

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

As another busy and successful week draws to a close, it is a pleasure to share some of the highlights from across our school community. Our Year 8 students took their first exciting steps towards the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at the launch evening, while our RSHE Coffee Morning provided a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to engage with our curriculum and discuss this with staff. Academic progress remained a key focus, with Year 10 students and their families taking part in Academic Review Day to celebrate achievements and plan for continued success. The competitive spirit was on full display during our two Sports Days, where students demonstrated determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship. We also enjoyed a fantastic production of *Much Ado About Nothing*, showcasing the creativity, confidence and dedication of our talented cast and production team. It was a joy to welcome our new Year 7 cohort on their Transition Day on Thursday – tutors enjoyed getting to know their groups and it was a great opportunity for our new students to sample Stanborough life. Our current year 7s had a wonderful time on their PGL residential trip and we will report on this next week. These events, alongside the many everyday successes that take place across our classrooms and wider school life, remind us of the importance of embracing every opportunity to learn, grow and contribute. Thank you to our students, staff, parents and carers for your continued commitment and support.

Headteacher's Commendations

Oliver Alexandru, Yr.7 for taking part in the recent BDO Street Dance competition and winning 4th place with his crew and 2nd place for his duo.
Vinnie Lovell, Yr.7 for improving his reading age by 2 and a half years since October.

Beau Hazell, Yr.7 for improving his reading age by a year and a half since October.

Bay Larbey, Yr.7 for improving her reading age by over a year and a half since November.

AJ Kerby, Yr.7 for improving his reading age by almost a year and a half since October.

Rio Best, Yr.7 for supporting his Primary School with their recent Summer Fete.

Shelby Whitehead, Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader.

Summer Thurgood, Yr.8 for being cast to be part of the pantomime at Gordon Craig Theatre.

Svaniik Modi, Yr.8 for achieving his Purple Belt in Code Ninjas and moving onto the next Belt.

Apinke Okunoren, Yr.9 for attending the first meeting for the Youth Commission, discussing knife crime and other topics.

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Fin Taylor, Freddie Ryan and Sam Bounsall, Yr.10 for winning the league with the football team, Lemsford Lions U15s.

Max Heath, Yr.10 for representing AFC Welwyn and sponsor Dan Gaze Support Services at the recent 'Sellebrity Football Match'.

Tawana Chavunduka, Yr.10 for a successful interview with the Hertfordshire Youth Commission.

Lily Hale, Yr.10 for outstanding effort and excellent ATL in PE this term.



Quote of the week:

"Every day is an opportunity to improve and to learn something new" - Carlos Alcaraz

Wish you a restful weekend
Mrs John



Headteacher's Commendations



2025-26 Years 7-10 & 12 Awardees

Headteacher Awards 2025/2026



Year 7Year 8Year 9Year 10Year 12

Year Leader Awards 2025/2026



Year 7Year 8Year 9



Year 10Year 12







Forthcoming Events

11th May 2026

Week A

13 th – 16 th July	Florence, Italy trip – Year 9
13th July	Drop Down Day – various activities
14 th – 16 th July	Berlin, Germany trip Year 10
14 th – 17 th July	Geneva, Switzerland trip Years 9,10,12
14th July	Year 10 Caius & Gonville Trip, Cambridge Year 10 Sky Studios Trip
17 th July	Last Day of Term, 12:20pm finish

Student Success

Congratulations to Oliver in 7KL who took part in the BDO Street Dance competition on Sunday and won 4th place with his crew and 2nd place for his duo.



Well done to AFC Welwyn goalkeeper Maximillian in 10HM who represented AFC Welwyn on Saturday. Max (the only under 18 player) put on a strong display and made some excellent saves ensuring that the team came out triumphant in a 7-1 defeat.



Althea in 7KL recently took part in a dance show with her new dance school. It was her first show with them, having only recently started contemporary dance there. Well done Althea, amazing effort!

Congratulations to Rosie in 7KK who participated in her gymnastics club tumbling competition competing at level 3, and won first place. Wonderful work Rosie!





Well done to Nina in 7SM who ran a 5k colour run in memory of her little brother's friend who sadly passed away from cancer. Together with her brother's friends, she helped raise over £1000 for hospitals across Hertfordshire. What a wonderful thing to do!

Congratulations to Mollie in 7KK who took part in the Hertford swimming Club championships on Sunday and came 4th in the 100 metre Butterfly. This is an incredible achievement!



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Success reader Leaders' Special *Thank you* Breakfast

Reader Leaders' Special *Thank You!!* Breakfast

Yr 9 and 10 Reading Mentors enjoyed a special breakfast this morning after supporting our younger students each week with their Reading.

The progress our younger readers have made as a result has been outstanding, with Reading Ages significantly improving, along with their future life opportunities too!

