

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

It has been a pleasure to see so many of our students engaging positively with the opportunities available to them this week. Our Year 7 students have made an excellent start as they completed their CATS, NGRT and NGST assessments. These important assessments help us to understand each student's strengths and areas for development, enabling us to provide the right support as they settle into secondary school.

We have also enjoyed welcoming parents and carers to our various Parents' Information Evenings. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to these successful events. Strong partnerships between home and school are such an important part of supporting our students' progress and wellbeing.

Our students have also been making the most of opportunities beyond the classroom. Year 11 students enjoyed a theatre trip to see *The Mousetrap*, providing a valuable opportunity to experience live theatre and bring their learning to life. Meanwhile, our Year 9 geographers took their studies outdoors with a trip to Walton-on-the-Naze, where they were able to explore geographical processes and apply their classroom learning to a real-world setting.

These events are a great reminder of the breadth of experiences that form part of life at our school.

Whether in the classroom, at the theatre, on a field trip or working in partnership with families, our students continue to demonstrate curiosity, enthusiasm and a willingness to embrace new challenges.

Headteacher's Commendations

Posi Aregbesola, Lilly Eves, Ayansh Ahir, Sienna Pollard, Darcie Hall, Theresa Ingwat, Gabriel Donisan, Florence King, Volly Elmaz, Izabella Player, Daisy Ormondroyd, Alexander White, Millie Jackson, Casey Essex, Karolina Kovacs and Musab Pratama, Yr.7 for excellent attitude to learning and participation during transition day.

Ilan Sallay, Nina Merrigan, Thomas Hawkins, Noah McQuillen, Amy Macdonald, George Potter and Zander Esterhuyse, Yr.11 for excellent support with Summer School 2026.

Moses Mbokolo, Anna Brasovanu, Yasemen Savasci and Serkan Savasci, Yr.13 for excellent support with Summer School 2026.



Quote of the week:

"It doesn't matter what your background is or where you came from. If you have dreams and goals, that's all that matters." — Serena Williams

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher's Commendations





Breaktime with the Headteacher

Well done to all the students who achieved the Top 10 Attitude To Learning scores last term.

Year 8



1.	Elizabeth Moldovan	3.79
2.	Elizabeth Bamise	3.68
3.	Imogen Akehurst	3.67
4.	Panos Karygiannis	3.65
5.	Jessica Potter	3.65
6.	Eri Bisiriyu	3.64
7.	Sebastian Azoitei	3.62
8.	Jacob Gledstone	3.62
9.	Amber Saunders	3.62
10.	Michael Tolmay	3.62
11.	Astrid Humphreys-Chung	3.62

Year 9



1.	Sila Rashleigh	3.83
2.	Finn Vickers	3.81
3.	Rosie Wu	3.72
4.	Bethany Stephens	3.69
5.	Grace Kirby	3.69
6.	Livia Gorelli Simone	3.69
7.	Ella Kirby	3.67
8.	Favour Adesanya	3.67
9.	Della Dykes	3.62
10.	Anirudh Alagappan	3.61
11.	Elodie Powers-Small	3.61

Year 10



1.	Maddie Page	3.83
2.	Holly Barratt	3.81
3.	Oscar Kirk	3.75
4.	Sadie Newton	3.72
5.	Bethany Redmond	3.72
6.	Luke Johnson	3.64
7.	Alban Wadley	3.64
8.	Ethan Squires	3.61
9.	Sophie Lawson	3.56
10.	Michael Lines	3.56
11.	Kyan Shah	3.56

Year 11



1.	Flavius Azoitei	3.97
2.	Wojciech Napiorkowski	3.97
3.	Zachary Palin	3.94
4.	Kolin Varhelyi	3.93
5.	Jimmy Dykes	3.91
6.	Noah McQuillen	3.86
7.	Amy Macdonald	3.84
8.	Ava Newman	3.83
9.	Laura Murray	3.83
10.	Annie O'Neill	3.79

Forthcoming Events

11th May 2026

Week A

21 st	Year 9 Walton-on-the-Naze trip (9X1, 9Y1, 9Y2)
22 nd	Year 9 Walton-on-the-Naze trip (9X2, 9X4, 9Y3)
24 th	Open Evening, early finish for students at 12:20pm
25 th	House Celebration Day, late start for students at 11am

