

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Our Year 7 students returned from their PGL residential trip full of enthusiasm and wonderful stories. They had a fantastic time developing their teamwork skills and strengthening friendships, an experience they'll remember for years to come. We have been welcoming Year 5 pupils from our feeder schools for a taster morning in ADT and Science over the last few weeks and we look forward to seeing more over the next couple of weeks. It has been great to see so much curiosity and creativity from them. Hopefully we will see many of them again in the future. Thank you to the staff who have organised the special activities while they are with us. We were also pleased this week to receive a visit from our local MP, Andrew Lewin, who took the time to speak with students and staff about education and community issues. You can read more about his visit over page. Finally, a reminder that StanFest is just around the corner, on Friday, 4th July. It promises to be a fantastic event celebrating student talent and creativity with live music, stalls, food and drink. Tickets are still available, so don't miss out!

Headteacher's Commendations

Zenzo Sibanda, Yr.7 for outstanding achievements in football during the World Clubfoot Day.

Favour Ogunbadewa, Yr.7 for achieving Swimmer of the Month with her Swimming Club.

McKayla Dimgba, Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader.

Samantha Halliwell, Yr.7 for excellent support during the recent Summer Fair at The Ryde Primary School.

Ethan Squires, Yr.8 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader.

Ingrid Cherbino, Yr.9 for excellent support during the recent Summer Fair at The Ryde Primary School.

Nina Merrigan, Yr.9 for outstanding attitude to learning and working at a consistently high level in all English lessons.

Flavius Azoitei, Yr.9 for outstanding attitude to learning and working at a consistently high level in all English lessons.

Benedicta Baffour, Deborah Adesanya, Sabeena Satheeskumar and Selma Mangwende, Yr.10 for excellent participation with peer mentoring this term.



Quote of the week:

"The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts."

Marcus Aurelius

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

30th June – 4th July 2025

Week A

30 th June	Year 9 Immunisations Year 6 Transition Morning for students coming on their own or with few peers, 8.45-10.45am Applecroft Year 5 Taster Morning, 9.30am-12.15pm
1 st July	SEND Transition Morning, 8.45-10.30am Creswick Year 5 Taster Morning, 9.30am-12.15pm Summer Presentation Evening, Y7-10 & 12, by invitation, 5.30-8.30pm
4 th	Year 12 Royal Society Trip Holwell Year 5 Taster Morning, 9.30am-12.15pm StanFest, 5-7pm

No Peanuts in School

We would like to remind everyone of our no-peanut policy at school, which is in place to protect members of our community with severe allergies.

We kindly ask that no nuts are bought into school including snacks or in packed lunches. This applies to all areas of the school day, including break times, after-school clubs, and school trips.

Thank you for helping to keep our school a safe environment for everyone.



Please collect bikes daily

A quick reminder that bicycles must not be left on the school site overnight or at weekends. Leaving bikes for extended periods increases the risk of damage or theft, and blocks space for others.

Thank you for helping us keep the bike racks clear and everyone's property secure.



Year 6 into Transition Day and New Intake Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 6 into 7 students for their Transition Day on Thursday 10th July. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to spend the day at their new school, meet key staff, explore the environment, and take part in engaging activities to help them feel confident and prepared for the next stage of their education.

We are also holding an important Parent Meeting – on the same Day, starting at 5pm.

We strongly encourage all Year 6 into 7 parents/carers to attend.



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Year 6 into 7 Transition Day and New Intake Evening

Thursday 10th July 2025

Transition day for students, 8.20am

- Students should wear their current school uniform
- Lunch will be provided free of charge, students are welcome to bring a packed lunch should they prefer
- Please ensure your child brings a pencil case and water bottle

New Intake Evening for Parents, 5pm

This is an important evening for our new parents
Uniform and PE kit will be available to view and you will receive important information

For more information see the letter emailed home

We look forward to welcoming you to Stanborough

Year 7 PGL trip to Caythorpe Court 2025

Mrs Aubrey, Deputy Year Leader: Year 7

134 Year 7 students had the fantastic opportunity to develop teamwork, leadership and problem solving skills last week at PGL, a time where many formed new friendships and helped each other overcome fears and anxieties.

Students took part in a range of activities including; Climbing, Canoeing, Jacobs ladder (where students had to use ropes and work as a team to climb up a range of horizontal wooden poles that got progressively further apart the higher you went), All aboard (where students had to climb a 20ft pole and stand on top as a group of 3), Archery, Rifle shooting and Zip wire.

With the hot weather and constant reapplying of suncream - Canoeing was a favourite activity for the majority - with a chance to cool off in the water. The climbing activities were where many students overcame their fears of heights, and showed amazing teamwork and leadership skills to help each other up the Jacob's Ladder and All aboard pole.

