

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

It has been a wonderful start to the academic year as we completed our first full week of term. I would particularly like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Year 7 students who have made such a positive start to life at Stanborough. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and look forward to supporting you throughout the exciting journey ahead. We also congratulate our Year 12 cohort on getting off to a flying start. We are delighted that so many students have chosen to continue their journey with us at Stanborough, while also extending a warm welcome to the new students who have joined our community.

The week has already been full of valuable opportunities for our students, including our KS3 Study Skills Workshops, which supported KS3 in developing effective study and revision techniques. Our Year 10 students also took part in the Elevate Workshop, focusing on developing the skills, confidence and habits needed to achieve their very best. Thank you to parents and carers for attending our Year 10 & Year 11 Parents' Information Evenings.

Please take a look at our new Careers pages in the newsletter – there are lots of exciting opportunities that are especially relevant to the Sixth Form, and also an upcoming events list for this term.

It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm and positivity across the school, and I look forward to all that the term has in store.

Forthcoming Events

14th September 2026

Week A

14 th – 18 th	Year 7 CATS, NGRT & NGST Testing
14 th	Year 8 Parents' Information Evening, 16:30-17:15, Hall
15 th	Year 11 Drama Mousetrap Theatre Trip, 11:00-18:00
16 th	Year 12 Parents' Information Evening, 17:00-17:45, Post-16 Year 13 Parents' Information Evening, 18:15-19:00, Post-16
17 th	Year 9 Parents' Information Evening, 16:30-17:15, Hall
18 th	Year 9 Geography Walton-On-The-Naze Trip (9X0, 9Y4, 9X3)

Quote of the week:

"I encourage you to be yourself. Be yourself. That's what's going to make you stand out" — Zendaya

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



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/>

Advanced Practice Mark for Emotional Health and Wellbeing

☀️ A wonderful way to start the new term! ☀️

We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the Advanced Practice Mark for Emotional Health and Wellbeing.

Supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of our children, families and staff is something we care deeply about. It is wonderful to have the hard work of our whole school community recognised in this way.

A huge thank you to our teachers, leaders and staff for their continued commitment to creating a caring, supportive and positive environment where every child can feel safe, valued and able to thrive.

We are very proud of this achievement and look forward to continuing to work together with our families to support the wellbeing of our whole school community.





Stanborough School Open Evening

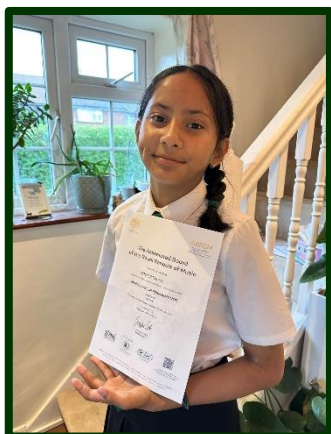
Thursday 24th September 2026
5:30–8:30pm

Headteacher's Talk at:
6:00pm, 6.45pm and 7:30pm in the Main Hall



Stanborough School Open Mornings will run on
29th September, 1st, 6th, 8th, 13th & 15th October from 9.10 – 10.45am.
Headteacher talk and tour of the school at 9:20am.
To book an appointment, please email: openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Student Success



Congratulations to Spoorthi (8BM) who took her Grade 3 Violin Exam in the summer and passed successfully. Excellent effort!

Well done to Keerthi (8SE) who took her Grade 4 Piano exam and passed the exam with Merit. Fantastic achievement!



Well done to Josh (10BM) who volunteered for 12 days over the summer at a camp for adoptive and foster families. As a youth volunteer, he supported children and families, welcomed new families, ran bingo and karaoke activities, helped children when they became overwhelmed, and encouraged siblings to play together. Josh was a fantastic role model, showing kindness, patience and maturity throughout.

Huge congratulations to Max (8HC) and Alex (9KK) who achieved their Scouts Gold Award during the summer. This is the highest award that can be achieved in the Scouts section and represents the completion of a wide range of challenges, activities and skills. Fantastic achievement both!



