

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

This week has seen students involved in a wide variety of activities, highlighting the breadth of opportunities available across school life. We were delighted to welcome former student Tapi Zonda back to school to speak to Years 7–10 and Year 12 in a special alumni assembly, inspiring students with reflections on his journey since leaving school. Year 10 geographers enjoyed putting their learning into practice during their fieldwork trip; an important part of their GCSE course. Meanwhile, Year 8 enjoyed an exciting theatre trip to see *Hercules*, and our Year 9 students demonstrated resilience, teamwork and determination during their Duke of Edinburgh expedition.

Year 11 students came together to celebrate the end of their time with us at their Leavers' Celebration, marking the conclusion of five memorable years at the school. This event provided an opportunity to reflect on their achievements, friendships and experiences, and to recognise the hard work and dedication they have shown throughout their studies. We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best as they await their examination results and look forward to welcoming them back into our Sixth Form cohort in September.

Headteacher's Commendations

Alfie Samroo, Yr.7 for volunteering to support with the recent football festival at Ridgeway.

Luke Whitehead, Yr.8 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader.

Princess Nyathi and Yeva Korchynska Yr.8 for outstanding progress made this year in all EAL lessons. Niah Cowan, Yr.9 for writing an exceptional speech on knife crime in an English lesson.

Ianis Marcu, Yr.9 for participating in the Panshanger U14 Football Shield Tournament and winning with Premier Skills.

Keever Tinotenda Kureya, Yr.10 for outstanding progress made this year in all EAL lessons.

Kloe Francis, Daisy Boville and Savannah Luong, Yr.10 for producing a truly outstanding piece of work in psychology.

Isabelle Hale, Yr.10 for achieving her IOA in netball umpiring with outstanding feedback.



Quote of the week:

"I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all" – Simone Biles

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



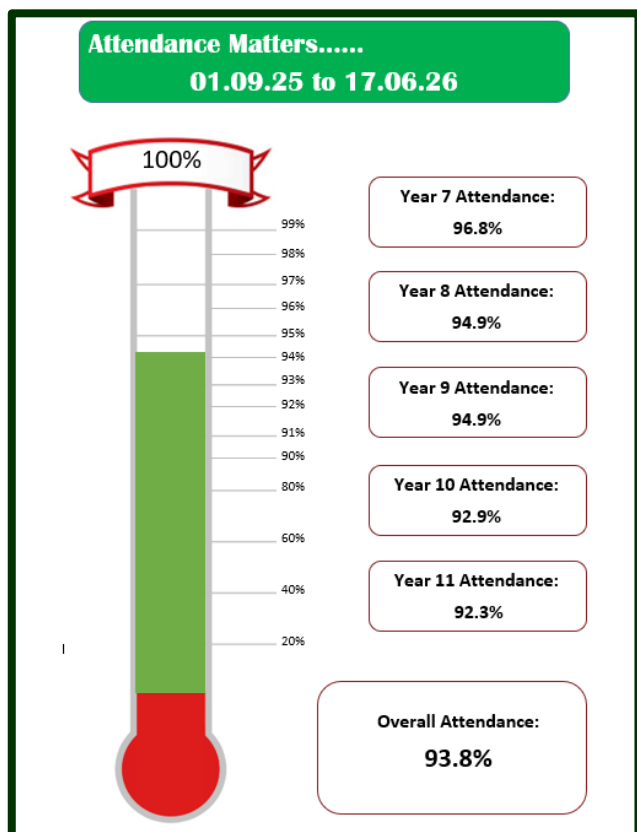
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Attendance Watch

At Stanborough, we want to ensure your child thrives and achieves their very best and as such, we have the highest expectations regarding attendance. As parents, you can support in the following ways:

Make school attendance a priority • Talk about the opportunities available when your teen or preteen shows up to school every day. • Help your student maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting enough sleep. • Consider limiting use of devices if they interfere with sleep. • Try not to schedule nonurgent medical appointments during the school day. • Help your student to stay healthy.



A reminder that students who meet the below attendance criteria, will be given an award at the end of term:

Bronze Award – Awarded to students with 100% attendance during the Autumn Term.

Silver Award – Awarded to students with 100% attendance during the Autumn and Spring Terms.

Gold Award – Awarded to students with 100% attendance throughout the full academic year.



A fresh week is a new opportunity for success – attendance matters every day.

