





Headteacher's note

It has once again been an incredibly positive term. I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of the amazing opportunities students can participate in and the excellent education they are receiving.

Our Year 7 Open Evening was a huge success and given the numbers, we are expecting many students coming to us in September from within and outside of our catchment area. New staff have made a positive start and students are adapting well to our higher expectations. Within this magazine you will find the outcome from our recent Parent/ Carer surveys.

You may have seen in the local press that we will be running the Sports Facilities ourselves. Previously in the evenings and weekends they were managed by an external company. Our desire is to provide really good value letting opportunities to generate some money to further improve the facilities for our students and the community. If you are interested in hiring our facilities, please contact the school via office@stalhamhigh.org.uk. Alongside this, if you are interested in advertising your own business in this magazine please get in touch. We can offer excellent rates, or, if there is another way you can support our students or staff rather than pay for advertising space, please get in touch using the above email address.

I would like to express my public thank you to all the staff at Stalham High School. They work incredibly hard to support and educate all our students, of which there are nearly 500 now! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Governors for all they do. Much of this is behind the scenes, agreeing policies, considering strategic school improvements, and monitoring and supporting all of us.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe and healthy 2024.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Alastair Ogle Executive Headteacher Sheringham and Stalham High School

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Pupils who are eligible for free school meals attract additional money for school, even if they do not eat the meals. This funding- commonly known as Pupil Premium funding- now brings in an additional £1,035 per child; last year this totalled approximately £130,000 for the school. This money is essential, allowing us to support learning and provide support for children and families in other ways.

If you may be eligible (please see the criteria below) we would like you to apply. Parents also receive help with uniform, essential school trips and other equipment. As you are aware, school budgets are very tight, and we need your help. If your child / children already receive Free School Meals, there is no need to re-apply. Please use this link to apply:

https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/ school-meals-and-milk

As a school, we also receive additional money for any students who have parents in the armed services, have ever been in care, adopted or where there is a Special Guardianship Order in place. Experience tells us that parents don't always inform us of this information. Please let us know if this is the case (by email to office@stalhamhigh.org.uk

Criteria for Free School Meals:

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you must receive one of the following to get benefit-related free school meals:

- Universal Credit with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- **Income Support**
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - **Income-related Employment** and Support Allowance
- **Support under Part 6 of the Immigration** and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

You must apply for these free school meals.

Thank you. Mr A Ogle.













It has been a busy and productive term as students have settled into the academic year, working hard and with purpose as they continue their science education.

Four students from across Years 9, 10 and 11 made up our team competing in the Royal Society of Chemistry's 'Top of the Bench' Competition. Our students embraced the challenge and although they did not progress beyond the regional heats, they enjoyed the camaraderie of the team and had a positive experience.

Our Year 10 scientists have completed the test for cellular respiration using their own breath and limewater solution. When carbon dioxide reacts with the chemicals in the limewater, the solution goes cloudy. Students used this to prove that respiration in their own cells is producing carbon dioxide.

The Year 11s' commitment to success shines through in their well-attended revision classes. These sessions serve as a vital platform for students to reinforce their understanding of key scientific concepts, ensuring that they enter their examinations confident and ready to perform at their very best.

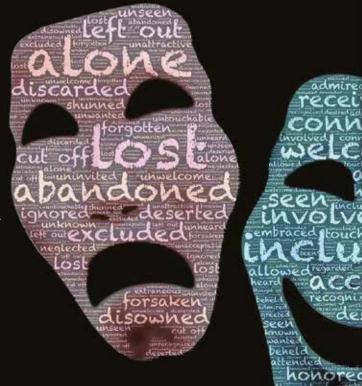
We extend a warm welcome to Ms. Williams, who joins us for maternity cover. Her passion for science and dedication to fostering a positive learning environment align seamlessly with our department values.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce an upcoming guest speaker from the Stimulating Physics Network who will be working with some Year 11 students post-mock exams to help them reflect on and improve their performance, ready for the Summer GCSE's.

Drama

Stalham High was excited to host an Expressive Arts Showcase on the 14th of December, where students from across the school demonstrated their talent and enthusiasm for the Arts subjects. There was a gallery of artwork and several short performances by ensembles in both Music and Drama, including Lower School Drama Club, Upper School Theatre Workshop and a Year 7 band brilliantly named 'Elastic Band', as well as some pair and solo monologue performances.

