

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

It has been a particularly productive and engaging September for our students, with a range of important academic, enrichment and community events taking place across the school. This week, our Year 11 linguists have continued to prepare diligently for their forthcoming examinations, completing their MFL Mock Orals and demonstrating a strong commitment to their studies. We were also pleased to welcome prospective families to our first two Open Mornings this week, which provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the many strengths and opportunities our school has to offer. We look forward to welcoming more prospective students to our four remaining open mornings, details of which can be found below. In addition, our Year 10 and 11 Duke of Edinburgh students successfully undertook their two-day Expedition, demonstrating resilience, independence, teamwork and determination throughout. These experiences reflect the breadth of opportunities available to our students and their continued willingness to challenge themselves, develop new skills and make the most of every aspect of school life. Please note it is an INSET day on Monday 5th October, therefore school is closed to students.



Stanborough School Open Mornings

**Remaining dates: 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**

Quote of the week:

"Be humble, hungry, and always be the hardest worker in the room"— Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Forthcoming Events

5th October 2026

Week B

5 th	INSET day, school closed to students
5 th – 9 th	Years 7-10 Revision Homework weeks
6 th & 7 th	Year 11 ADT Mocks
6 th	Open Morning, 9:10-10:45am
7 th	Year 7 Bring Your Own Device launch
8 th	Open Morning, 9:10-10:45am

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

Leo in 7HC gave up his time to support his club this weekend at a local event, "Models that move" which involved running the clubs model railway. Well done Leo!



Stanborough Biologists testing the building blocks of life

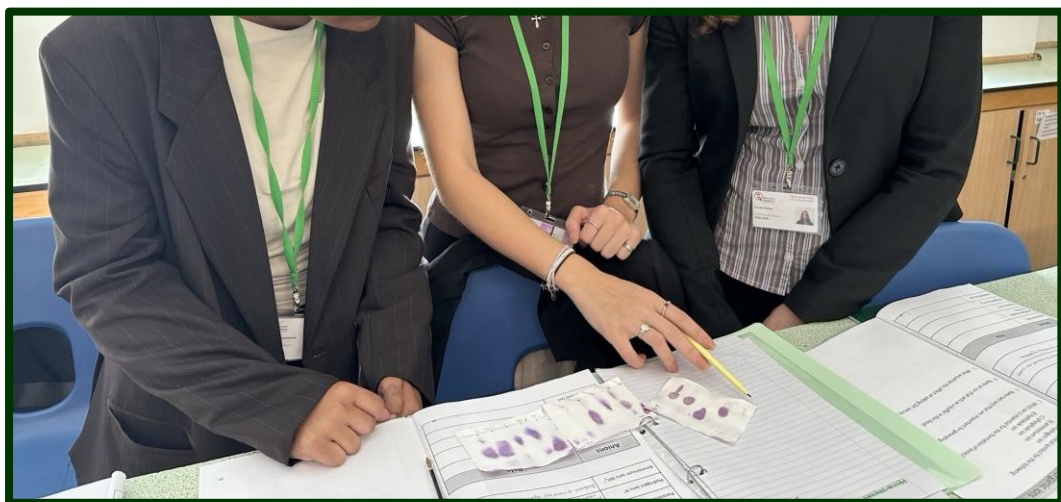
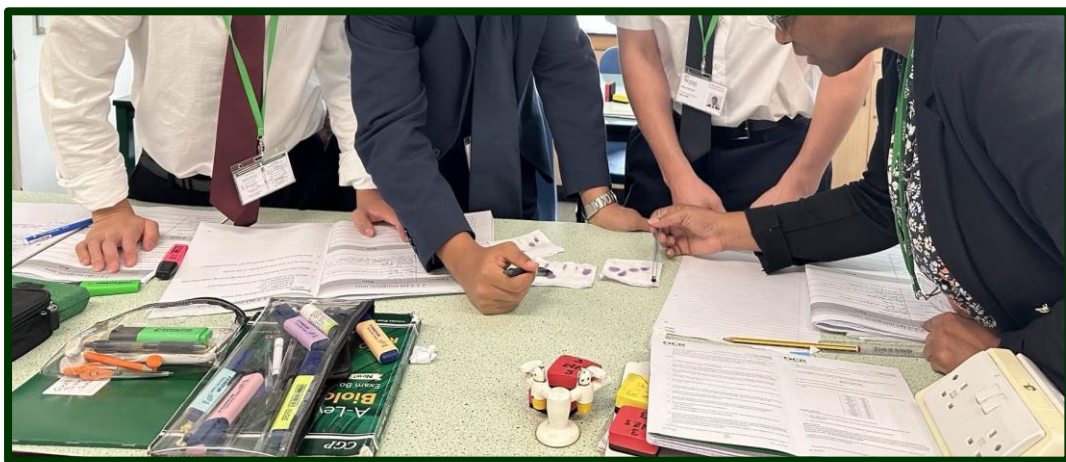
Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

