

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

A huge thank you to all our staff and students involved in yesterday evening's House dance event. We have some very talented performers and they, and the sound and light team, created a wonderful evening. Congratulations to Hatfield who won the evening! It was a pleasure to welcome Year 10 parents, carers, and students to our Academic Review Day earlier this week. We'd like to extend our thanks to all the families who attended their scheduled appointments and contributed to making the day such a success. We believe this collaborative and supportive approach is key in helping students reflect on their progress and focus on the challenges ahead, particularly as they prepare for their mock exams. Academic Review Days offer a valuable opportunity for motivation, reflection, and goal-setting, and we hope students came away feeling encouraged and equipped to approach their final year with renewed confidence and purpose. We are pleased to announce that our open evening for prospective 2025/26 parents and students will take place on Thursday 25th September, 5.30-8.30pm. We also have several opportunities to see our school in action during one of our open mornings. Open mornings are by appointment only. Should you wish to reserve a place please email openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk stating which morning you would like to attend. Please see over the page for the dates and times. We look forward to welcoming you!

Headteacher's Commendations

Lilly Hoy, Yr.7 for outstanding contributions as a guest speaker at a recent Young Carers event.

Jenil Vadalia, Yr.7 for having his story, 'The Cursed Timekeeper' published.

Lottie Rostron, Yr.7 for being an excellent role model and Stanborough ambassador.

Sienna Maher, Yr.7 for outstanding achievements with her football team.

Asher Kemp and Emmanuel Nelson, Yr.7 for outstanding achievements with their football team, Hatfield United.

Sevada Karakashli, Yr.8 for outstanding achievements in Karate.

Olivia Hanson, Yr.8 for outstanding achievements with her football team.

Nicholas Cherbino, Yr.9 for excellent improvement in attitude to learning in all lessons.

Summer St John, Yr.9 for being an excellent role model and Stanborough Ambassador.



Quote of the week:

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude".

Maya Angelou

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

16th – 20th June 2025

Week A

16 th – 24 th	Year 12 Internal Exams
16 th	Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip, Ms. Hughes and Ms. Andrews Classes only
17 th	Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip, Ms. Hughes and Ms. Andrews Classes only
18 th – 20 th	Year 7 PGL Trip
18 th	Year 11 Leavers Celebration
19 th	St Johns Lemsford, Year 5 Taster Morning at Stanborough
20 th	Year 11 Induction into Year 12

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Open Evening 2025

25th September, 5.30 – 8.30pm
The Headteacher Talks will take place at 6pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm



Open mornings will run
30th September, 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th & 16th October
9.10am – 10.45am
Headteacher talk and tour of the school at 9.20am
To book an appointment, please email: openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

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Early Close for Students Wednesday 25th June 2025

School will finish at 1.20pm for students on Wednesday 25th June for the Year 8 Parents' Evening which runs from 2pm to 6pm.

Post 16 lesson will continue as normal. If the teacher is involved in the parents' evening Post 16 teachers will inform their class about this in advance.

Please note, there will be no lunch service on this day.



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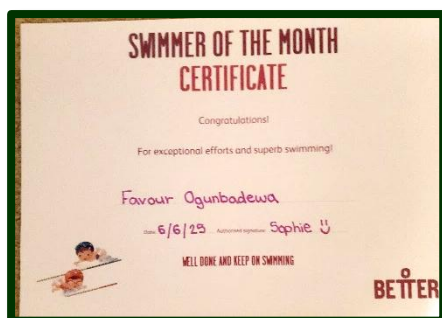
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Student Success

Well done to Kruthi, 7KK, whose work was published in Fight or Flight on March 26th.

Well done, Favour, 7HC who achieved swimmer of the month at her swimming centre.



THE STALKER

In the dark streets of London, a teenage girl was navigating her way back home. A hooded man was following her. His face was not visible. The girl didn't notice anything until she heard heavy breaths behind her. The man was searching for something in his pocket. It was a weapon. The girl sensed she was in danger. She turned around and saw the man holding a weapon. Instantly, she ran as fast as she could, using her stamina to run away. She eventually reached home. The girl locked herself in her room. She heard loud banging outside her door...

Kruthi Kasiviswanathan (12)
Stanborough School, Welwyn Garden City



Well done, Baxter, 7SM who was awarded 'man of the tournament' for his goalkeeping!



Well done, Bethany, 7HM, who has had her writing published in a young writer's book. Her piece is called 25 Cemetery Road.