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/>



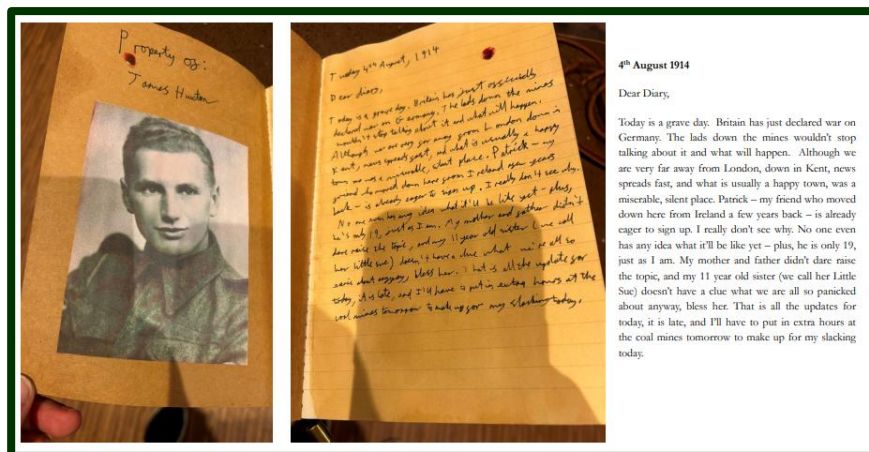
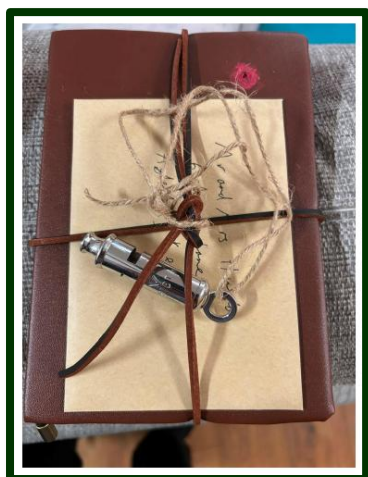
Student Success



Mrs Jewell (Stanborough TA & coach at Herts Phoenix Athletics Club) writes: Our boys' team finished an excellent 7th out of 21 clubs in the Eastern Young Athletes League this season, earning a place in the Plate Final at Stevenage on Sunday. We went on to win three age-group categories and finished 2nd overall out of six clubs — our best-ever finish! Four Stanborough students (Alban in 10SM, Emmanuel in 9HC, Paige in 13S & Zac in 13H) were part of the team and played their part in this fantastic achievement. A brilliant effort from all the athletes, coaches and supporters. Well done all!



Congratulations to Edward (in 10BM) in who has won 'Best Story' in the Historical Association's 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction' competition! The judge of the competition commented *"This striking piece of work includes moving diary entries, some excellent original poetry and illustrations, and demonstrates a deep engagement with the experiences of First World War soldiers on the Western Front."* Well done Edward on this incredible achievement – all your hard work paid off!



House Celebration Day



HOUSE CELEBRATION DAY

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

FOR GREAT ORMOND STREET
HOSPITAL CHARITY



Brockton



Hatfield



Knebworth



Sopwell

£1

RUN4STANBOROUGH @ 12:45
HOUSE FAIR ON FIELD @ 2PM

WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOUR.
BRING £1.
ALSO BRING SOME MONEY
TO SPEND AT THE STALLS.

Maths Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mrs Sahjpall, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:



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MATHS QUESTION OF THE WEEK



SOLVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Deadline: 30.09.26

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

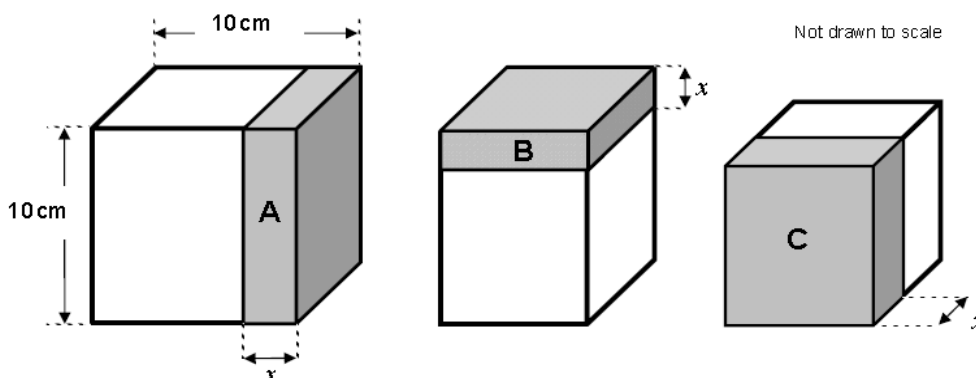
Write your full name and form group on your entry

Higher GCSE Question

Boxclever

A cube has edges of 10 cm each.