Stanborough Times Careers Page

Welcome to our Careers & Opportunities page, where you can discover the latest updates and opportunities. From work experience and apprenticeships to careers events, and further education information, we'll share it here to help you explore your options, develop new skills and take your next steps with confidence.

Oaklands College Open Day Events

Open events for the autumn term, the [link](#) will take you to the sign-up page. Great for students in Year 10 / 11 considering their next steps:

Saturday 10th October 2026(10am to 3pm) – Welwyn Garden City Campus

Saturday 17th October 2026 (10am to 3pm) – St Albans Campus

Please remember to check on the website which campus runs the course(s) you are interested in. You must go to the right Open day for you to meet the relevant department staff and to tour their curriculum teaching area.

Unifrog Opportunities

University Unifrog Fair – 14th Oct

This is designed to inspire and motivate students ahead of the upcoming application cycle. Unifrog's virtual university fair is coming soon! Students, advisors, parents, and caregivers are all welcome.

Drop in on live talks and ask questions directly to reps from over 30 universities including University of Exeter, University of Sheffield, and the University of Law. [Sign up link](#)

A deep dive into post-18 options – 21st – 23rd Sept

This series of webinars is ideal for students who are still weighing up their options after school or college or would like more information to gain confidence about their chosen path.

We'll give impartial advice about universities, apprenticeships, and gap years, and also have a dedicated webinar aimed at parents and caregivers on how to support their children so that everyone is providing consistent guidance. [Share the webinar series here.](#)

Cooper Parry: Apprenticeships launching soon

Cooper Parry's 2027 apprenticeships launch on 11 September with roles across audit, tax, accountancy, corporate finance, operations, technology, and wealth management. School leaver apprenticeship locations include East Midlands, Manchester, and London. Students can register their interest and join the Cooper Parry talent community group on LinkedIn. Early applications are advised! [Explore Apprenticeships here](#)

Young professionals are offering a series of Insights for Years 11-13

1. Get Into Law — a free virtual insight evening: Wednesday 16 September · 5:00–7:00pm · Virtual. [This link opens the information](#)

2. Get Into STEM — a free virtual insight evening: Thursday 17 September · 5:00–7:00pm · Online via Zoom. [View the event page here](#)

3. Get Into Business, Accounting & Finance — a free virtual insight evening: Friday 18 September · 5:00–7:00pm · Virtual. [Information for event opens here](#)

Law Firm Reed Smith are offering an In Person Insight Day – Year 12/13

Full details [on their website](#). Applications close on the 14th September.

(For students able to travel to London, Reed Smith will offer up to £100 travel expenses).

Planned Careers Events in School

2nd Oct – Former Student Tapi Zonda to give careers talk to Year 12/13 on becoming an entrepreneur and careers in law and finance.

7th Oct – Former student Luke Hipgrave to speak to Year 10 about careers in construction and construction design.

23rd Oct – Former Student Izzy Wakins is coming to talk to Year 12/13 about careers in Healthcare.

26th Nov – Former student Chloe Smith is coming to talk to Year 8 about her career in events and careers for Herts University.

During the next few months all **Year 11's** who have not already had one will be having individual 45 min 1:1s with our trained Careers Advisors to discuss Post 16 options and Future Career Aspirations.

If you would like to speak to get in touch with our Careers Team, please contact Victoria Shankland – vshankland@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

If you are a parent or carer who could help support the Careers team with anything from mock interview practice, supporting events or offering work experience placements please fill in the google form below and we will be in touch
[Careers Programme Support – Fill out form](#)

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mrs Sahjpal, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:



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Maths Question of the Week



Solve one of the following to earn a GOLD Award

Deadline: 15.09.26

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

Write your full name and form group on your entry

Higher GCSE Question

A sequin weighs 2.3×10^{-3} grams.

Donna sews 50 000 000 sequins to her new dress.

Knowing that the dress originally weighed 110g, calculate the weight of the dress after she has added the sequins?

Give your answer in the standard form.

Foundation GCSE Question

In a sale, an item is reduced by 20% and as a result makes only a 4% profit on the cost to the shopkeeper.