School Council Visit to WelHat Council on 2nd July 2026

Our School Council members and Heads of School had a fantastic opportunity to visit the WelHat Council offices on Thursday last week, where they were warmly welcomed by the Mayor. Students took part in an engaging presentation about the role of local government, democratic education, and how councils make decisions that affect the community. The visit also included lively discussions and short debates on current political topics, giving students the chance to share their views and develop their understanding of democracy in action.

A huge thank you to the Mayor of WelHat Council, Mr Michal Siewniak, for giving their time and inspiring our students to engage thoughtfully in discussions and debates about important local and national issues.



2026 Maths 3D Model Making Competition

Mrs Sahjpall, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:

This recent competition attracted a large number of entries, with students demonstrating tremendous creativity, effort and mathematical understanding through their impressive 3D models. Participants designed and constructed their models using a wide range of materials, and the quality of work submitted was outstanding. We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part and would like to congratulate them for their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment.

After careful judging, we selected the **five best models** as competition winners. The event was hosted by **Sarah Masterson, Head of Mathematics**, and **Mrs Sahjpall, KS3 Maths Coordinator**.

The winning models are currently on display in the **Maths corridor**, where students and staff can admire the excellent work produced. The winners will be formally recognised at the **End of Year Assembly**, where they will receive **trophies and certificates**, along with **house points** and a **Gold Award**.



Stanborough Students Taste Film Making

Mr Maden, Media Studies Teacher, writes:

Budding film makers from Years 7-10 got the chance to taste life on a movie set this week thanks to a visiting professional film crew.

A total of 18 students, ably supported by a student crew of Assistant Directors, spent the whole of this Tuesday in school making a film in a day.

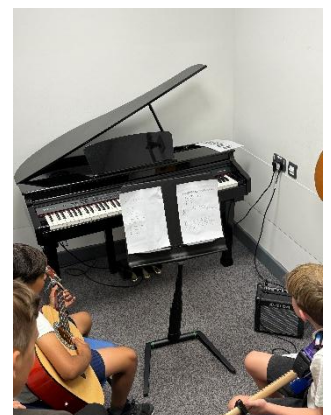
Students took part in a script read and watched a film drone take off and set down while filming. They also got to experiment with camera, lighting, sound and editing equipment. Catch next week's Stanborough Times for the full report on the day's events.



Musical Aptitude workshop

Miss Naylor, Subject Leader: Music, writes:

This week we welcomed our year musical aptitude year 6 students who will be joining us in September. They were joined by some of our year 10 students along with a year 7 violinist who worked with them to learn two songs which were then performed to parents. It was a lovely day of music making!



Year 12 Economics workshop

On Thursday 2nd July the Year 12 economics group welcomed 2 lecturers from the University of Hertfordshire Business and Economics department who led an interactive session for the group.



In six teams, the students had to collaboratively build a new city. They had to work out the construction costs and the green taxes payable using different materials (different colour Lego bricks!). The students also had to take into account other economic factors such as inflation, regulatory constraints, economic shocks and change in policy. They also had to ensure the different parts of the city linked together.

It was a highly enjoyable event where the students learnt how the economic theory they had learned was applicable in the real world, especially when they had to make difficult choices to achieve their objective.



Geography Competition: Destination Stanborough!

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

Destination Stanborough: The Big Reveal

I can reveal that the location of this half term's 'Destination Stanborough' competition is...**Tallinn, Estonia!**

An explanation of the clues is included below. Congratulations to all pupils who entered, points will be awarded on ClassCharts this weekend. Special mention must go to Max Holmes (8KK) for his consistently exceptional explanations.

Clue	Explanation
1. Skype logo	The founders of Skype, who were Scandinavian, chose Tallinn as the location for their hi-tech start-up due to the country's economic and industrial resurgence following the fall of the Soviet Union.
2. Marzipan making	Tallinn is famous for marzipan, a sweet made from almonds and sugar, and local legends claim that some of Europe's earliest marzipan was made and sold in the city's medieval pharmacies over 500 years ago.
3. A Christmas market	Tallinn's Christmas Market is one of Europe's oldest and most picturesque, taking place in the heart of its medieval Old Town.
4. Online voting	Tallinn is known as the capital of one of the world's most digitally advanced countries, where citizens can securely vote using the internet.
5. Green city cartoon	Tallinn was awarded the title of European Green Capital 2023 and has a 13km 'pollinator highway' of urban meadows to support bees, butterflies and other wildlife.
6. Medieval walls	The medieval walls of Tallinn, Estonia, are among Europe's best-preserved fortifications, with nearly 2.4km of stone walls and over 20 defensive towers still standing.
7. Cathedral	The Alexander Nevsky Cathedral is Tallinn's largest Orthodox church, famous for its black onion domes and hilltop location overlooking the city.
8. Baltic sea cartoon	Tallinn is the Baltic capital of Estonia, located across the sea from Finland.