Forthcoming Events

22nd June 2026

Week B

23rd June	Music Aptitude Practice Tests, 8:45am-12:30pm, M&D Block
24 th June	Talent Foundry – year 7 Rise workshop 10am-3pm, Hall Music Aptitude Practice Tests, 8:45am-12:30pm, M&D Block
25 th June	Talent Foundry – year 7 Rise workshop 10am-3pm, Hall Music Aptitude Practice Tests, 8:45am-12:30pm, M&D Block
26 th June	Year 11 Prom, 6:30-10:30pm, Hall

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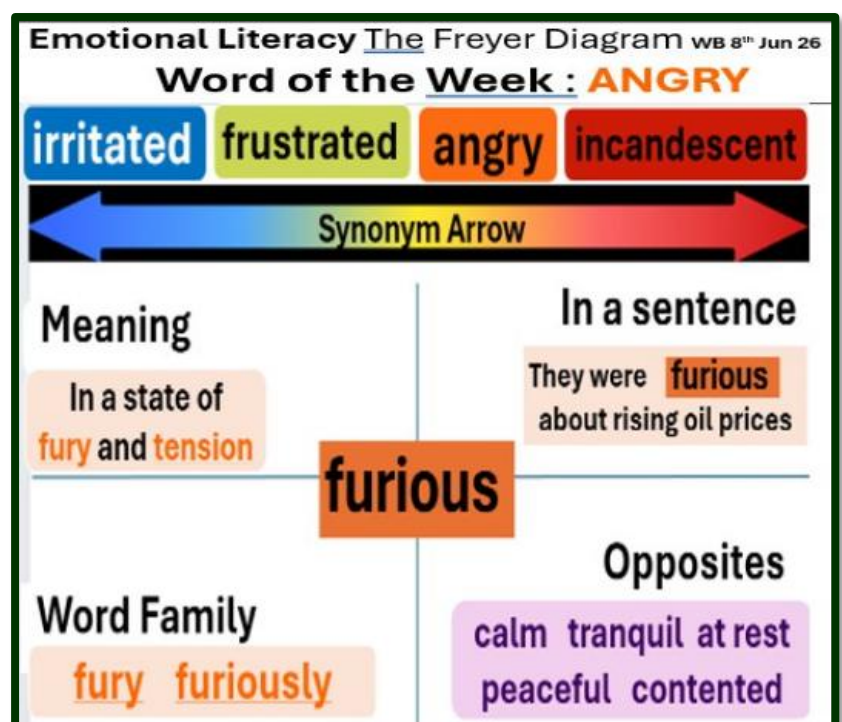
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Root Word of the Week

W/c 22nd 2026



Student Success



Congratulations to Ianis in 9SE for participating in the Panshanger U 14 Shield tournament last week, winning the cup with his colleagues from Premier Skills. Excellent work Ianis!

Proud Thursday

For Proud Thursday last week, we heard from Solace (10BP), who proudly showcased her project exploring the work of Angela Faustina. Through detailed research and thoughtful presentation, Solace captured the artist's use of vibrant colour, realism and emotion to communicate themes of beauty, resilience and identity. The project reflected a significant investment of time, and creativity, and her dedication was clear to see throughout. Well done, Solace!



Think you have something to be proud of? Join us for Proud Thursday every Thursday at lunchtime. See Mr Persand and share an achievement, talent, experience or success that matters to you. Whether it is in school or beyond, we would love to celebrate it with you. As well as sharing your story with the school community, every Proud Thursday speaker receives a Gold Award worth 30 points.

Onatti Theatre Spanish Production

On Friday 5th June, Year 7 and Year 8 Spanish students were lucky enough to have the Onatti Theatre Company visit Stanborough to perform the lively and interactive play *Un ensayo desastroso*. The performance brought the Spanish language to life, with a number of students volunteering to take part and playing an active role on stage. Their enthusiasm and confidence made the show even more engaging, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. As well as being entertaining, the performance enriched students' learning by reinforcing vocabulary and cultural understanding, directly supporting their academic studies in Spanish. Students even took the time to write thank you messages to the actors. We look forward to welcoming the Onatti Theatre Company back next year to further enrich the Modern Foreign Languages curriculum.