The Showcase will be fully covered in the next edition so be sure to keep an eye out!



A creative group of Year 7 students have formed Stalham High School's first Rock Band in several years. Going by the name of 'Elastic Band', they have been busy rehearsing for the upcoming Christmas Showcase performance. We have drums, piano and vocalists represented so far.

Peripatetic Lessons:

This term we have seen a huge uptake in students wanting to participate in peripatetic music lessons within school. As I write, there are close to 50 students currently receiving tuition in piano, guitar, singing and drums. Our fantastic team of instrumental teachers are currently working alongside their GCSE students to prepare for coursework performances as well as helping to inspire the next generation of musicians.

Composition Projects:

Our year 10 & 11 GCSE music students have been busy working on their composition coursework this term. This has involved writing music to match a given brief. There has been some fantastic music written to accompany a scene in a slapstick movie as well as some melodic sequences that are being developed. Students have gotten to grips with the composition software and are producing professional level scores.

- Mr Rider







MFL

This term, Year 9 linguists participated in the GCHQ national language competition. Students competed in their house groups against the other houses and against other schools nationally.

GCHQ is an intelligence organisation that helps to keep Britain safe by dealing with serious crime measures through military support, counter-terrorism, drug busts and so much more.

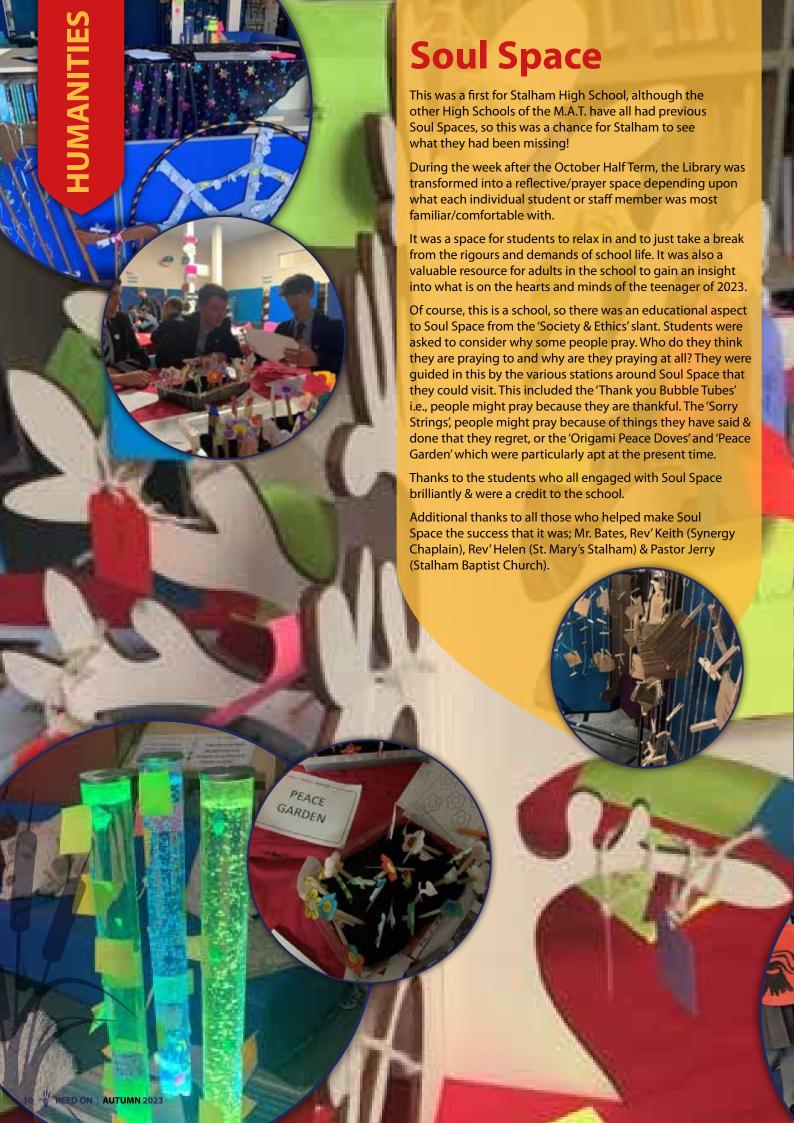
Our students were given fictional scenarios and problems to solve using the skills that learning a language affords: code breaking, communication, inference, contextual meaning, quick thinking and cultural awareness. The students threw themselves into the challenge and showcased these amazing skills with the results to be revealed at the end of term.