Three slices each of thickness x cm, are cut off the cube.



Slice A is cut off the side, slice B is cut off the top and slice C is cut off the front.

What is the volume of each slice in terms of x ?

Foundation GCSE Question

80 people take part in a race.

The ratio of children to adults in the race is 2 : 3

The mean time for the adults is 2 mins 15 seconds.

The mean time for all 80 people is 3 mins.

Find the mean time for the children.

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

Clue #3



Clue #4



Root Word of the Week

W/c 21st September 2026

apprehensive uneasy nervous anxious	
 Synonym Arrow	
Meaning Worried and unsure about a future event.	In a sentence They were nervous about their exam
nervous	
Word Family Nervous- -ly -ness	Opposites confident poised relaxed

Homework Club

	Too many distractions at home, need some support or just need a place to concentrate on your homework, come along to homework club. This is run by a TA, who can support you if you need a little help.	
Homework Club 3pm to 4pm		
	Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for all year groups in <u>C8</u>. Wednesdays in <u>C8</u> for Year 7 Only – from October Half term. All year groups can use homework club on Wednesdays until October half term before it changes to year 7 only. Starting week commencing Monday 21st September.	
Grow and Succeed High Expectations Mutual Respect Quality Learning Success for All		

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.

Apprenticeships

For Students in Year 13 / 14 looking to do an apprenticeship you can find opportunities or register your interest in future opportunities using the links below;

[Student and School Leaver Job Search | Higherin](#)
[Degree apprenticeships \(Level 6\) · GetMyFirstJob](#)
[Apprenticeships | Learn About Apprenticeships And Find The Right One For You](#)

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 or share the fair](#)

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](#)

Planned Careers Event's in School

2nd Oct – First in our series of **Parent Career Talks** starts with insights and discussion on working in HR for Year 12 /13's.

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 1:1's 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](#)

In-person Work Experience with Lloyds Banking Group

For Years 10-13.

Three locations — Leeds, Bristol and London · Various dates and times across October, all at the weekend.

[View the event page here](#)

Oaklands College Open Day Events

Open events for the autumn term, the link below 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

[Open Events](#)

Journey reminders

Please be mindful of your child's journey home. If they have to be picked up, please do not park in front of the school, where there are double yellow lines, and it is dangerous to park. Please note that pulling into the area directly in front of the staff car-park entrance is also not permitted, as doing so delays staff and students from getting into school and causes traffic-flow difficulties.



Please also be mindful of our neighbours if you park in the local community.

Please speak to your children about ensuring they are behaving appropriately on the way home, and not going on people's lawns/cutting through flats/garages etc.

Thanks in advance for your continued support in these matters.

Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 2026

At Stanborough we strongly believe that all students should have the opportunity to achieve and succeed in a variety of opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

Many extra-curricular activities are offered by the school, which include the numerous sporting opportunities, music clubs, nature and eco club, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award for older students. We also offer a range of homework support, study and catch-up sessions. These are offered as lunchtime or after-school clubs.

Please take a look at our [Clubs & Activities page](#) on the website for the latest list of available activities for the Autumn term.

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>

School Library

Stanborough School Library Opening Times		
Monday All year Groups	Break & Lunch	After school 3-4pm
Tuesday All year Groups	Break & Lunch	After school 3-4pm
Wednesday All year Groups	Break & Lunch	After school 3-4pm
Thursday All year Groups	Break & Lunch	After school 3-4pm
Friday All year Groups	Break & Lunch	After school 3-3.30pm

Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Schools Partnership courses




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

PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

DATES:
Thursdays from 8th October - 3rd December 2026 (no session in half-term 29th October)

TIME: 12:30-2:30pm

LOCATION: Hatfield Community Free School

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/YZDWxRJFvn?origin=lprLink>



*Please note that this course is only available for free to our partner schools, details of which can be found here: <https://wgch-hatfieldschoolspartnership.com/our-schools/>




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Dates
14th October- 9th December 2026
6.30-8.30pm (no session in half-term- 28th October)

TIME: 6.30-8.30pm

LOCATION:
Panshanger Primary school

To book a place, please scan the QR code or go to:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/e3kdjYdaVt?origin=lprLink>

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TELEPHONE SURGERY

Wednesday 14th October
9.30am-11.30am

Are you in need of some Advice and Guidance and would like to speak with one of our School Family workers?

Please book a 15 minute call using the Link below or click on the QR code

Booking link
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ssg9LTyTqP?origin=lprLink>