

Stanborough Times

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Forthcoming Events:

9th - 11th September:
Year 7 CAT Tests

10th September:
KS4 Information Evening
Years 9 and 10: 6.30pm
Y11: 7.30pm

12th September:
Year 8 Information Evening,
7-8pm

13th September:
Year 7 & 10 Photographs

19th September:
Oxbridge Evening at
Stanborough School, 7pm

26th September:
Open Evening, 6-9pm

27th September:
Students start at 9.30am
Post 16 'Learn to Live'

Open Evening

Thursday 26th September,
6-9pm
The Headteacher will speak
at 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Open Mornings

30th September,
2nd & 8th October
8.45-10am

Please contact the school
office to book a place.

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs John

The start of the school year brought with it the usual excitement of new beginnings for all. On Tuesday 3rd September we welcomed our new Year 7 and 12 students, as well as our newly revitalised Year 13 students back for their second year of A-level studies. It has been a very busy yet rewarding summer break, many areas of the school have been painted and are now looking fresher and brighter for our students and staff. A dedicated part of my day is spent in lessons and speaking to the students at break and lunch, it has been a pleasure to see how focussed they have been in lessons and the emphasis they are placing on the quality of their written work. In assemblies this week I stressed the importance of independent learning, students leading their learning, revising work taught on a daily basis and preparing actively for the next lesson. These good study habits are essential in order to keep up with the demands of the curriculum. I look forward to working closely with all students and their families in the year ahead.



Headteacher's commendations for this week are:

Taylor Ward (Yr. 7) for showing resilience and determination during the first week and Stanborough.

Joshua Carter (Yr. 7) for being helpful and very well behaved during the first week at Stanborough.

Chennai Avery (Yr. 7) for being super organised and prepared during the first week at Stanborough.

Jasmina Howard (Yr. 7) for being kind and helping others during the first week at Stanborough.

Violet Hickey (Yr. 7) for showing strength and determination during the first week at Stanborough.

Chloe Spanoudakis (Yr. 7) for remembering the Stanborough principles on transition day.

Oliver Storey (Yr. 7) for remembering the Stanborough principles on transition day.

Tyler Lawrence (Yr. 7) for remembering the Stanborough principles on transition day.

Kashyap Shah (Yr. 7) for remembering the Stanborough principles on transition day.

Georgia Packer (Yr. 7) for outstanding effort and putting herself out of her comfort zone during her first lesson of English.

Jacob Williams (Yr. 7) for an amazing start and demonstrating excellent behaviour at all times.

Kira Theofanous (Yr. 7) for contributing throughout her first Geography lesson, going above and beyond expectations. A great start at Stanborough.

Ciaran Lemare-North (Yr. 10) for standing up for justice and being courageous.

Catalin Oprea (Yr. 10) for standing up for justice and being courageous.

Bomo Alagoa (Yr. 10) for his amazing poem, The Black Child. Sharing his vision and voice with the Stanborough Community.

Joshua Imafidon (Yr. 10) for guiding lost year 7 students to their lessons.



Quote of the week:

If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." Martin Luther King Jr.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the time as a family.

Mrs John

Exam Success 2019

A Level and BTEC Results

Stanborough School continues to go from strength to strength with this year's results.

Headteacher Mrs John comments: "I would like to congratulate every single student for their achievement this year but also thank the staff for their tireless work in the last two years. Teaching is an incredibly rewarding and humbling career where we have an impact on young lives and shape their future. The results are a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of our students and staff but also the excellent partnership with parents and carers. We are very pleased as so many of our students have secured places on a wide range of courses at universities including Cambridge, other Russell Group universities and higher level apprenticeships. The students are a credit to our community and we wish them the very best as they embark on the next exciting stage of their career whether they are heading for university, apprenticeships, employment or taking a gap year."



Notable student performances include Hannah Imafidon with 3 A* and 1 A grade, Callum Elliott with 3 A* grades, Joshua Wardle with 2 A* and 2 A grades, Louise Stokes with an A* and 2 A grades, Tawsif Chowdhury with an A* and 2 A grades, Tatiana Lwin with 4 A grades, Samira Lamrini with 3 A grades, Louise Knight, Hamzah Hussain and William Stringer with an A*, A and B grade.

Alfie Kerr has secured a place at University of Hull to study 'War and Security Studies' after achieving 3 B grades. He will be joining the British Army after completing the officers' course at RMA Sandhurst. Alfie commented "I thank the staff at Stanborough for facilitating my education and allowing me to reach my full potential."

Callum Elliott mentioned that he was delighted with his results and was looking forward to university life. He thanked the staff for all the support that they had given him in the last seven years of his time at Stanborough.



Head of Sixth form, Mr Maidment said: "I am delighted that so many students have maximised their potential which is a testament to their assiduous approach and resilience. I wish them every success in all their future endeavours."



Exam Success 2019

GCSE Results

After many weeks of waiting, Stanborough students were finally able to collect their GCSE and BTEC exam results during the summer break.