A wonderful time where many great memories were made, fears overcome and new friendships formed for students and staff. A great time had by all.

'I built up a lot of confidence and got rid of my fear of heights. I loved climbing Jacobs ladder and canoeing. I had fun and made lots of new friends.' **JS 7KK**

'I had so much fun, it was like a dream come true. It really built my confidence doing the climbing activities' **CZ 7KK**

'I overcame my fear of heights on all-aboard. It was a trip to remember' **MH 7KK**

'Canoeing was so much fun' **JL 7KL**

'All aboard was the best activity' **IS 7KL**

'I made lots of fun memories with my friends, canoeing was my favourite' **DS 7SE**

'PGL staff were all kind and helpful. All aboard was my favourite, I would definitely recommend it to others' **JI 7SM**

'It built up my confidence to do things I thought I couldn't. It was really fun and I made lots of friends' **RT 7KK**



MP Andrew Lewin Visits Our School Community

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

We were honoured to welcome local Member of Parliament Andrew Lewin and his case worker, Sam Park, to our school this week. It was a privilege to host them and showcase the vibrant and supportive environment we are proud to call our community.

During their visit, Mr Lewin and Mrs Park met with students and Year Leaders to gain insight into the daily life of our school, particularly our procedures for ensuring the safety of our students. They engaged in thoughtful conversations with both students and staff, discussing the strengths of our school as well as areas where we would like to see improvements. The students were very interested in the role of an MP, and his relationship with the Prime Minister.

The visit was a valuable opportunity for our school community to share experiences, raise ideas, and reflect on the role of education in shaping the future. We thank Mr. Lewin and Mrs. Park for taking the time to listen and learn from our school, and we look forward to continuing the dialogue.



Young Carers Cooking Session

Our Young Carers took part in a cooking session today to enhance their skills and to help support their roles at home. They all created a wonderful Chow Mein and worked brilliantly together. Well done!



Science Taster sessions at Stanborough!

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

The Year 5 and 6 students of St Johns Lemsford and Howe Dell had a fantastic time experiencing how to extract DNA from Strawberries, Measuring speed of a car on a ramp, and Testing household chemicals with red cabbage indicator.

We look forward to welcoming Applecroft, Creswick, Holwell and Templewood schools next week.



Mysteries of the Chemical World

Stanborough Chemists-to-be thoroughly enjoying the A-level Induction session experimenting with unknown chemicals to determine their Structure, Properties and Behaviour.

"Let there be light" at Stanborough

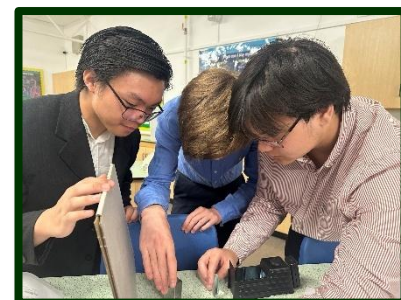
Stanborough Physicists-to-be busy splitting light into a spectrum, investigating "why the sky is blue" and analysing the spectrum of a Neon discharge tube during the A-level Induction.



Stanborough locks in enzymes!

Stanborough Biologists-to-be using enzymes as catalysts as they are crucial in biotechnology

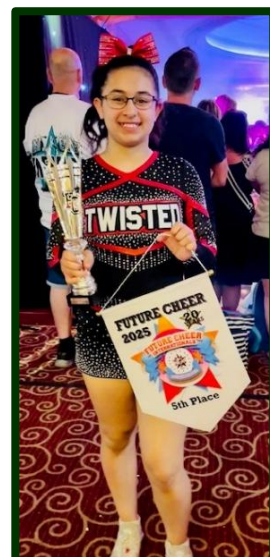
making them valuable tools for various industrial processes including food and beverage production, biofuel generation, pharmaceuticals, and more.



Student Success

Congratulations to Amelia, 7KL and her Cheer Squad, Rebellion, for achieving 5th place in the International Cheer tournament in Bournemouth at the weekend.

Damia, 9BM and Bella, 7KK successfully passed their Taekwondo grading and are now Black Stripe belt holders. They are both now training hard for their Black Belt exam next March.



Eco Council plastic bottle & recycling survey

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

A couple of weeks ago the Eco Ambassadors started trialling a plastic bottle recycling scheme. This is something many students have suggested. There are three big blue wheelie bins in the dining hall and Year 7 quad for recycling empty single-use plastic bottles.

We are encouraging students to put their empty plastic bottles into these bins when they 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.