Stanborough Friends in A Midsummer Night's Dream

Good luck to Stanborough students, Jonah Cook, Niah Cowan, Riyaansh Matthew and Reuben Cook who are taking part in the performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Barn Theatre. Performances run until 21st June, click the link to book tickets,

[A Midsummer Night's Dream at Barn Theatre event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Social Media @ Stanborough

Follow us on X, Facebook and Instagram to see all our news, events, updates and student successes

X - @StanboroughS

Facebook - StanboroughschoolWGC

Instagram – Stanboroughschool

LinkedIn

- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/stanborough-school/>



Eco Council plastic bottle & recycling survey

Dr Jolly, Eco-Schools Co-ordinator, writes:

From this week the Eco Ambassadors are trialling a plastic bottle recycling scheme. This is something many students have suggested. We will have three big blue wheelie bins in the dining hall and Year 7 quad for recycling empty single-use plastic bottles. Nothing else must go in these bins – not even other plastic containers. They must only be used for empty plastic drinks bottles, such as the ones many students buy from the canteen or bring in from home. Please try to put your empty plastic bottles into these bins when you have finished with them. If successful, we hope to have more recycling bins in our other quads so that more of our plastic bottles are saved from landfill, where so many of them end up currently.

A short student survey has also been created to provide us with useful information around the use of refillable water bottles and recycling habits. This has been sent directly to students or can be completed by following this link.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/w5UUUbXBFa>



The Digital Desk Podcast!

Mr Brown, Curriculum Leader: Computer Science, writes:

The Stanborough School Digital Council is proud to announce the launch of the new Digital Desk podcast - the place to go to hear about what's going on in the world of Tech!

We have started with two episodes covering a subject very important to us all: A.I. We begin by discussing the thoughts, views and opinions of the school students before asking some of the school staff how they see things from their point of view. We have more episodes on their way, but if you have any ideas for topics you'd like us to consider, or if you are interested in getting involved, then please speak to a digital leader or Mr Brown.

Safe Surfing!

Click here to listen to our podcasts, <https://youtu.be/Z-EpVOEkVSA?si=dnnEpINFxaO2QJhD>



Vacancy

Careers Co-ordinator

We are seeking to appoint a highly organised and efficient Careers Co-ordinator to plan and co-ordinate the school's careers information, advice and education guidance service (CIAEG). The successful candidate will possess excellent organisational, communication and administrative skills, an ability to work independently, be able to prioritise their workload effectively and enjoy working with young people.

Closing date: 24th June 2025, 9am



Clubs and Activities Summer Term 2025

We are very pleased to be able to offer students a variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities and encourage students to take part in at least two extra-curricular activities a week.

[Clubs & Activities Summer Term Booklet](#)

Lunch Time

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Location	Member of staff responsible
Monday	Young Carers Group (invite only)	Year 7 - 11	G6	Mrs Stratton
	Culture & Change Society	All Years	G1	Miss Davies & Mr Torindo
Tuesday	KS3 French	KS3 A	G17	Jeanne
	Language Leaders (invite only)	Year 7	G19	Miss Abbott
Wednesday	Concert Band (Woodwind & Brass)	All Years	MD4	Miss Naylor
Thursday	Music Theory Club	All Years	MD3	Miss Naylor
	KS3 Spanish	KS3	G17	Julia
	LGBTQ+ Group	All Years	F6	Ms Butcher
	Script Writing Club	Year 9+	C4	Mrs Buist
	Geography Club	KS3	F10	Mrs MacDonald & Sixth Form Ambassadors
Friday	KS3 Art Club	KS3	A1	Miss Hagan
	Discover Club	All Years	MR2	Beth Ann
	Music Technology Club	Year 10 & 11	MD3	Mr Mollison
	KS3 French	KS3 B	G17	Jeanne

After School

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time	Location	Member of staff responsible
Monday	Chorus	All Years	3-4pm	MD3	Miss Naylor & Mr Mollison
	House Dance Rehearsals	All Years	3-4.15pm	Gym	Miss Novelli
	3D Design Club	All Years	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
Tuesday	Nature & Eco Club	All Years	3-4.15pm	Meet in S10	Dr Jolly
	Keyboard Club	Year 7 - 9	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
	Lego Robotics Club	All Years	3.15-4.15pm	C1/C5	Mr Brown
Wednesday	Table Tennis	All Years	3-4pm	Gym	Mr Woodward
	Book Club	Year 11-13	3-4pm	F5	Ms Tomic
Thursday	Sound and Light Team	All Years	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
	Chess Club	All Years	3-4pm	LRC	Miss Wilson
Friday	Maths Enrichment	All Years	3.30-4.30pm	C3	Mrs Coldwell
	3D Design Club	All Years	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
	Coding Club	All Years	3.15-4.15pm	C1	Mr Brown

Sports & PE Extra Curricular Clubs

The SOCS Sports Calendar is now available on our website under What's On/Sports Calendar, [Stanborough School, Welwyn Garden City | Sports Home](#)