Humanities

On the 27th of November, I went to visit the North Walsham Constituency Office to speak to Duncan Baker MP about sexism in schools and lack of education in the world as part of my GCSE Citizenship project. It was interesting to hear his views on equality in school and his own office.

Luca H









This term, Year 7 have been learning how to become a great Geographer. Part of this involved us carrying out some fieldwork. Fieldwork is where you go outside of the classroom and apply your knowledge to the real world.

We collected primary data around our school about the biodiversity of the ecosystems we have at Stalham High School. We enjoyed identifying twigs and leaves using an identification tool kit.

To our surprise we have a very biodiverse school site!

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County Cup - Stalham v Taverham

At the end of September, the Stalham High team took on Taverham High in the County Cup. An excellent game of football ended in a Stalham victory after narrowly defeating Taverham, 5-4.

Stalham started quickly, pressing high and scoring 5 goals in the first half, thanks to the hard work of Harry up front. The defence managed Taverham's lightning quick forwards well, constricting their attack to only 2 goals.

The second half began with a comeback for Taverham, scoring 2 to bring the scores closer and the game back to life. Stalham worked hard, dug deep, and held onto the victory, sending them through to the next round of the cup!



Stalham v Aylsham

The first footballing fixture of the season ended in defeat for Stalham against a strong Aylsham side. Stalham had the difficult task of playing against strong prevailing winds in the first half and with three different goalkeepers, due to injuries. Aylsham took their advantage well, scoring a few fantastic goals in the first half.

Stalham started their comeback in the second half, with a goal after 36 seconds and another following shortly afterwards. However, this wasn't enough to topple the away.

U13s - Broadland v Stalham: 7-2

Stalham faced a very strong Broadland side away from home when they met in September.

Broadland worked hard on and off the ball for the duration of the game, making it difficult for the Stalham team to keep a foothold in the game. A couple of well taken goals early in the first half set the tone for the match.

Stalham had a resurrection in the second half, scoring two goals and beginning to mount a comeback in the game - if only there had been more time!

U16s - Broadland v Stalham: 2-2

Football returned in September with a bang! After being down 2-0 at half-time, the U16s were a class act in the second half, soon scoring two world-class goals to equalise! A rocket from Tom on the half volley was a contender for goal of the season until, about 2 minutes later, a top corner 25-yarder was scored by Archie, making an impressive debut for the team.

Very proud of the boys for their efforts and attitude throughout.

Parent Survey Results

Green = 5% better than last survey Amber = within 5% of last survey,		Ofsted May 2023		Oct-23	
Red = 5% worse than last s		%		%	
Question	Responses	84	1	77	
My child is happy	Strongly agree	13	51	24	80
	Agree	38		56	
at this school?	Disagree	26		14	
	Strongly disagree	23		6	
	Don't know	0			
My child feels safe at this school	Strongly agree	15	60	25	86
	Agree	45	00	61	00
	Disagree	23		10	
	Strongly disagree	13		4	
	Don't know	4			
The school makes sure its pupils are	Strongly agree	11	4	18	70
	Agree	36	47	61	79
	Disagree	31		16	
well behaved	Strongly disagree	18		5	
	Don't know	5		İ	
	Strongly agree / N/A	4	1.	12	
My child has been bullied and the school	Agree	7	65	23	94
	Disagree	17	1	3	
dealt with the bullying	Strongly disagree	13		3	
quickly and effectively	Don't know	6		Ť	+
	Strongly agree	5		16	
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	Agree	24	29	52	68
		45		27	
	Disagree Strongly disagree	25		5	+
	Strongly disagree			-	+
	Don't know	1	-	0	
When I have raised	Strongly agree / N/A	11	26	23	83
concerns they have	Agree	13		25	
been dealt with	Disagree	26		5	-
properly	Strongly disagree	24		4	
	Don't know	24		8	
	Strongly agree	15	52	25	89
The school has high	Agree	37		64	
expectations for	Disagree	27		8	1
my child	Strongly disagree	11		3	1
	Don't know	10		0	
My child does well at this school	Strongly agree	13	48	22	86
	Agree	35	40	64	80
	Disagree	29		9	
	Strongly disagree	17		5	
	Don't know	7		0	
	Strongly agree	12	4-	9	
	Agree	51	63	60	69
The school lets me know how my child is doing	Disagree	21		27	
	Strongly disagree	15		4	
	Don't know	0		0	+
	Strongly agree	11		18	
There is a good range of		46	57	64	82
subjects available to my		27		17	
child at this school	Strongly disagree	8		1	+
	Don't know	7	1	 	+
	Strongly agree	21	+	27	
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My child can take part in clubs and activities	Agree	+		+	
at this school	Disagree	8		6	+
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	Don't know	6	-	1	
	Strongly agree	11	42	14	76
The school supports	Agree	31		62	
my child's wider	Disagree	27		19	-
personal development	Strongly disagree	21		4	1
	Don't know	10			<u> </u>
My child makes good progress at this school	Strongly agree	Not included		19	83
	Agree			64	03
	Disagree	in Par	ent	16	1
	Strongly disagree	view		1	
	Don't know				
I would recommend	Yes	46	46	84	
this school to		1.	+	-	84
another parent	No	54		16	