Many thanks to all the students who have responded to this, for those who have still to reply please click the link below by Friday 4th July, <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/w5UUUbXBfa>



Bookmark Competition 2025

Collect a template bookmark from either the LRC or A1.
Hand in your completed design to Ms Wilson in the LRC by
Monday 30th June.
Good luck!.



gastr = stomach

gastric
gastronomy

Root Word of the Week

W/c 30th June 2025



Vacancy

Cover & Staff Absence Assistant

We wish to appoint a highly organised and efficient Cover and Staff Absence Assistant to undertake the day-to-day management of cover arrangements and recording of staff absence.

This is a part-time Monday to Friday role, for 26.25 hours per week, term time only, working 7.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Closing date: 3rd July 2025

See our website for details,
[Staff Vacancies – Stanborough School](#)

Stanborough School JOB VACANCY



Cover & Staff Absence Assistant

CLOSING DATE : 3RD JULY 2025, 9AM

See our website for details



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UNIFORM SALE

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Run by Stanborough School PTA

**Friday 11th July &
Thursday 17th July
4.00pm to 5.30pm
Cash Only**

We have limited new stock with old logo sold at discount price, we also have second hand items for sale

The sale will be held in the school canteen

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Stanborough School
invites you to.....

STANFEST

MUSIC FESTIVAL
HOT/COLD FOOD + DRINKS
STALLS

4th July
5pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON ARBOR OR OVER THE PHONE
01707 321 755 EXT 240
TICKETS £5/£2

Eco Art Project

Mrs Pearson, Curriculum Leader: Art, Design & Technology, writes:

We are reaching out with an exciting opportunity to support an inspiring Eco Art project led by a sculpture based artist and young changemakers at Stanborough School.

Our school community is passionate about protecting the planet and creating a greener future, and now we need your help to bring a unique focal point to our Eco Garden.

The art department, in collaboration with our Eco school community plan to make and create a natural, living artwork that will grow and evolve with time.

This sculpture will serve as a powerful symbol of sustainability, creativity and environmental care.

The sculpture will be co-designed and built with the help of a local environmental artist, involving our pupils in every stage of the process, from weaving the willow to nurturing it as it grows.

Your support will help us plant the seeds of learning, creativity and environmental stewardship in this inspirational project.

Click here for the go fund me page,
<https://gofund.me/f01cbd8d>

SUPPORT OUR ECO ART PROJECT



Stanborough School

**LET'S GROW SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL – TOGETHER!**

<https://gofund.me/f01cbd8d>



WHAT WE'RE CREATING:

A living willow sculpture that evolves and grows with time - a lasting symbol of environmental care and student creativity

WHY IT MATTERS:

- Empowers students to engage in hands-on learning
- Teaches environmental stewardship
- Fosters collaboration and imagination

YOUR SUPPORT CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Help Us Grow
Something
Beautiful - Willows...



Organized by
Amie Pearson



£600 to goal

Donate now!

Donate to Help Us
Grow Something
Beautiful - Willow
Sculpture, organized
by Amie Pearson

We are reaching out with an exciting opportunity to support an inspir... Amie Pearson needs your support for Help Us Grow Something Beautiful - Willow

[gofund.me](https://gofund.me/f01cbd8d)

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:

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Higher GCSE Question

Here is a triangular prism $ABCDEF$

$AD = 53$ cm

$DF = 28$ cm

Angle $FDE = 30^\circ$

Work out the volume of the triangular prism.

Give your answer correct to the nearest whole number.

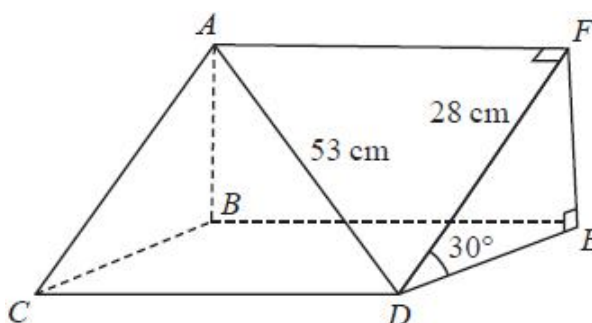


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accurately drawn

Foundation GCSE Question

The diagram shows a container for water in the shape of a prism.

The rectangular base of the prism, shown shaded in the diagram, is horizontal. The container is completely full of water.

Tuah is going to use a pump to empty the water from the container so that the volume of water in the container decreases at a constant rate.

The pump starts to empty water from the container at 10 30 and at 12 00 the water level in the container has dropped by 20 cm.

Find the time at which all the water has been pumped out of the container.

