

Stowupland High School Report - April 2026

It has been a very busy but enjoyable school year so far at Stowupland High School.

It was a real pleasure to return after the Summer to the news that our PE team achieved Gold in the School Games award for the previous academic year. This is a national programme to ensure sporting activities in school meet local needs, and activities make a real difference to young lives. Our success continued throughout the year resulting in many amazing achievements, i.e. the U15 Girls Futsal team secured third place in the Suffolk Schools Futsal Final and Toby Graver became a Karate English Open Champion and qualified for the world championships in Abu-Dhabi later on in the year.

During Autumn term we enjoyed meeting everyone who came for our Open Evening in September, the school was wonderfully busy and we were proud showing visitors around. We also hosted over 50 prospective students and their families who visited us during the daytime for a 'Tea and Tour' which are our popular events for those who are curious about the school during the typical working day.

Later in November, 17 exhibitors came in to speak to our Year 10 and 11 students at the Careers Fayre, closely followed by a superb evening celebrating with last year's Year 11 students as they came back for their GCSE Celebration Evening.

Before the end of 2025, students and staff at Stowupland had a chance to practise a lockdown procedure to ensure a quick and effective response to a critical incident.

We closed the year with a spectacular celebration of our students' creative talents, and a wonderful opportunity for our community to witness the hard work and dedication of the young people at Stowupland at the Performing Arts Winter Showcase.

Only a couple of months later we showcased another performance - a musical called Fame Jr. which was a huge success. Students of all high-school ages performed a matinee for Cedars Park Primary School students followed by 3 evening performances for the wider community.

So far this year we have launched two visits abroad: first one, an educational visit to Lille in mid-October enabled over 60 students to visit numerous sites in Lille and the surrounding area, followed by a skiing trip to Dolomites in February when students enjoyed the winter wonderland whilst learning or better their skiing abilities.

Stowupland students have taken part in numerous competitions and tasks to broaden their horizons and have accessed a variety of extra curricular activities. The highlight was a MFL Speak Out Challenge. The task was for students to produce a short film of themselves speaking in another language. We had some superb entries, showcasing a range of languages - including Gujarati, Hungarian, Ukrainian, Japanese and French.

In March we celebrated World Book Day with a couple of successful authors - one is a Stowupland teacher, the other - a former student. We have also launched a new Alumni Outreach Programme to build a lasting network with former students.

Most recently our students' leadership team with one of our teachers took part in the Great Big School Clean and collaborating with our own lunch time Sustainability Club we hope for more activities and involvement in looking after our environment soon.

We always welcome visits to the school, if you would like to see us 'in action' during the school day or would like more information about any of the above, please contact enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk

Best regards,

Lee Walker

Principal