

## Headteachers' Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



This week has brought on many challenges, however, as a school we continue to thrive and ensure that education is not lost when difficult decisions need to be made. I had the pleasure of watching our Year 7 girls football team last week win their cup final game against Stowupland, their teamwork shone through to secure a 3-1 victory. I was also very impressed by the respect they showed for one another, and their opposition and we all enjoyed doughnuts and milkshakes on Wednesday to celebrate together. I am now personally looking forward to visiting our feeder primary schools over the coming weeks to formally introduce myself to students and/or parents.

### Ofsted report

It was great to be able to share the Ofsted monitoring report with you last week that recognised the significant and transformational changes the school has made this academic year. Whilst we are aware of the areas for development the school is working closely with the School Improvement Board, Trust and United Learning to secure strong outcomes this summer and beyond.

### Edurio

Your feedback on the recent survey has been invaluable in us reflecting as a school on your thoughts and feelings towards the school systems, processes and methods to secure strong outcome and build character, resilience and kindness in your children.

We have taken on board the requests for more information around learning, assessment, and outcomes in order to keep you fully informed of how your child is performing in relation to their target grades and effort levels. The school's reporting has increased from once a year to three times a year, so we are hopeful with more support and guidance around use of G4S and parent's events that you will benefit from a greater understanding of your child's attainment and progress and what you can do at home to support them further.

A reminder that should you require personal information on your child's behaviour, attendance, progress and/or effort please reach out to us via [enquiries@stowhigh.com](mailto:enquiries@stowhigh.com) where we can direct your queries to the most relevant person.

### School closure

On Monday and Tuesday I had to make the difficult decision to close the school. I am sure you can appreciate these are never easy decisions and bring about a lot of additional stress and burden on families and the school. These decisions are always based on official guidance and with the support of the Trust. If you have any feedback regarding the online work set please reach out to enquiries to direct this to the most relevant person.

I am pleased to say the repairs have now taken place in full and we are hopeful to avoid a repeat of any such issues in a building as new as this.



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We understand that parents who have the School Comms Gateway App did not receive a notification when we sent our text message saying that school was closed. We have been in contact with School Comms and they have sent us instructions for you to follow, this will ensure any future messages will pop up even if your mobile is locked. To enable you to receive our texts you do need to be signed in to the app at all times.

Follow this link for full instructions:

[CLICK HERE](#)

'Rest up – Be kind'

Ms L Hernandez

### We would like to thank FOSH for their fundraising

Last year some pupils took part in the Biteback 2030 campaign and became School Food Champions, part of this was to change the canteen environment. They have continued this year and have been working with the Student Ambassadors and were able to get funding through FOSH to brighten Lilies.

Ten pupils across the year groups were invited to take part in a workshop with Frankie Rose together they designed shapes that make them happy. Frankie took these shapes away and created the design now on the wall in Lilies. This has been made of the school logo colours and in due course will have the school values added to it.

Follow the link to Frankie's Instagram, where there are some fantastic timelapse videos: [@frankierosestudio](#)





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If you are interested in becoming a member of FOSH (Friends of Stowmarket High School) email: [FOSH@stowhigh.com](mailto:FOSH@stowhigh.com)



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## Year 11 Important Dates

Prom will be held at:

All Manor of Events  
Manor Farm  
School Road  
Ipswich  
IP6 ORG



It will start at 6.30pm and carriages to arrive at 11pm

Ms Rudling will be in school on the following dates:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

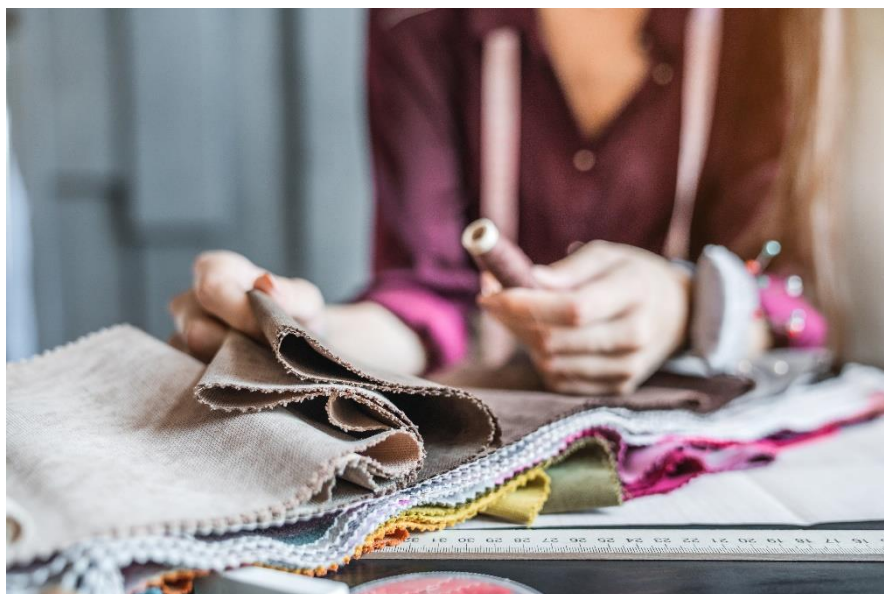
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Leavers Assembly

and of course for the Prom

## Request to Parents from our Textiles Department

Do you have any sheets or tablecloths you could donate to our Year 9 Students for their textiles project. It does not matter if they are marked or damaged, if we could just, please ask that they have been washed.