Year 11 Leavers' Celebration

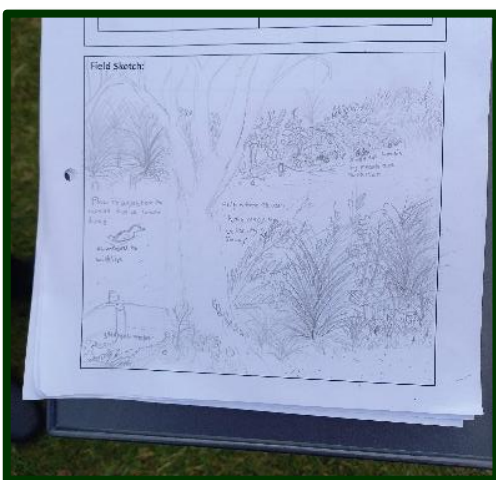
Congratulations to our Year 11 students on officially completing their GCSE exams. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and maturity they have shown throughout the exam period, as well as their commitment to attending the pre-exam lessons. Their excellent attendance at these sessions right up to the final GCSE exam has been outstanding.

We wish them every success in the future and the very best for the next stage of their journey. We hope that those staying on for Sixth Form thoroughly enjoyed their induction this week.



Geography fieldwork - Year 10

Across 5 separate trips, all 70 GCSE Geography students have undertaken two geography fieldtrips within the local area - a river study at Wheathampstead and Stanborough Lake, and an urban study in Welwyn Garden City. Behaviour and engagement were exceptional and we are very lucky to have such wonderful fieldwork opportunities on our doorstep. Well done Year 10 geographers!



House Dance 2026

Miss Novelli, a Proud Dance Teacher, writes:

On Thursday 11th June we had our prestigious House Dance competition return, this time with the addition of three beautiful lyrical dances choreographed by our very own inspiring Year 10 BTEC Dancers, two fun celebratory performances from our confident Dance Club of Great Gatsby and Footloose, and a 90's mashup for our Notorious Staff Dance.

The talent of our dancers across the board was incredible and the competition was incredibly tight! We saw Knebworth placing 4th with their rendition of Boy Bands, Brocket 3rd with the theme Obsession and Toxicity, Hatfield 2nd showcasing Women Empowerment and Sopwell taking the trophy embodying Conflict through the ages! Additional recognition was also needed for some fantastically talented individuals; firstly Oliver Alexandru for the Year 7 Best Newcomer, Holly Hunt for the Best Performer, and Natalie Eckland for Best Choreographer. To finish the awards Brocket won best costumes and Audience choice awards for their powerful performances! A brilliant night was had, and I cannot wait to see the upcoming talent in the new year when we prepare for our 2nd annual Dance Showcase!

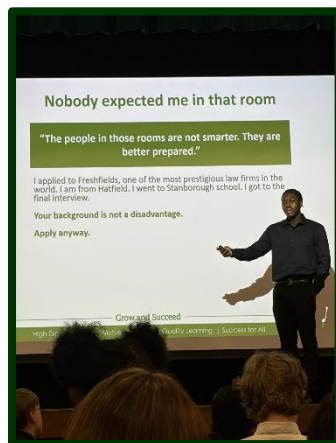
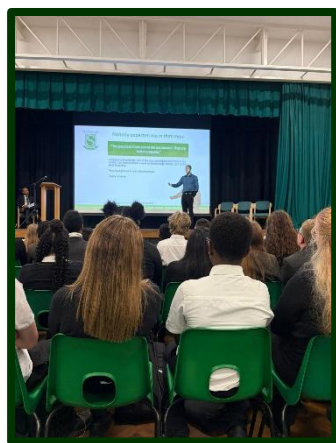


Alumni Talk – Tapi Zonda

A huge thank you to one of our former students, Tapi Zonda, a man of many talents, for leading a talk on entrepreneurialism. Tapi is a 19-year-old entrepreneur and founder of the Zonda Group, a private aviation advisory firm working with high-net-worth individuals and corporate clients. Alongside running his business, he's a first-year student at the University of Manchester and is pursuing a career in law currently supported by programmes including Freshfields and the Social Mobility Foundation.

His assembly covered starting a business as a student, navigating elite professional environments from a non-traditional background, and what a career in law and finance looks like from the inside.

His story, his drive, and his entrepreneurial spirit truly lit a spark in our students. His honest reflections, life lessons and journey into becoming a young entrepreneur left a real impact. Students walked away motivated and full of ideas. We look forward to welcoming him back soon.



