

12 December 2025

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Dear Families

As we approach the end of term, we would like to confirm the arrangements for the final week of the Autumn Term and the start of the Spring Term in January.

### **Twelve Days of Christmas w/c Monday 15 December**

From Monday 15 December, there are a number of seasonal activities for students to participate in as part of our Twelve Days of Christmas Kindness. These will run during tutor time and around the school, encouraging students to reflect on compassion, gratitude and what really matters this time of year.

### **Christmas Lunch Wednesday 17 December**

Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 17 December for those who have chosen and paid for it. Food will still be available at break and lunchtime as usual from Lillie's. However, it will be a reduced lunchtime offer for students who are not having the Christmas lunch. Serving of the pre-ordered Christmas lunch will begin during period three and students will be called down by year group. Details will be given to students via their form tutors on the day.

### **Christmas Hampers Thursday 18 December**

On Thursday 18 December, we will hold our Christmas hamper event. Students have worked extremely hard on their creative designs and we remain very grateful for donations to date. Students can continue to bring donations up to and including Wednesday 17 December. All hamper contents will be donated to Stowmarket Foodbank to support families in our community. Students will be able to view the hampers during the morning, and we have invited a local primary school, the Mayor and residents from a local care home to join us.

### **Final Day of Term Friday 19 December**

The term finishes for all students on Friday 19 December at 1pm. Students are welcome to wear a Christmas or seasonal jumper on this day. If they choose to do so, they must still wear the remainder of their normal school uniform including school trousers, school shirt and a tie. A blazer is not required if a festive jumper is worn. Normal school footwear is also to be worn. Please remind your child to take all belongings home at the end of term and not to leave items in classrooms or lockers.

### **Bus Information: Bus Information for Early Finish (1:00 PM)**

- **Contracted Buses:** All standard contract (non-public) buses will arrive early at 1:10 PM, with the exception of SBDB1 Dan Coach Travel and SB985 First Buses.
- **Public/Registered Services:** Registered services 88, 384, and 985 will operate at their usual timetables as they are public services. ECSTO 88 is also a registered service that students can catch at 1:36 PM



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Please ensure that you make arrangements for your child to get home safely in light of this information. The public buses will be running throughout the day. For the full timetables, please follow this link:

<https://www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel/travelling-to-school/sb-stowmarket-and-stowupland-high-schools/>

If you have any further questions regarding bus routes, please contact Suffolk Onboard via email at [transport.service@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:transport.service@suffolk.gov.uk).

### **Progress, Assessment & Attainment**

Please be aware we will be reporting to parents at the end of next week, your child's/children's Progress, Assessment & Attainment for the Autumn term. Below is a link where you will find guidance for Key Stage 3 & 4, explaining the finer details of what your child's report means.

### **Progress, Assessment and Attainment | Stowmarket High School**

Furthermore, please be aware you will be able to access your child's report via two sources:

1. MyChildAtSchool (school portal and/or MCAS app)
2. Report emailed directly to you

The report will not be released until 18 December and can be found on the dashboard under *School to Home Communication* and/or via an email to you. You will see, via the MCAS login (school portal only), there is a dashboard with live updates of child's attitude to learning, behaviour, progress and attainment. Since our move to Bromcom we are working on providing parents and carers with the most relevant information as frequently as possible.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries regarding any aspect of your child's education please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### **Year 11 Pre Examinations (Mocks)**

Following on from the Pre Examinations Year 11 will be given their results on Tuesday 16 December. Please be aware students will only be given the results for:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Math
- Science Combined
- Science Triple (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Business Studies
- Computer Science



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All grades for other subjects will then be given to students in an assembly on the 06 January. Feedback for all examinations will then take place in the week beginning 15 December and 05 January, during timetabled lessons. Please be aware that Year 11 Parents' (Tripod Evening) is on Thursday 22 January 2026.

**First Day of Spring Term Tuesday 06 January 2026.**

Students return to school on Tuesday 06 January 2026 for the start of the Spring Term. January provides a valuable opportunity to refresh routines. Please ensure that your child returns with the correct uniform and basic equipment and that they follow our uniform and jewellery expectations. We will carry out standard checks at the start of term to maintain high expectations for all. Our updated uniform statement is available on the school website.

Finally, we would like to thank all families for their support throughout Autumn term. We are very proud of our students and their achievements, including the PRE-examinations, our drop-down day experiences, and the successful transition of our new Year 7 cohort.

We wish you and your families a restful Christmas break and a happy and healthy 2026.

**Kind Regards**

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