

Trust Talk

News from Jeremy

£900k!!!

Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone for their magnificent efforts this year in working so hard to keep our children safe and our schools open.

One of the highlights this year was being awarded a School Capital Allowance (SCA) of over £900k, which is spent directly on improvements across our schools. Although the economic future is uncertain, we expect this annual grant to remain similarly high every year. Combined with the £400k we were able to invest in Sir John Leman and Alde Valley, as a Trust we have reached the size, and stage, where we are able to make significant investments in our schools. In fact, we are probably able to put in a similar amount to that which the school's contribute to the Trusts central services, so we are close to being cost-neutral overall!

I'm delighted to announce that we have been able to increase the time that our Directors Jamie White and Helen Wilson can work with schools next year. We have recommissioned James Heale again to run a series of leadership development courses, and will be launching Trust Staff Awards, secondments to Leadership Groups, Subject Networks and internships between Trust schools next year.

Details of these, and other Trust

developments, will be outlined at our first Teaching conference, with curriculum expert Mary Myatt, at Stowmarket High School on **8th October**.



I'd like to say a special thank you to our brilliant NQTs across the Trust, who have worked so well within their schools, and with each other, throughout the year. Adding together our NQTs, SLT members and the 54 colleagues who took part in the Trust CPD, we have a really good percentage of colleagues who are engaged across the Trust, as well as in their schools. Their goodwill and positivity, as well as the ideas which are being shared, will inevitably make our schools even stronger.

Have a brilliant – and well-deserved – break, and thank you for everything.

Trust Teaching Conference

8th October 2021

Venue: Stowmarket High School

Main Speaker: Mary Myatt

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Events at The Venue, Sir John Lemman High School

The Venue SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2021

BOOKING To book a space on any of the activities please contact The Venue Team via any of the contacts listed below. We will fill in an application form on your behalf once you have contacted us with your request.

Address: The Venue, Sir John Lemman High School, NR34 9PG
Phone: 01502 712839
Email: TheVenue@sirjohnleman.co.uk
Facebook Page: The Venue - SJLHS - Beccles

July

THURSDAY 22ND JULY			
ROLLERSKATING	9AM-10:30AM	5+	£8
ROLLERSKATING	10:30AM-12PM	5+	£8
TUESDAY 27TH JULY			
TRAMPOLINING	9AM-12PM	5-8 YEARS	£12
TRAMPOLINING	1PM - 4PM	9-14 YEARS	£12
THURSDAY 29TH JULY			
AFRICAN DRUMMING	9AM-11AM	9-14 YEARS	£8
ROLLERHOCKEY	9AM-11AM	9+	£8

August

MONDAY 9TH AUGUST			
ROLLERSKATING	9AM-10:30AM	5+	£8
ROLLERSKATING	10:30AM-12PM	5+	£8
TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST			
SPORTS MORNING	9AM-12PM	5-8 YEARS	£12
ARCHERY	9AM-12PM	7+	£12
THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST			
CRICKET MORNING	9AM-12PM	5-8 YEARS	£12
TUESDAY 24TH AUGUST			
SPORTS MORNING	9AM-12PM	5-8 YEARS	£12
ARCHERY	1PM-4PM	7+	£12
THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST			
TRAMPOLINING	9AM-12PM	5-8 YEARS	£12
TRAMPOLINING	1PM-4PM	9-14 YEARS	£12
AFRICAN DRUMMING	12PM-2PM	9-14 YEARS	£8

THE VENUE - SIR JOHN LEMAN HIGH SCHOOL

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 31st July 2021

Open 9am - 1pm (stall holders set up 8am)
£8 per car/stall
Free Entry

Booking by email preferred xmb@sirjohnleman.co.uk
or via Facebook Messenger 'The Venue - Beccles SJLHS'

Defibrillator fundraising

Recently, Alde Valley Academy reached out to the community to raise funds for a school defibrillator. The response from everyone has been absolutely overwhelming. The final figure raised was £5,000, so the school has decided to buy two defibrillators, one for the school and one to be put in the Leiston community.

The school would like to thank everyone who contributed to their fundraising. What an amazing school community!

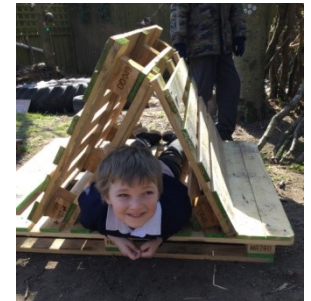
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Fundraising at Southtown Primary School

Following a case of vandalism to the Southtown Primary School Wildlife Area earlier this year, the school was overwhelmed by the generosity of the local community in fundraising, to get the area back to it's former glory.