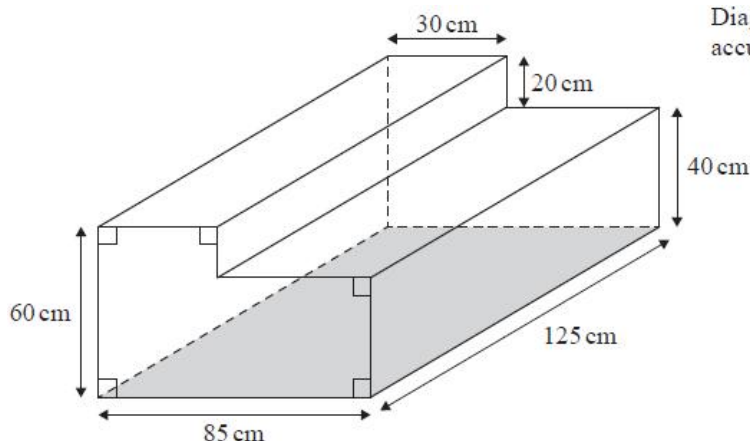


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Clubs and Activities Summer Term 2025

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.

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/>



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

Barracudas summer camps

Barracudas summer camps are offering our families an exclusive £20 discount when they book a minimum of 2 days at their local Barracudas camp using the code SCHOOL20.

Barracudas camps are a great way to keep children entertained, active, and social over the break – all while supporting their personal growth and confidence in a friendly, inclusive environment.



Autumn Term Courses & Workshops - WelHat LSP

Click the QR on the poster or the link to book your place at any of these workshops.

Parent & Carer Support, Talking AS & ADHD Workshops, Autumn 2025

Alongside the usual Parenting Courses, Supporting Links are pleased to be offering the following four online workshops this coming Autumn Term. These are open to parents and carers of children with diagnosed or suspected ASD and/or ADHD across Hertfordshire, funded by the Local Authority and are FREE to attend.

Click the links below or the QR code on the poster for more information and to book your place.

Talking ASD/ADHD: Responding to Anger – Tuesday 23rd September 2025

[ASD & ADHD: Responding to Anger \(781\) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Tue 23 Sep 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Talking ASD/ADHD: The Teenage Years – Monday 13th October 2025

[Talking ASD & ADHD: The Teenage Years \(782\) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Mon 13 Oct 2025 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Talking ASD/ADHD: School Avoidance – Monday 10th November 2025

[Talking ASD & ADHD: School Avoidance \(783\) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Mon 10 Nov 2025 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Talking ASD/ADHD: Tech Use – Monday 24th November 2025

[Talking ASD & ADHD: Tech Use \(784\) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Mon 24 Nov 2025 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)



Who's in Charge?

A FREE* 8 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS LIVING WITH A STRONG-WILLED CHILD

COURSE COVERS:

- ENTITLEMENT VERSUS RESPONSIBILITY
- CONSEQUENCES
- ANGER
- ASSERTIVENESS
- SELF-CARE
- COOPERATIVE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

DATES: Monday evenings from 13th Oct to 8th Dec (no session during half-term)

TIME: 6:30 - 8:30pm

LOCATION: St Philip Howard School

PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/nmUYCV3LRW>

*Please note that this course is only available for free to our partner schools, details of which can be found here.
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Parent & Carer Support TALKING ASD & ADHD Workshops Autumn 2025

Workshops are FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.



RESPONDING to ANGER

- Healthy & unhealthy anger.
- How to spot the signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.

Tuesday 23rd September, 9.30-11.15am
Workshop SL781 book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/asd-adhd-responding-to-anger-781-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1413258727899?aff=oddtcreator>



THE TEENAGE YEARS

- Teenage brain development and how it affects a child with ASD/ADHD.
- Reducing conflict by learning how to respond effectively to difficult situations.
- How to agree appropriate boundaries and teach risk assessment.
- Help teens develop independence skills.

Monday 13th October, 7.30-9.15pm
Workshop SL782 book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-the-teenage-years-782-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1417376895449?aff=oddtcreator>



SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance and is this what your child is experiencing?
- Common causes and triggers of school avoidance.
- How EBSA is affecting you and your family.
- Practical steps you can take to support your child and look after yourself.
- How to work with your school in your child's best interests.

Monday 10th November, 7.30-9.15pm
Workshop SL783 book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-school-avoidance-783-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1417463965879?aff=oddtcreator>



TECH USE

- Keep your child safe online.
- Help your child to switch their device off.
- Support behaviour difficulties when playing.
- The effect of using devices as a reward or consequence.
- Teach children to develop their own methods of regulating device use and staying safe.

Monday 24th November, 7.30-9.15pm
Workshop SL784 book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-tech-use-784-for-parents-carers-in-herts-registration-1417436894909?aff=oddtcreator>



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