



PE Newsletter 20th-24th October

Year 7

Year 7 Boys Football

The year 7 boys travelled to Thurston for the round robin West Suffolk Cup competition in a group against Stowupland, Thurston A and Thurston B with the winners taking up a semi final spot. Stowmarket narrowly missed out after winning their first 2 matches 9-0 against Stowupland and 6-1 against Thurston B. Stowmarket played Thurston A in the last match with both teams having won both matches and Stowmarket narrowly missing out losing 4-2 in a very good competitive match. Stowmarket showed unbelievable team work, team spirit and togetherness and even after the disappointing result at the end, all got a team huddle to congratulate each other and to go again next time, highlighting what a pleasure it was to oversee them and what a credit they are to the school. Our next match is in the second round of the county cup away to Samuel Ward (date tbc).



Year 8

Year 9

Year 9 Boys Football

The Year 9 boys put in a strong performance in the West Suffolk Cup, taking on Stowupland, Thurston A, and Thurston B in a series of competitive fixtures. They opened the tournament with a narrow but well-earned 1–0 victory over Stowupland, courtesy of a composed finish from Bailey Ling. Solid defending and great teamwork helped them see out the result. In their second match, the boys faced a tough Thurston A side in a closely contested game. Both teams had chances, but it ended in a fair 1–1 draw, with Bailey Ling once again on the scoresheet. The final match saw the team up against Thurston B. In another competitive clash, it took a late winner from Ed Bell to secure a 1–0 victory and round off an unbeaten run in the group. Unfortunately, despite finishing the group unbeaten, the boys narrowly missed out on progressing to the next stage on goal difference. Nevertheless, they can take pride in an excellent start to the season, showing great resilience, team spirit, and determination throughout the tournament.



Year 10

Year 10 Futsal

On Thursday, the year 10 boys competed in the West Suffolk futsal tournament. They faced Stowupland and Debenham. The results were as below.

Stowmarket V Debenham 6-1

Debenham V Stowupland 4-3

Stowmarket V Stowupland 10-1

All of the players played their part in the victory, but shout out to Theo Fisher for some excellent goals! The boys qualify for the COUNTY FINALS. Well done.



Year 11

Year 11 Boys Football

Stowmarket High Year 11 Development Team Triumph Over Thurston

The Year 11 Football Development Team delivered an impressive performance in their recent friendly against Thurston, securing a 2-1 win in a game full of energy, teamwork, and determination.

Stowmarket started strongly, with Ashton Stannard commanding the midfield and Charlie Hewitt looking dangerous up front. The breakthrough came midway through the first half when Malick delivered a superb corner that was powerfully headed home by Harry Castle to make it 1-0.

Thurston applied pressure as the half wore on, but the defensive line—featuring Stubbs, Quinton, Harley, and Alfie Aldis—stood firm with a series of well-timed tackles and clearances. The score remained 1-0 at half-time.

The second half saw end-to-end action, with both teams playing attractive football. Harry Rose was relentless in pressing the opposition, while Alfie Hammond and Teddy provided a consistent attacking threat. A defensive error from Thurston gifted Archie Prior a golden opportunity, which he calmly converted to double Stowmarket's lead.

Ashton Stiff nearly added a third with a brilliant volley that was tipped onto the crossbar. Goalkeeper Felix kept the home crowd on edge with a brave run before Thurston pulled one back with a long-range strike five minutes from time.

Despite the late pressure, Stowmarket held on for a well-deserved victory, with credit to managers Osca and Ryan for guiding the team to a confident and disciplined performance.

Final Score: Stowmarket High 2 – 1 Thurston

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several good chances, but despite their efforts the breakthrough never came. In the final minute, King Edward added a third goal against the run of play to make the final score **3–1**.

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Fixtures this week:

Tuesday 4th October:

- Year 9 Boys futsal @ SHS (3:10-5:15pm)
- Year 7 vs Year 8 Girls Football @ SHS 3:10pm-4:15pm)

Thursday 6th October:

- Year 7 Girls Football County Cup @ SHS (3:10pm-5:00pm)
- Year 8 Girls Futsal @ SHS (3:15-5:15pm)