What percentage profit would the shopkeeper have made if the item had sold at full price?

Sparx Maths Drop-In Support

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When?
Thursday Lunchtime

Where?
G04

Who?
Students who need help with their Sparx Maths homework

What?
You can drop in or spend all lunch there (bring lunch with you).
An opportunity to get help with any questions in your homework that you are unable to do after watching the supportive videos!
Bring your laptop with you to show the teacher which question you need help on.

Geography Competition: Destination Stanborough!

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

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

Clue #1



Clue #2



Multi-Faith Prayer and Reflection Room

This space is available to all students who wish to pray, reflect, or take a quiet moment during the school day. It is designed to be a respectful, inclusive environment that supports the diverse beliefs within our school community. If students would like to use the room, they may do so on Fridays in F16 from 1.30pm onwards. Please see the attached poster for details.



Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 2026

SOCS to book clubs

At Stanborough we use the SOCS system to allow both students and parents to see what extra-curricular activities are on offer across the week. For most activities, students and parents can sign up for an activity using the system.

The SOCS system is also used to inform parents about sports fixtures including team sheets, timings and locations. Extra music lessons are also timetabled using the system. Parents and students can use the SOCs system to see a student's timetable, extra-curricular activities and music lessons, if appropriate, all in one place.

The login for the Stanborough SOCS account can be found at:

<https://www.socscms.com/login/22134/parent>

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	Years 10 & 11	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
Competition Maths (invite only)	All years	Thursday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan
MFL Homework Club	All Years	Thursday	3-4pm	G19	Miss Abbott
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
	Music GCSE Y11 Catch-up	Year 11	Music Block	TBC
Tuesday	Stanborough Student Times.	Year 7-9	F5	Miss Davies
	Dance	All Years	Gym	Miss Novelli
	Basketball	Year 7	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
Wednesday	Concert Band	Woodwind & Brass players	Music Block	TBC
	Volleyball	Year 11 (GCSE & Selected students only)	Sports Hall	Mr Minion
Thursday	Music Theory Club	All Years	Music Block	Miss Naylor
	Script Writing Club	Year 9+	C4	Mrs Buist
	Basketball	Years 8 & 9	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	Public Speaking Club	All years	G6	Ms Davies & Miss Williams
Friday	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris

After School Clubs

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time	Location	Member of staff responsible
Monday	Chorus	All Years (compulsory for those in Oliver!)	3-4pm	MD3	Miss Naylor
	KS4 H&C Catch-Up Club	Years 10 & 11	3-4pm	A1	Miss Wypych Symonds
	KS4 Art Catch-Up Club	Years 10 & 11	3-4pm	A5	Miss Claydon
	Girls Football	All Years	3-4.15pm	Sports Hall/Field	Miss Novelli
Tuesday	Nature & Eco Club	All Years	3-4.15pm	Meet in S10	Dr Jolly
	Football	Year 7	3-4:15pm	Field	Mr Harris
	Instrumental Club	All Years	3-4pm	Music Block	TBC
	KS4 3D Design Catch-Up Club	Years 10 & 11	3-4pm	A1	Miss Hagan & Mr Beevor
Wednesday	School Musical - Oliver (Weds Week B)	All Years	3-4pm	MD1	Miss Naylor
	Netball	Years 8 & 9	3-4:15pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Harris
	Netball	Year 7	3-4:15pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Cheal
Thursday	Chess Club	All Years	3-4pm	LRC	Ms Wilson
	Netball	Years 10 & 11	3-4.15pm	Sports Hall	Miss Novelli
	Football	Years 8, 9 & 10	3-4:15pm	Field	Mr Harris, Mr Minion & Mr Foster
	School Musical - Oliver (Thurs Week A)	All years	3-4pm	MD1	Miss Naylor
	KS3 3D Club	Year 7-9	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
Friday	Computer Science Re-Cap KS4	Years 10 & 11	3-4pm		Mr Brown

*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.

Young People Race Inclusion Forum



Real Talk

Have your voice heard

Join the Young People Race Inclusion Forum (YPRIF)

Are you aged 14-18 and want to make a real difference in your community?