From your muscles to your bone marrow to your brain matter, we are constructed from proteins. These essential nutrients are integral to our bodily maintenance, repair and growth. Proteins themselves are constructed from amino acids, the most basic component of life as we know it, and hence they are incredibly important in medical research.

Our A-level Biologists tested amino acids and gathered incredible results using a Chromatogram.

This raises an interesting connection between the chemistry of amino acids and modern attitudes towards nutrition. This experiment provides an opportunity to explore not only the chemistry of amino acids, but also why protein has become such a major focus of modern fitness culture and whether the popularity of protein supplements is always supported by an understanding of the underlying science.

Well done to our Biologists!



Air-Conditioning Fundraising Campaign

Another huge thank you to everyone who has donated to the Stanborough School Air Conditioning Fund. We now have an incredible £2,235 in donations! Your generosity, kindness and support mean so much to our school community. Every contribution, no matter the size, is helping us move closer to creating more comfortable and suitable learning environments for our students and staff, particularly during periods of high temperatures. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported the campaign and shared it with others. Your generosity is making a real difference, and together we can help ensure that our students can continue to learn, thrive and enjoy their time at Stanborough in a safe and comfortable environment.

If you would still like to support the campaign, every donation makes a difference. Please consider donating or sharing the fundraiser with friends, family and your wider community:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/stanborough-school-air-conditioning-fundraising>.

Thank you for being part of this important effort!

Social Media Update

Social Media update



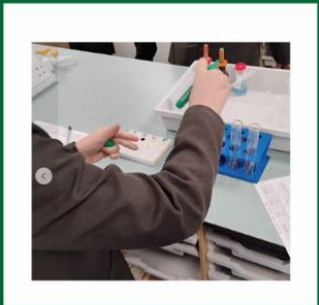
A NEW WAY TO SHARE,
THE SAME STANBOROUGH
SPIRIT.

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we're evolving the way we share school life on social media. We'll be exploring more creative ways to capture and celebrate everyday moments, while ensuring our students' privacy and safety remain at the heart of everything we share.

Backs of heads



Cropped-hands activity



Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mrs Sahjpall, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:



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λ **MATHS QUESTION OF THE WEEK**



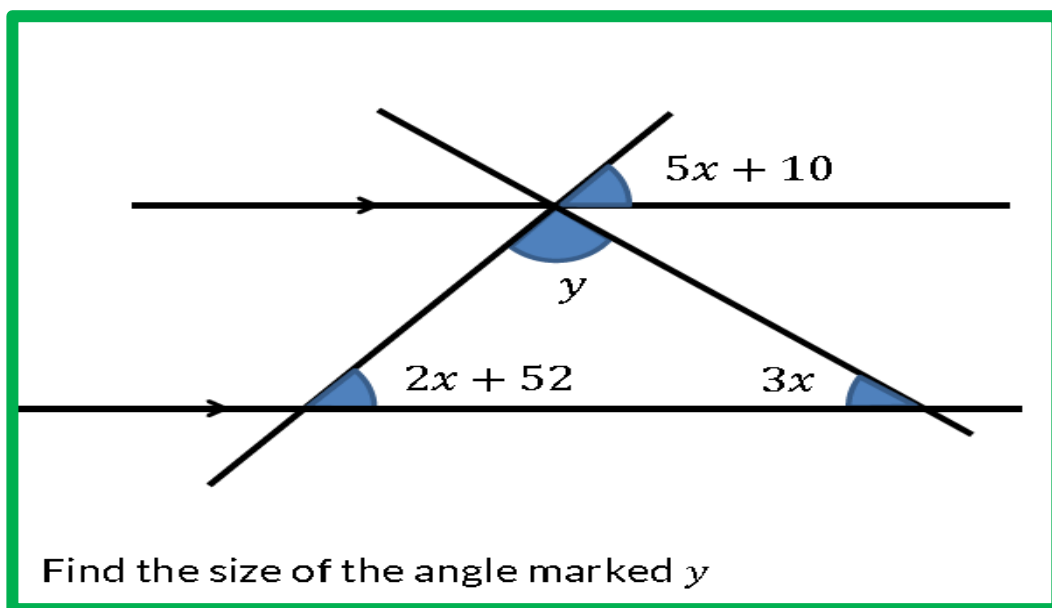
SOLVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Deadline: 06.10.26

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



Find the size of the angle marked y

Foundation GCSE Question

Mike earns £1250 per month.

