LRC – Open to All Years
Sign up with Mrs Mylrea in the Inspirational Futures Centre
New speakers to be announced soon.

20th

Years 10 – 11 - Young Professionals – Virtual Law Work Experience Event
5.00pm – 6.00pm
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3Q5WM3>

28th

Year 11 Next Steps Evening
6.00pm – 8.00pm Main School Hall

On The Horizon



October – The Mix Career Mentoring Service
October – The Army Skills Workshops
December – Year 10 Work Experience Parents Evening
February 5th – 11th - National Apprenticeship Week
March 4th – 9th - National Careers Week
May 13th – 17th – Year 10 Work Experience
TBC - CSI Stowmarket

Job of the Week

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