

## Headteachers' Fortnightly Newsletter

Monday 25 September 2023 – Thursday 5 October 2023



**Hi All**

It's been five weeks now since the beginning of the academic year and the school really is gaining momentum of instilling the highest expectations, ample opportunities through clubs/trips and high-quality teaching. I am especially impressed with the resilience of the Year 7s and their settling in period, as well as the maturity and focus of the Year 11s.

This week all staff across the Trust are joining together for their inset day, which will involve an update on our values, teaching and learning principles and approach to everyday school life. Whilst these days can be an inconvenience for you as parents, they really do create the forum for our staff to reflect and adapt to the students' needs. Be it adapting the curriculum, reviewing schoolwork and assessment and/or sharing best practice, so I want to thank you in advance for your commitment to school improvement opportunities such as these.

I also hope you are motivated by the work undertaken to recognise and support our school and the wider community. For example, the Colour Run on Tuesday 10 October 2023 and the FOSH quiz on Wednesday 18 October 2023, both of which are opportunities to remember those that have influenced our lives and look to the future by raising money for the school to support better facilities such as the canteen space and the outdoor space (as the weather is likely to change).

We have also updated our communication systems and are working on the school website to ensure you can access the most up to date information and/or get a speedy response to any queries, concerns, or questions.

If you are not satisfied with the response or actions, please do reach out to the school via [enquiries@stowhigh.com](mailto:enquiries@stowhigh.com), where the wonderful team will be able to direct your query to the most relevant person.

Many thanks from me and all the staff for your support, encouragement and commitment to making Stowmarket a safe, happy and successful school.

Ms L Hernandez

### Free School Meals

Please click [here](#) to check your child's eligibility for free school meals as some parameters for this have changed recently. Follow the link above for further information and to apply.

### Communications

If you are reporting a student absence or student lateness, this is a polite reminder to press **option 1** when calling the school and this will direct you straight through to our Attendance Officer who will be able to assist you. If you prefer, you can also email [attendance@stowhigh.com](mailto:attendance@stowhigh.com) to report any student absence/lateness and provide proof of appointment.

### Year 11 Prom Donation

Mrs Doherty and Mrs Langley have come up with the wonderful plan putting together a donation bank to support the Year 11's with their prom this year.

If you or anyone you know, has any dresses, suits, shirts, shoes, jewellery, or anything else that could help support the Year 11's, I would be extremely grateful for your support.

We have already had some fantastic things offered, including hair appointments, so if you could spread the word, it would be great! If you would like to donate anything, please contact the school or bring it to the main reception.

Any questions, please get back to me via email on [z.rudling@stowhigh.com](mailto:z.rudling@stowhigh.com).

Many Thanks in advance  
Mrs Rudling

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