- 30% of his earnings are spent on rent.
- He also buys a new TV for £249
- He saves $\frac{1}{4}$ of what he has left.

How much money does he have left now?

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

Clue #7



Clue #8



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.

Virtual Event

- 1. An Insight Into Clifford Chance – A world Leading Law Firm. Friday 9th October 5pm – 6.30pm.**

For Students in Year 11,12 and 13 who are interested in Law.

Register here - [An Insight Into Clifford Chance — virtual event for Year 11–13 students](#)

- 2. Apprenticeship News**

BDO's 2027 School Leaver Apprenticeships are Open

£26,615–£28,275 · Audit, Tax & Advisory · Closes Sunday 15 November 2026

[BDO school leaver apprenticeships are open: Audit, Tax and Advisory](#)

- 3. Free Parent / Guardian Information Evenings**

Law · Tue 13 Oct | Business, Accounting & Finance · Wed 14 Oct | 6–7:30pm, online

[Young Professionals Parent / Guardian Information Evenings — 13 & 14 October](#)

- 4. NESO's Trainee Power System Engineer apprenticeship is open**

£30,000 + £2,000 welcome payment · Warwick or Wokingham · Starts September 2027

[£30,000 apprenticeship at NESO — no degree, no debt](#)

- 5. Amazing Apprenticeships are hosting a Free Talk on 8th October 4-5pm**

What are the alternatives to a full-time degree or degree apprenticeship? Find out how HTQs can be the perfect next step after year 13. Even if you can't attend live, registering will give you access to the recording, slides and supporting resources afterwards.

[Register here](#)

- 6. KPMG Apprenticeship Applications are now OPEN for 2027 entries in Tax, Audit and Corporate Services.**

Please click the link to find out more - [KPMG 2027 Apprenticeship Programmes — Applications Now Open](#)

Work Experience Opportunities

7. 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 here - [Lloyds Banking Group Work Experience Days — Leeds, Bristol & London](#)

- 8. New in person work experience with Sky Studios Elstree, where students can learn all about the film industry!** The work placement runs 25th – 27th November, full details can be found here: <https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/4CD7A977-3EC4-48CC-DEE6-08DF132C68EF> the deadline is 2nd November, they expect this placement to be popular, please be advised that it may close earlier if they receive a large number of applications. Please also note that this placement is only open to those aged **16-19**.

Unifrog Opportunities

9. 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](#)

Planned Careers Events 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.

We are holding fortnightly Degree Apprenticeship workshops to help Year 13 navigate the application and interview process.

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](#)

Oaklands College Open Event

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

Sign Up here - [Open Events](#)



Emotional Literacy: Word of the Week

W/c 5th October 2026

wary	afraid	fearful	appalled	terrified
Synonym Arrow				
Meaning	In a sentence			
In a state of fear	Are you afraid of the dark?			
Word Family	afraid		Opposites	
	calm tranquil peaceful contented at rest			

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

School Library volunteers needed



Parent Volunteers Needed!

Help in Our Learning Resource Centre (Library)
Support our students during lunchtime!

 **Monday to Friday**
Every weekday

 **1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**
Lunchtime volunteering

 **Location: Learning Resource Centre (Library)**
Supporting students using the library

How Can You Help?

Your support will help us:

- ✓ Encourage students to read and enjoy the library.
- ✓ Support students while they use the LRC.
- ✓ Help create a calm, welcoming and positive environment.
- ✓ Assist with the busy lunchtime crowds.