Question of the Week

Mathematics



Mrs Sahjpall, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:

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Solve one of the following to earn a **GOLD** Award

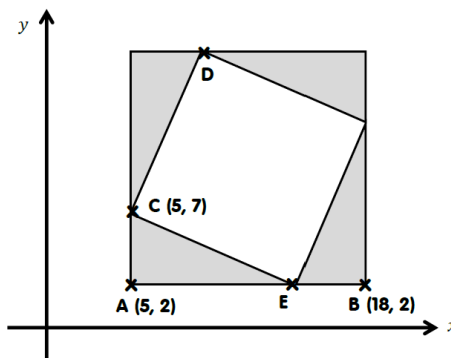
Deadline: 21.06.26

Submit your entry by email on Ssahjpall@stanborough.herts.sch.uk or on paper (Maths office)

Write your full name and form group on your entry

Higher GCSE Question

Four congruent triangles are shown below.



The coordinates of three points are given.

A (5, 2), B (18, 2) and C (5, 7)

- (a) Find the coordinates of D.
- (b) Find the length of CE.

Foundation GCSE Question

Maryam makes dolls.

She uses the following formula to work out the cost, £C, of making n dolls.

$$C = 5n + 432$$

Maryam makes 170 dolls.

She sells them for £8.50 each.

How much profit does she make?

Geography Competition: Destination Stanborough!

Mrs Macdonald, Subject Leader: Geography and T&L Innovation Leader, writes:

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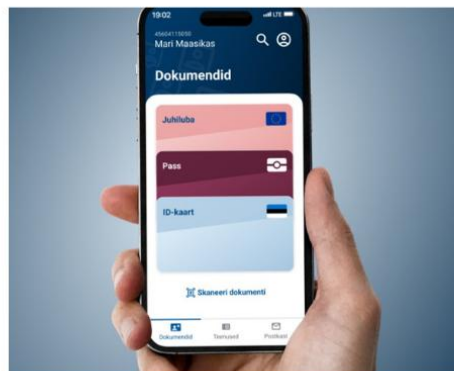
Welcome to the latest instalment of 'Destination Stanborough'! Each week, two clues will be released via the Stanborough Times. These clues all link to one particular city or landmark, which could be anywhere in the world. There will be 8 clues in total, and the answer will be revealed after all clues have been shared. If you think you have solved the clues, email Mrs Macdonald (AMacdonald@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) with your answer. Points will be awarded at the end of the competition based on how many clues you need and how detailed your explanations of the clues are.

The next set of clues for this half term's destination are below, Good Luck!

Clue #3



Clue #4



Bookmark Competition



Amazon Wish List

Ms Wilson, Librarian, writes:

To enable all our students to enjoy reading their favourite books, we have created a list of the book titles they have asked to be available to read from our school library. Their wish list is available on Amazon and parents/carers can purchase a book from this list to be donated to our library.



If you would like to donate a book from this wish list, please follow this link, <https://amzn.eu/01UoVrKC>

This will direct you to our booklist where you can choose your donation, which will be sent directly to Stanborough School. Please ensure to choose 'School Library Book Wish List's Gift Registry Address' as the delivery address, this address will appear in their 'Other addresses' list.

Thank you in advance for your donation from the students' wish list.

Clubs and Activities Summer Term 2026

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	F9	Mrs Stratton
Year 7 -11	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	3-4pm	C2 F9	Mrs Stratton

Subject	Year Group	Day	Time	Location	Staff Member
Music GCSE Drop-in	Year 10 & 11 Music Students	Monday	1.30-2pm	MD3	Miss Naylor
Maths	Year 7 - 10	Monday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan
Sparx Maths	All Years	Monday	1.20-2pm	G8	Miss Masterson
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
MFL Homework Club	All Years	Thursday	3-4pm	G19	Miss Abbott
GCE Maths Revision KS5	Year 12/13	Friday	1.20-2pm	C8	Mrs Coldwell
GCSE Maths Revision KS4	Year 11	Friday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan

