

## Headteachers' Newsletter

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023



As another term passes us by and we take a moment to look forwards towards brighter evenings and sunnier weather I want to take the opportunity to wish you a restful and enjoyable easter break.

This half term has seen many highlights starting from the ski trip in the February break, to seeing the Year 11 engagement in succession sessions, to all the sports fixtures we have won and who could forget the Annie performance- an absolute highlight of my year so far.

Here at Stowmarket High, we strive to create endless opportunities and memories for your children to enjoy and excel in across all curriculum areas.

I have also had the opportunity this week to show my gratitude to the many students recognised in the celebration breakfasts and the end of term awards assembly. These rewards were linked closely to our school values where respect, kindness and integrity will ultimately lead to success be it in outcomes and/or in the adult you turn out to be.

Thank you to all those that gave their feedback in the recent Edurio survey, be it parents and/or students, it will take some time to analyse it all but as a school we will reflect on this data and feedback and use it to inform our school priorities and key actions to ensure that Stowmarket High is the school of choice for its strong education formed on top of key principles and values where tolerance, respect built on high expectations is non-negotiable.

Lastly, to say we had an unannounced visit from Ofsted yesterday. This went really well in having an opportunity to demonstrate the pace of change and the school improvement since September, which was evident for the HMI to see. A report will be out imminently, which I look forward to sharing with you all.

I wish you a lovely break and permission to indulge in a chocolate egg or two, I know I will !

Ms Hernandez

### Annie Jr School Production

The Annie production was performed on 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March at Stowmarket High School. The performance included students from years 7-11.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, we invited local primary school to watch the performance. For some students it was the first live performance they had ever seen.

It is our second production, last year we performed Matilda and we can't wait to do many more in the future.





## Visit to TMJ Interiors

A group of year 10 Resistant Materials students visited TMJ Interiors on Wednesday 6th March and were given a very interesting tour of their premises. They got to meet various employees from different departments who talked about their role within the company and their involvement with a range of current joinery and interior design projects. Students saw and gained a valuable insight into the world of design and manufacturing and came away inspired. A lot of the students are now considering a future in this field!!



### Year 11 GCSE Breakfast

Last year we applied to Tesco for a grant in order to provide our Year 11 breakfast before their exams. We are pleased to say we came 2<sup>nd</sup> due to members of the public voting for our school. This enables us to provide breakfast for the whole exam period, which is fantastic for the students' wellbeing during this time.

We want to say a big thank you to all parents/carers and the community for voting for our school.





# DESIGN EXHIBITION

May 2024

We are delighted to invite you to our Design Exhibition at Stowmarket High School which is being held in the Main Hall on:

**Thursday 2nd May      3.30pm — 8.30pm**

**Friday 3rd May      9.00am — 4.30pm**

**Saturday 4th May      9.30am — Noon**

We welcome all pupils, parents and the general public to come to see the excellent work produced by our GCSE students.

Please come to the Student Entrance to sign in where you will then be directed to the exhibition.

*Pictured below work from 2023*









*You'll be painting this!*

# Painting Evening

**Join us for a fun and relaxing evening of painting**

At the end of the event you will have created an amazing piece of artwork to take home and treasure!

**£28 per person**

**Stowmarket High School**  
**18th April 2024 • 7-9pm**

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

Please contact us via [fosh@stowhigh.com](mailto:fosh@stowhigh.com) if you would like to book onto this event.  
We will then send BACS details to enable payment.  
**ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE**

Includes refreshments on arrival and all art materials

With expert tuition from Sarah from Sunflower Artistry





### News from FOSH on upcoming events

18<sup>th</sup> April Painting Evening

12<sup>th</sup> June Family Quiz Night – Further information will follow

13<sup>th</sup> July Carnival Float – 1950's Theme

Oct/Nov – Secret Postcode Art Event

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