 **No experience needed —**
just a willingness to help and support our students!

 **If you are interested in volunteering,**
please contact admin@stanborough.herts.sch.uk
for more information.

Young Carers Celebration



The poster is a vibrant, colorful announcement for a 'Young Carers Celebration'. At the top, the title 'Young Carers | celebration!' is written in a playful, hand-drawn font using cut-out letters. Below this, the main heading 'A celebration of YOU!' is prominently displayed in large, bold, multi-colored letters. A yellow banner below the heading states 'A FREE fun day for young carers!'. The text 'Take a break, meet new people and celebrate who you are.' is written in a smaller font. The poster is divided into several sections with icons and bullet points. The 'MEET & CHAT' section features a speech bubble icon and lists two points: 'Meet young carers from across Hertfordshire.' and 'Share your views about what matters to you.' The 'GET CREATIVE' section has a paint palette icon and lists 'Join fun workshops to express yourself and celebrate who you are!'. The 'EXPLORE & DISCOVER' section includes a magnifying glass icon and lists 'Marketplace with organisations that support young people.' and 'Find out about local services and activities.' The 'RELAX & HAVE FUN' section shows a smiling face with stars for eyes and lists 'Enjoy lunch and refreshments.' and 'Relax, socialise and make new friends!'. A yellow starburst graphic on the right says 'FREE EVENT! Lunch and refreshments included!' with a pizza icon. The 'WHEN?' section uses a calendar icon to specify 'Tuesday 27 October 2026 10:00am - 4:00pm'. The 'WHERE?' section features a location pin icon and lists 'Oaklands College, The Campus Welwyn Garden City AL8 6AH'. The 'WHO CAN ATTEND?' section includes an illustration of four diverse young people and states 'Young people aged 8 to 17 who are registered as a Young Carer with Hertfordshire County Council.' The 'NOT REGISTERED YET?' section has an envelope icon and provides the email 'youngcarers@hertfordshire.gov.uk' and mentions a member of the Young Carers Team. The 'QUESTIONS?' section includes an email address 'participationteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk'. A yellow box at the bottom right says 'READY TO SIGN UP? Complete the registration form: Young Carers Celebration' with a pink arrow pointing to the registration link. The bottom of the poster features the Hertfordshire logo, the text 'HERTFORDSHIRE PARTICIPATION TEAM', and a 'PARTICIPATION TEAM' logo with three stylized figures.

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GET CREATIVE

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EXPLORE & DISCOVER

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RELAX & HAVE FUN

- Enjoy lunch and refreshments.
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NOT REGISTERED YET?
Email us at youngcarers@hertfordshire.gov.uk and a member of the Young Carers Team will be happy to help.

QUESTIONS?
Email participationteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk

READY TO SIGN UP?
Complete the registration form: [Young Carers Celebration](#)

HERTFORDSHIRE PARTICIPATION TEAM

PARTICIPATION TEAM

Coram Family Lives – Autumn Workshops



Autumn Term Workshops

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Wednesday 21 October, 9.30am to 11.30am
This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

Sibling Rivalry Workshop - Monday 9 November, 9.30am to 11.30am
This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Workshop - Wednesday 25 November, 7pm to 9pm
This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

It's a Dad's Life Workshop - Thursday 26 November, 7pm to 9pm
This workshop empower fathers with the knowledge and skills to develop deep connections with their children, enhancing their parenting journey.

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Workshop - Wednesday 2 December, 9.30am to 11.30am
This workshop is designed to support parents of pre-teens and teenagers facing challenging behaviours. It aims to equip parents with effective strategies and tools to manage the complexities of raising adolescents, fostering a positive parent-teen relationship.

The two-hour workshops will be online via MS TEAMS

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. 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.



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

TIME: 12:30-2:30pm

LOCATION: Hatfield Community Free School

PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

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

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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

PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

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

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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=lpLink>





The untold stories – getting it right for children with a family member in prison

Facilitated by Sarah Beresford OBE.
 Prison Reform Trust

A FREE* ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL STAFF
 Tuesday 13th Oct 10am-12pm

This workshop will provide:

- an understanding of the impact on children and their experiences of education, including hearing directly from young people with lived experience;
- an insight into what children want (to be seen, listened to, supported and included in decision-making about that support);
- an introduction to a resource participants can use to support children and families; and
- a demonstration of how, with the right support, children with experience of one of life's most challenging experiences can become educators and advocates

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/2YE6aZSFPY?origin=lpLink>

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There will be a chsreg for those working at a non buy in school

** spaces are limited to one staff member per school

All enquiries to be sent to juliecairn@southfield.herts.sch.uk