Thank you.



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# 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*





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## Inspirational Futures News

Recently we have hosted Emma Thorpe, Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds, who talked to the students about careers in the Arts and what opportunities they have for work experience and volunteering at the theatre. A fun and engaging session, always popular with our students.



We welcomed back Alumni Lexie, who is currently studying A Levels at Abbeygate Sixth Form College. A packed room with students eager to hear about what life is really like at college.

Coming up:



## Sessions

Dates	Period	Time	Location	Speaker	Topic
Tuesday 19th March 2024	Lunch	1.30pm - 2.10pm	LRC	Lexie Brown	What is College Really Like
Tuesday 2nd April 2024	EASTER HOLIDAYS				
Tuesday 9th April 2024	EASTER HOLIDAYS				
Tuesday 16th April 2024	Lunch	1.30pm - 2.10pm	LRC	Jenny Reason	Veterinary Surgeon
Tuesday 30th April 2024	Period 4	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Room 222	Kiara James	Ambulance Service
Tuesday 14th May 2024	Lunch	1.30pm - 2.10pm	LRC	Chloe Levitt & Stef	Life in the Police Force

Sign-up sheets are on the door of the Inspirational Futures Office or email Mrs Mylrea [m.mylrea@stowhigh.com](mailto:m.mylrea@stowhigh.com) you cannot attend without signing up to ensure we have enough Dominos Pizza. For all those signing up for a Period 4 Session, you will also need a Pizza Pass from Mrs Mylrea to show to your teacher after registering.



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Do not forget to encourage your children to sign up for Advice & Slice sessions which are held in the LRC at lunchtimes on Tuesdays.

The signup sheet is inside Mrs Mylrea's office in the Inspirational Futures Centre, or email [m.mylrea@stowhigh.com](mailto:m.mylrea@stowhigh.com) to secure your place.



### Year 10 - Work Experience Update

The work experience programme has now closed. Congratulations to all those students who have successfully found themselves a placement.

We are busy trying to get the ones already on the system over the line in terms of health and safety paperwork, no more applications will be accepted.

If you were not successful, your timetable in school will be running as normal, please be aware that any student without an authorised placement on Unifrog is expected to be in school, any student who does not come to school will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Those going out will be given a work experience journal next week in their Inspirational Futures lessons which they need to complete each day of their placement. Please email [m.mylrea@stowhigh.com](mailto:m.mylrea@stowhigh.com) with any questions.

**Date of Work Experience - 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**







## Inspirational Futures What's Coming Up?

### April

4th Year 10 & 11 – The Young Professionals - KPMG Virtual Work Experience Day  
10.00am – 4.00pm – Virtual  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3T68P5M>

30<sup>th</sup>



Advice & Slice – Open to All Years  
12.30pm – 1.30pm – Room 2.22  
Kiara James - Life in the Ambulance Service  
Sign up with Mrs Mylrea in the Inspirational Futures Centre

### May

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Year 10 – Work Experience Week (Out for all those with a signed off placement on Unifrog, in school for all those without placements)

14<sup>th</sup>



Advice & Slice – Open to All Years  
12.30pm – 1.10pm – LRC  
PC Levitt - Life in the Police Force  
Sign up with Mrs Mylrea in the Inspirational Futures Centre

### June

4<sup>th</sup> June Advice & Slice – Open to All Years  
Jenny Reason – Life as a Veterinary Surgeon  
12.30pm – 1.10pm – LRC  
Sign up with Mrs Mylrea in the Inspirational Futures Centre

### July

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Stowmarket High School Careers Week  
10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Year 10 Mock Interviews



### On The Horizon

Youth Empowerment Conference 2024: Celebrating Diversity

**News from FOSH on upcoming events**

12<sup>th</sup> June Family Quiz Night

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




**FAMILY Quiz night**

**WEDNESDAY  
12TH JUNE  
7 – 8:30PM**

Doors open at 6:30pm

**£10 per Team**  
(max 6 to a team)

Stowmarket High School

ALL AGES WELCOME!

SNACKS & DRINKS AVAILABLE

Refreshments and raffle tickets will be available to purchase at the beginning of the event and during the interval



**POSTCARD ART**  
SECRET CHARITY SALE

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!**

*Can you create an original piece of art on a postcard for our secret sale?*

To continue our fundraising efforts we are holding a Secret Postcard Exhibition. Further information to follow.

**To book email: [FOSH@stowhigh.com](mailto:FOSH@stowhigh.com)**

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