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Booking an appointment in this window allows us to maximise the school specific stock at our store and educes the time taken to

SHOP INSTORE

Visit your local store throughout the summer on Saturdays or during their "Walk in Weeks" from 21st August, when all our branches will be extending their opening hours until

Your local store will be open for pre-booked appointment: and Click & Collect only from Monday 24th July.

Please refer to our website for full opening hours.



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New Bereavement Support Group coming to Stalham

> Have you suffered a bereavement,

> Do you struggle with grief/ do you feel

> Would you love to have a safe space to

> Are you struggling to find local support?

Please join us for our first meeting.

When: Every other Monday starting

Monday 26th June, 7.00 pm-9:00 pm Where: The Stable @ Stalham Baptist

More information about our background and the group overleaf or feel free to text

Simone 07436837210, Jerry 07733837687.

whether recently or a while ago?

remember your loved one?

stuck?

Church.

or call

Big Norfolk Winter Holiday Fun -

- Is your child eligible for benefits related free school meals?
- Do you employ a personal assistant who is paid for via NCC Short Breaks team?
- Would your child like to take part in the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme this year?

If the answer to all of the above is YES, you can use your personal assistant to support your child on the BNHF programme for ${\bf FREE}.$

Just contact BNHF@norfolk.gov.uk and send us the following:

- Full name and date of birth of your child.
- Full name, DBS number, and copy of your child's personal assistant's insurance certificate

Once we have confirmed we can support you, we will send you further details on how to claim. Just book a session the usual way by contacting the chosen provider and checking the activity will be as suitable and accessible as needed.

You can claim up to 4x4 hour sessions this winter holidays, at £50 a session through your PA's Short Break expenses. The PA will need to submit the claim form to **BNHF@norfolk.gov.uk** at the end of the month. Claims will be paid as expenses of £50 per four hours only, not at the PA's usual hourly rate. Please note, no additional expenses or claims may be made using this method.

Delivery dates for Winter

Thursday 21st December, Friday 22nd December 2023 and Tuesday 2nd January and Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Please apply by Friday 17th November to be guaranteed your application is agreed in time before we open bookings.

If your child is ${f not}$ in receipt of means tested free school meals, but you would like your child to take part on the programme, please check out our <u>FAQ</u> for more information.





Are you struggling to feed yourself and your family?

It may be because of benefit issues, job loss or your Income is not enough to feed your family at present.

We can help.

Your children's school can issue a food voucher initially. If further help is needed, we have our own Citizens Advice Advisor. You can book a telephone appointment or an in-person appointment by calling the Foodbank on

07826 376343

You can also discuss help with Energy with our Citizens Advice Advisor.

Once a voucher has been issued you can pick up your food parcel at one of our distribution centres in Aylsham (Mondays 9:30 - 1pm), North Walsham (Wednesdays 1:30 - 3pm), Sheringham (Wednesdays 1:30 - 3pm), Cromer (Monday to Friday 9:30 – 2:30) Stalham (Fridays 1;30 – 3pm) and Holt (Fridays 1:30 - 3pm).

In exceptional circumstances we can deliver a food parcel straight to your

We can also provide toiletries, sanitary items, and cleaning products.