Lunch Time Clubs

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Location	Member of staff responsible
Mon - Fri	The Retreat	Invite only	G12	Mrs Stratton
Monday	Young Carers Group (invite only)	Year 7 - 11	G6	Mrs Stratton
	Basketball	Year 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Minion
	Culture & Change	All Years	G1	Mr Torindo
Tuesday	Whizzy Wizards' Writing Workshop	Year 7-9	F5	Miss Davies
	Dance	All Years	Gym	Miss Novelli
	Basketball	Year 7, 8 & 9	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
Wednesday	Woodwind & Brass Group	All Years	MD4	Mr Router
	Guitar Club	All Years	MD2	Mr Hartley
	Volleyball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
Thursday	Music Theory Club	All Years	MD3	Miss Naylor
	LGBTQ+ Group	All Years	F6	Ms Butcher
	Script Writing Club	Year 9+	C4	Mrs Buist
Friday	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	3D Club KS3	Year 7-9	A4	Mr Beevor

After School Clubs

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time	Location	Member of staff responsible
Monday	House Dance Practice (until 8 th June)	All Years	3-4.15pm	Gym	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
	Track Club	All Years	3-4.15pm	Field	Mr Minion
	Chorus	All Years	3-4pm	MD3	Miss Naylor & Mr Mollison
Tuesday	Nature & Eco Club	All Years	3-4.15pm	Meet in S10	Dr Jolly
	Athletics	All Years	3-4.15pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Harris, Mr Harris, Mr Foster & Miss Novelli
	SalT (Sound and Light Team)	All Years	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
	Coding Club (Wk A) Lego Robotics (Wk B)	All Years	3-4pm	C1	Mr Brown
Wednesday	Music Technology / Music Production Club	Invitation only	3-40pm	MD3	Miss Naylor & Mr Mollison
Thursday	Chess Club	All Years	3-4pm	LRC	Ms Wilson
	Rounders	Year 7 & 8 Year 9 & 10	3-4.15pm	Field	Mrs Dean Miss Novelli
	Softball	All Years	3-4.15pm	Courts	Mr Minion
	Cricket	All Years	3-4.15pm	Courts	Mr Harris
	Instrumental Club	Year 7-9	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison & Mr Hartley
	3D Club KS3	Year 7-9	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
Friday	Maths Enrichment	All Years	3.30-4.30pm	C2	Mrs Coldwell

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

Poor weather conditions may also effect the running of extra-curricular clubs.

Exams will take place in the sports hall so no clubs that use the sports hall location will take place during the exam period.

Herts Summer Parks Festival

Please sign up here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/0RyPJ2mTUb>



The poster features a vibrant blue background with yellow and pink accents. At the top left, a yellow circle contains the text 'HERTS SUMMER PARKS'. To its right, the words 'FREE PARKS FESTIVAL' are written in large, bold, yellow letters, with 'WITH FREE FOOD' in white below it. Three photos are arranged in the center: two girls playing basketball, a boy working on a craft project, and a climbing wall. Below these photos, the text 'Coming to' is followed by 'WELWYN GARDEN CITY' in large yellow letters, and 'Ages 12-16' below that. At the bottom, three colored boxes provide details: 'WHERE' (King George V Playing Fields, Beehive Lane, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4BP), 'WHEN' (Mondays, 3rd, 10th, and 17th August, 3pm-6pm), and a 'Register here' box with a QR code. The footer includes logos for Hertfordshire's Happy Holiday Activity Programme, Big Summer 2026, Welwyn Hatfield, No Limits 2026, and the UK Government.

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TO HELP YOU SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY BE EXPERIENCING ANXIETY

Twilight session for School staff

- **TO UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES OF ANXIETY** **Date Wednesday 1st July**
- **UNDERSTAND PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS AND HOW THEY MAY PRESENT IN CHILDREN** **TIME: 3.30pm-5.30pm**
- **STRATEGIES TO HELP A CHILD MANAGE THEIR STRESS AND BUILD RESILIENCE** **VENUE: Online via MSteams**

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to:
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Schools Theatre Train – Summer Holiday clubs



MOANA
summer holiday club

Celebrating the Moana films and the live action remake
Dance - Act - Sing - Craft - Fun!

Wednesday 29th July
Ludwick Family Club, WGC
9:30-11:30
Ages 4 - 6 years
£19
Early bird discount when booked by 4th June

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AGE 5 (YR 1) AND ABOVE
LUDWICK FAMILY CLUB, WGC
WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY
9AM - 3:30PM

£35pp
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• Unique medal for all finishers • 2k children's event (4 to 14 year olds)

VENUE	ENTRY FEE	FIND OUT MORE
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