The school received donations such as a pallet wood bench from The Papillon Project, a gardening gift hamper from Morrisons and a bespoke, handmade mud kitchen by Martin and Liz from Martham Carpet Cleaning Services. As well as the hugely generous donations, the school managed to raise over £600.



A fantastic example of amazing local school communities!



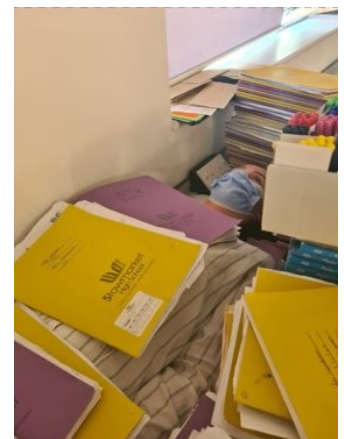
Stowmarket High School play hide and seek!

This week, in order to raise money for the charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), students and staff took part in a huge after school game of hide and seek!

Over 30 staff and nearly 40 Year 9 students took part.

Together with this and a non-uniform day, the charity CRY will receive **£800**.

Some of the hiding places included, beneath a huge pile of books, under a water butt, behind a false wall and up a tree!



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Thank you to staff, from students

Mrs Womack

Thank you for teaching me to not give up on myself.

Jasmine at Southtown Primary School

Mrs Bedward

Thank you for helping me through biology and constantly believing in me! It's helped me a lot with my confidence in lessons.

Phoebe at Sir John Leman High School Sixth Form

Ms Smith

I would like to say a massive thanks to Ms Smith. All through lockdown as well as my 5 years at Alde Valley Academy, she has supported and pushed me to limits which I thought I would never reach. I can't thank you enough for believing in me. Thank you!

Emilee at Alde Valley Academy

Mr Spink

Thank you for making geography fun and interesting and inspiring me to continue studying at A-level.

William at Alde Valley Academy

Mr Jay

Thank you for helping me with my imagination.

Leslie at Southtown Primary School

Mr Lack

Thank you for being such a helpful teacher in Year 5.

Caleb at Southtown Primary School

Mrs Taylor

Thank you for all the work you put into the music department. Without you, I would never have developed such a strong passion for music. Some of my favourite memories of you include our bowling team in Belgium, Ravensingham and the caterpillar cake you bought us before our GCSE. Thank you for being such an amazing person to look up to and someone who makes music enjoyable for everyone. I hope when things go back to normal, I can come and join you and the new students at the Christmas concerts. Until then, goodbye and thank you!
Elena at Sir John Leman High School Sixth Form

Mr Battle

Thank you for being a cool teacher and making lessons fun and entertaining!

Owen at Alde Valley Academy

Mr Hanger

I would like to thank you for always being encouraging, supportive and enthusiastic during art; I enjoyed and will miss your lessons.

Connie at Alde Valley Academy

Look out for more messages of thanks to staff at the WVAT Teaching Conference on 8th October.

This is only a small number of the messages that were received!

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VIVUP

Waveney Valley Academies Trust employees have access to some great employee benefits, including retail discounts, a comprehensive Employee Assistance Programme, a cycle to work scheme and the Tusker car scheme.

The latest addition to our benefits package is the Tusker car scheme. If you would like to know more about how the car scheme works, look out for details of a virtual roadshow, which is due to take place in September.

Employees can go to www.vivup.co.uk to register and view the benefits available to you. If there is anything you need help with while registering or using the portal, you can use the 'chat' function on the Vivup webpage. Alternatively you can get in touch with Chloe Morales for assistance with registering and using the portal or to provide feedback (c.morales@waveneyvalleyat.co.uk).



What support can you get?

The Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) offers you:

- Support, advice and information to help with your mental health and wellbeing
- Telephone access to appropriately qualified professionals for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- Independent confidential counselling support provided by caring and suitably qualified personnel
- An online Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) programme and an extensive range of CBT workbooks



Help at any time, available **24/7, 365 days a year** **03303 800658*** (or 0800 023 9324 free from any standard UK landline or mobile phone) Find the full range of services available, visit vivup.co.uk

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Roman Hill Primary School

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Southtown Primary School

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Snape Primary School

Oulton Broad Primary School

Thurston Community College

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