Mrs John, Headteacher comments: "It has been a pleasure to work with the Year 11 students in my first year of headship. I have been impressed as they have demonstrated dedication, commitment and resilience in the months leading up to these examinations. Today, we celebrate the hard work and talents of the individual students and the fantastic commitment of the teachers and support staff. The staff here at Stanborough have worked tirelessly to support each and every child and this is evident in the results. I would also like to acknowledge our parents and carers who have nurtured and encouraged their children throughout their school lives. Our students are indeed a credit to this school community and I wish them the very best as they start the next exciting phase of their educational journey."

Particularly successful Stanborough students were Daniel Green with 10 GCSEs at Grade 9, Yuser Kassem with 10 GCSEs at grade 8 and 9, Charlie Earnshaw with 8 GCSEs at Grade 8 and 9, Katie McClymont with 10 GCSEs at Grade 9,8 and 7, Olivia Spolnicka with 10 GCSEs at Grade 9,8 and 7, Jay Puranik with 9 GCSEs at Grade 9, 8 and 7, and Jack Dickinson with 9 GCSEs at Grade 9, 8 and 7.



Mrs John also added, 'We are also very pleased that a high proportion of students will continue their studies into the Sixth Form at Stanborough and will continue to perform at the highest level as demonstrated by our very good A Level results achieved last week. We also have a number of students who have been successful in their GCSE and BTEC qualifications and will now follow college or Level 2 Apprenticeship courses.'

Mr Persand, the Head of Year 11 was delighted to see his students and commented "I am extremely proud of the tremendous effort, dedication and resilience shown by our students and wish them the very best as they move on to the next stage of their lives."

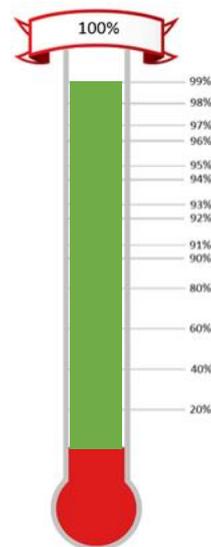


Attendance Matters...

Students should attend school every day. There is a direct link between attendance and achievement. If your child is ill, or has a series of illnesses, you may be asked to provide medical evidence before this absence is authorised. Persistent unauthorised absence can result in fines being issued. Please contact your child's tutor or year leader if you have any concerns about your child's attendance, we will be more than happy to support, however, please be mindful that weddings and holidays are not usually considered exceptional circumstances.

To report a child's absence:

To report your child absent please call the main school number 01707 321755 and press option 1, please leave your child's name, tutor group, reason for absence and your relationship to the student.



Students signing out during the school day

If your child has to attend an emergency appointment in the middle of the school day then please collect your child from reception and drop your child back at the reception. A note will not be sufficient and your child will not be allowed to leave school. Please ensure you escort your child back to reception on your return and sign in for your child.

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring that your child is safe.

Home and School Communication

We encourage active communication between home and school as this will ensure the best possible learning outcomes for your child. Our preferred communication method for general school information is email.

Please remember to let us know if you change email address, telephone number or home address.

The school may need to contact you in an emergency so it is important that our records are kept up-to-date. Please inform the office of any changes. Thank you for your support.

Our Community

Please speak to your child to remind them to respect our neighbours while on their way to and from school, to keep our community clean and tidy and not to drop litter. Please encourage your child to be vigilant when crossing the road and to consider other road and pavement users.

We would also like to remind parents/carers to be considerate at all times when picking up or dropping off your children, and particularly not to block residential driveways. We would also ask that you do not use the school car parks themselves to drop students off as this also causes disruption.

Staff News

Welcome

We welcome the following members of staff to Stanborough, we hope they all enjoy working at our school and with your children. Mrs Armitage: Deputy Headteacher and Teacher of Government & Politics; Ms Johnson: Year Leader Yr.8, Teacher of Geography and PE, Miss Howells: Subject Leader: Food; Mrs Zukowska: Teacher of Mathematics; Mr Martin: Teacher of Mathematics and Deputy Year Leader Yr.7; Mrs Thomson: Teacher of MFL; Mrs Cook: Teacher of Science and Deputy Year Leader Yr.9; Mr Foster: Teacher of PE; Mr Laley: Teacher of Science; Ms Priessnitz: Teacher of English and History; Mr Branch: Teacher of Science; Mr Reynolds: Teacher of Geography; Mrs Pritcher: Learning Supervisor; Mrs Hobbs: Assistant SENDCO; Mrs Stratton: HLTA Mentoring Lead; Mrs Taylor: Office Admin Assistant; Mr Kidd: PE Apprentice; Mrs Kelly: Sixth Form Study Support Assistant; Ms Loane: Teacher of English, Drama & Media; Mr Ahiadome: Inclusion Support Assistant; Mr Foster: Teacher of IT and iMedia; Mr Maden: Teacher of Media & English; Mrs Bresson: Teacher of MFL; Mr Fraser: Teacher of Geography; Miss Eracleous: Teacher of English & Drama; Dr Mackay: Teacher of Maths; Miss Carter: Teacher of Art & Art Graphics; Ms Zare: Teacher of Maths; Ms Cornaggia: Teacher of Science; Mrs Chadwick: Family Support Worker; Mrs Bates: Family Support Worker; Ms Fadipe: Family Support Worker.

Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations and best wishes on behalf of the school to Mrs Nansoz and her husband who are celebrating the birth of their daughter, Arya, who was born on 22nd July weighing 7lb 1oz.

Congratulations to Mr Hobson who got married over the summer holidays!

Buildings Update

Miss Ashley, School Business Manager, writes;

As you will be aware, our student numbers are increasing and therefore we are expanding our buildings to accommodate our additional students. Works are progressing well with the new building and the contractors are expected to be on site starting the works from 21st October. There will be secure fencing around the entire site area to ensure the safety of all of our students. The works will continue throughout this year and we will occupy the building from September 2020. The current mobile classrooms on the field will also be demolished at this time as there will be sufficient room in the existing building and the new one to accommodate those classrooms.

Due to the larger year group joining us in Year 7, we have three temporary classrooms on the school field and these will be used for this academic year until the new building is ready for the next academic year.



We are working hard to also improve the working conditions for our students in the main school building and many areas have been painted over the summer, with many classrooms and corridors painted and looking much brighter and also new blinds installed where needed. An additional art room has also been established now in the technology block and some further decorating has taken place there.



We will continue to paint as many areas as we can each year to ensure the school is looking its best in every area so that all students and staff feel happy in their working environment.

In addition to the expansion, we have also recently been awarded a grant to build a new music and drama block and we are working on the plans for this. Once this has been built the current music and drama areas will be demolished. We will update you again once the works are due to start.

KS4 Information Evening - Tuesday 10th September 2019

Year 9, 10 & 11 parents/carers have been emailed a letter regarding the forthcoming KS4 Information Evening, for parents and students, which takes place on Tuesday 10th September at 6.30pm for Year 9 and 10 and 7.30pm for Year 11. To get the most out of the evening we would recommend that you discuss with your child which set they are in for the core subjects. This letter can also be found on our website under Parents/Letters.

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Year-9-to-11-Information-Evening-2019.pdf>

Although some parking will be available on site for this event, we would like to please remind parents/carers to park considerately and not block residential driveways.

Year 8 Information Evening - Thursday 12th September 2019

Year 8 parents/carers have been emailed a letter regarding the forthcoming Year 8 Information Evening, for parents and students, which takes place on Thursday 12th September 7-8pm. To get the most out of the evening we would recommend that you discuss with your child which set they are in for the core subjects. This letter can also be found on our website under Parents/Letters.

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Year-8-Information-Evening-2019.pdf>

Although some parking will be available on site for this event, we would like to please remind parents/carers to park considerately and not block residential driveways.

Classcharts



Year 7 students have been given their Classcharts access code in school. The students were also given a page to bring home which shows their parent/carer access code. Please check your child's bag if you don't have your code.

A quick start guide is available for parents on our website under [Parents/Parent Help Guides](#), alternatively please click on the image here. This guide will show you how to create your parent account and explains the system in full. Class Charts gives parents / carers and students access to behaviour and reward points and homework. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Home School Agreement

This week parents/carers for years 8-11 have been emailed a copy of the 'Home School Agreement'. Please ensure you and your child sign this and it is returned to your child's tutor as soon as possible. Thank you.

WisePay



Mrs Barlow, Assistant Bursar, writes;

As we begin the new academic year some of you or your children may be unsure of what to do with payments, so we thought the following information may be useful.

- WisePay is our preferred method of payment for all payments to school.
- If bringing cash/cheque students should bring payments to the Bursar's Office, where they should post it through the letterbox in an envelope clearly marked with their name, tutor group, amount and what the payment is for, this is for all payments except school meals.
- School meal payments can be topped up via WisePay. However, if bringing cash for meals students may top up via the cash loader in the canteen or the sixth form block.
- If students have any issues with their meal account during the school day they may come to the Bursar's Office at break and lunch time or at the start or end of the school day, where we can call home if necessary to have their account topped up. However, please remind your child to keep an eye on their meal balances and make sure their account is topped up before it runs low.
- WisePay login details, if required, may be requested from the Bursar's Office.

If there are any other payment queries please ask your child to see us in the Bursar's Office, or you may call us on 01707 321755 Ext. 250, where we will be happy to help you.

Former Student Success

Mrs Coldwell, Teacher of Maths, writes;

Lawrence Bearman, former Stanborough head boy who left in 2016, has recently graduated from the University of Nottingham with a first class degree in Mathematics and Economics. During his time at university, he also achieved the Nottingham Advantage Award: as a Peer Assisted Study Support Leader, he helped first year maths students bridge the gap between A levels and degree level mathematics. Lawrence is now starting his career as a trainee financial advisor. We wish him every success in the future.

Useful Links



High Expectations

Quality Learning

Mutual Respect

Success For All



STANBOROUGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING 2019

Thursday 26th September / 6.00pm - 9.00pm

The Headteacher will speak at 6.30pm and 7.30pm

OPEN MORNINGS

Monday 30th September Wednesday 2nd October Tuesday 8th October

Time: 8.45am - 10.00am

Please contact school to book an appointment