	Lunch time (1.20pm – 1.55pm)	Year	Location	Teacher in charge
Monday	Basketball Free Practice	Year 11	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	Dance	All Years	Gym	Miss Novelli
Tuesday	Volleyball	Year 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
Wednesday	Basketball Free Practice	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mr Harris & Mr Walker
Thursday	Basketball Free Practice	Year 9 & 10	Sports Hall	Mr Foster & Mr Harris
Friday	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Minion

	Afterschool (3.00-4.15pm)	Year	Location	Teacher in charge
Monday	Softball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
Tuesday	Cricket	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	Athletics	All Years	Sports Hall	PE Staff
Wednesday	Table Tennis	All Years	Gym	Mr Woodward
Thursday	Rounders	All Years	Sports Hall	Miss Cheal, Miss Novelli & Miss Newman
Friday	No Clubs			

Please note: Fixtures/Interhouse events will take priority over training.

Poor weather conditions may also affect the running of extra curriculum clubs.

Exams will take place in the Sports Hall
so no clubs that use the Sports Hall location will run during the exam period.

Homework Support, Study & Catch-up Sessions

Homework club is for any students in the year group who would like to complete homework in a school computer room after school. Homework club will run from 3-4pm on the relevant day.

Year	Day	Time	Room	Staff Member
Year 7	Wednesday	3-4pm	C3	Mrs Stratton, Miss Minaoui
Year 7 -11	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	3-4pm	C2	Miss Minaoui

Subject	Year Group	Day	Time	Location	Staff Member
Art Catch-up	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A5 / A1	Mrs Butterworth / Miss Hagan
Music GCSE Drop-in	Year 10 & 11 Music Students	Monday	1.30-2pm	MD3	Miss Naylor
Spanish Support	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	G19	Miss Abbott
KS3 Maths	Year 7, 8 & 9	Monday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan & Mr Woodward
3D Catch-up	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
Hospitality & Catering Catch-up	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A5	Miss Hagan
Business (invite only)	Year 10 & 11	Wednesday	1.20-2pm	C10	Business Staff
Maths Revision KS5	Year 12/13	Wednesday	12.20-2pm	C8	Mrs Coldwell
GCSE Further Maths	Year 10 & 11	Thursday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan & Mr Woodward
MFL Homework Club	All Years	Thursday	3-4pm	G19	Miss Abbott
Maths Revision KS5	Year 12/13	Friday	1.20-2pm	G7	Mrs Coldwell

Thank A Teacher Day

Mr Persand, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

The UK-wide celebration of all teaching and support staff is back. National Thank a Teacher Day will be celebrated on Wednesday 18th June!

We will be celebrating all the amazing teaching and support staff in our schools - from the dinner helpers to the classroom assistants and librarians. They deserve the spotlight for everything they do to keep things running smoothly.

Want to make someone's day? If you know a special teacher, dedicated support staff member or even a whole school team, let them know how grateful you are by sending a free e-card on the [Thank a Teacher website](#).

You will also need their school email address, which you can find here: [Staff Contact List](#)

In the lead up to National Thank a Teacher Day, keep your eyes peeled for celebrity judged writing and baking competitions with prizes on offer! See how parents, carers and pupils can join in on the celebration, for details on how to enter, and your entry could be read out by their celebrity judges.

With celebrations across the UK get involved on social media using the hashtag #ThankaTeacherDay. There will be plenty of exciting updates ahead of the day, so don't forget to follow Thank a Teacher to hear the latest on competitions, giveaways and celebrity shout outs.



Event at Welwyn Garden City Library

At the end of the month, Welwyn Garden City Library are hosting author Cathy Reay, who has just published a book for children *How to Be Disabled and Proud (or at least kinda sorta OK with it)*.

This is an evening event aimed at parents and carers looking to support and advocate for their children.

You can read more about the book here: [How To Be Disabled and Proud](#).

Thursday 26th June

7.00pm

Welwyn Garden City Central Library

Tickets are £5 per person and can be booked here: tinyurl.com/DisabledAndProudParents

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How to be Disabled and Proud with Cathy Reay

Thursday 26 June, 7pm
Welwyn Garden City Library

Disabled and Proud helps disabled children embrace (or at least feel OK with) their identity. This event is for parents and carers to help support and advocate for their children.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
0300 123 4049

Tickets: £5

QR code linking to the event page

Book cover for 'How to Be Disabled and Proud' by Cathy Reay

Author photo of Cathy Reay

100 years Hertfordshire County Council Libraries Service 1925-2025

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Root Word of the Week: Science

dys = bad

dystopia
dysentery

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Root Word of the Week

W/c 16th June 2025