Thank you to everyone for making the first year of this competition a success, look out for the launch of the next 'Destination Stanborough' competition next term!

Root Word of the Week

W/c 13th July 2026

glad	excited	thrilled	ecstatic
Synonym Arrow			
Meaning		In a sentence	
In a state of high emotion or enthusiasm		We're all excited about England's World Cup progress	
Word Family		Opposites	
excitement excitable excitedly		calm, indifferent, bored, composed	

Year 7-8 Geography Summer Challenge

Yr7-8 Geography Summer Challenge

This summer we would like to challenge all pupils in years 7 and 8 to recognise and enjoy the Geography that is all around us! Attempt any of the challenges below to receive ClassCharts points and prizes.

CARTOON Draw a cartoon to explain any idea you have studied in Geography to a younger pupil. It must be accurate and use key vocabulary	LOCAL AREA Walk around your local area and consider what has influenced the place (e.g. migration, history, money, weather, rivers...). Present your thoughts as a poster or annotated photo.	POSTCARD Write or create a postcard from a place you have visited over the summer (even if it is local!) and give it to your Geography teacher in September.
VIDEO MAKER Make a short video on a geographical topic you find interesting. This can be using stop-motion, movie maker or by filming.	DOCUMENTARY Watch any Geographical documentary and write a headline to summarise what the documentary was about. Write down what you found most interesting and any further questions you have.	BOOK For any book you have read, how important is the place or location to the story? Would the story change if it was set somewhere else?
FILM Watch any film and write down the geography of the film. Include location, people and cultures, weather, mood, events.	WILDCARD Be creative! Explore or present a geographical topic of your choice in any way you like (model, podcast, collage).	IN THE NEWS Follow the news for a week and keep a note of geographical news stories. Which themes come up most often? Which areas are not covered?

Keep a record of the challenges you complete and hand them in to your Geography teacher in the first week back next September.

- 1-3 Challenges = Bronze award
- 4-6 Challenges = Silver Award
- 7-9 Challenges = Gold Award

Any pupils who impress us with exceptional effort will be nominated for a Headteachers Award.

Any questions please see Mrs Macdonald, Miss Andrews or Miss Hughes

Good Luck and Have Fun!

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.

CreaTech – Make A Film in A Week course

To sign up, please go to:

[Welwyn Garden City @ Barn Theatre - CreaTech Academies Ltd](#)

SUMMER SHORTS 2026

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Welwyn Garden City
3rd August – 7th August 2026

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she learnt so much about
production skills and how to
pull together as a team..."
Parent, 2025



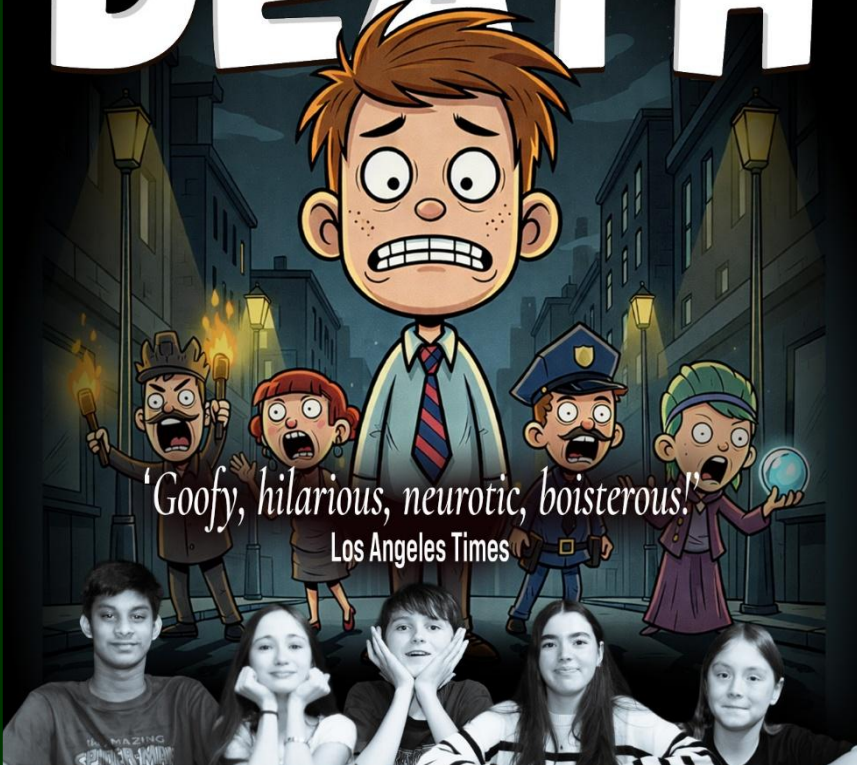
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Barn Theatre production 15th – 18th July

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