Join the YPRIF and help shape the future of policing in Hertfordshire. You'll have the chance to share your views, discuss important issues, and influence decisions that affect young people.

What's involved?

- Meet with police and other young people 2-3 times each school term
- Sessions last up to 2 hours
- Attend in person or online
- Discuss topics such as stop and search, recruitment, and other policing issues
- Be supported by youth workers throughout

Why join?

- Make sure the voices of young people from ethnic minority communities are heard
- Help improve policing for your community
- Share your experiences and ideas
- Create positive change for the future

This is your opportunity to speak up, be listened to, and help shape a better future for Hertfordshire.

Your voice matters
Register your interest

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Beezee Families

Making healthy school lunches easy!

Helping children make healthier choices at school doesn't have to be complicated. A few simple changes can build healthy habits and help your children stay energised and ready to learn throughout the day. Here's a few tips to help you get started:

Tip 1:

Pack some healthy snacks

Including a healthy snack in your child's lunchbox, like a preferred fruit or plain popcorn, can help them stay energised throughout the school day and make nutritious choices easier.

Tip 2:

Know what options are available

Take a look at your child's school lunch menu together and talk about the healthier choices available. Exploring the options in advance can encourage children to try new foods and make balanced choices at lunchtime.

Tip 3:

Talk about healthy choices

School lunchtimes can be a great time to encourage independence and positive decision-making. Agree simple goals together and celebrate healthy choices throughout the week.

Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here or Click to find out more

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Potential Kids September Activities

For Neurodivergent Children, Young People
Their Siblings and Parents/Carers

SEPTEMBER 2026 ACTIVITIES

Date	Sessions	Time	Venue
3rd,10th 24th	Thu Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed Age 4+	10.30 12.00	Potential to Grow Garden
4th,11th 25th	Fri Gardening for Wellbeing	10.30 12.00	Potential to Grow Garden
5th	Sat Tech support	10.00 1.00	The Zone@The Galleria
7th,14th, 21st,28th	Mon Dungeons and Dragons Age 12+ & 18+ Groups	12.30 3.30	The Zone@The Galleria
8th,15th 22nd,29th	Tue Coding & Game Design Home Ed 6-12yrs	1.00 2.30	The Zone@The Galleria
15th,22nd 29th	Tue Coding & Game Development 3 week course Age 6-12	4.30 5.30	The Zone@The Galleria
10th 24th	Thur Trampolining 5+	5.30 6.30	Gosling Sports Centre WGC
11th,18th 25th	Fri Parent /Carer Wellbeing	12.30 2.00	Potential to Grow Garden
17th	Thur Youth Club 11-15yrs	5.30 7.00	The Hub@The Galleria
18th	Fri Youth Group 17+	6.30 8.30	The Hub@The Galleria
22nd	Tue Roller Skating 8+	6.00 7.30	Roller city The campus WGC
26th	Sat Learn to play Dungeons and Dragons Age 11-15yrs	10.00 1.00	The Zone@The Galleria
26th	Sat Potential tracks 10+	1.00 2.00	The Hub@The Galleria
26th	Sat Family Football 7+	4.00 5.00	Birchwood Leisure Centre Astro Turf

To book visit : potentialkids.org.uk/events

For futher information email: info@potentialkids.org

Groups and workshops

Autumn 2026

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

**Monday 5th October to 16th November, 7pm to 9pm OR
Friday 6th November to 11th December, 9.30am to 11.30am**

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6th October to 17th November, 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4th November to 9th December, 7pm to 9pm

Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Wednesday 21 October 9.30am to 11.30am

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop

Monday 9 November 9.30am to 11.30am

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Wednesday 25 November 7pm to 9pm

It's a Dad's Life Online Workshop

Thursday 26 November 7pm to 9pm

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Online Workshop

Wednesday 2 December 9.30am to 11.30am

For more info, please contact **Louise** on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email **services@coramfamilylives.org.uk** or scan the QR code for our online form.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents, carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential.



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