

# Stanborough Times

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## Forthcoming Events:

**16th - 20th March**  
**Week one**

**17th & 18th March**  
Dance Production, The Sandpit Theatre, 6.45pm

**18th, 19th & 20th March**  
Parents' Coffee Morning, 9am. *Please contact the school office to confirm your attendance.*

**19th March**  
Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews, 4-7pm

**23rd March**  
Year 9 DTP & ACWY Immunisations

**26th March**  
Parent Teacher Surgery, 2-5pm  
School finishes at 1pm

**27th March**  
Run for Stanborough, 12.40-3pm

**Please be aware, there should be no students on site before 7.30am.**

## Message from the Headteacher - Mrs John

It was wonderful to welcome the Year 6 students and their families to our welcome evening this week. The evening was the first phase of the Year 6 into 7 transition process. Thank you to Sofia Giantzoudis and Olivia Scott in Year 7 for being great representatives of the student body and for speaking so confidently to the Year 6 families.



The school is monitoring the coronavirus situation very carefully and continues to follow the advice provided to schools by the Department for Education and Public Health England. Please ensure that you read the daily updates sent to you from the school. We will continue to be guided by the government's advice.

## Headteacher's commendations for this week are:

**Lutzia Holbourns, (Yr. 7)** for representing England in the Ice Hockey Girls U13 team;

**Maryjane Goldsmith, Tameem Alom and Dawid Zablocki, (Yr. 8)** for their brilliant work and commitment to doing well in school;

**Emily Humphreys, (Yr. 9)** for her vast improvement in her History exam;

**Milly Newland and Harlie Williams, (Yr. 9)** for an excellent start to Stanborough School, with excellent behaviour shown and good work produced;

**Laura Wells, Emily Withers, Bradley Loughnane, Jack Hadley and Ellen Green (Yr. 10)** for their help and support with the Year 6 into Year 7 Welcome Evening;

**Amelia Crowe, (Yr. 11)** for her dedication to her English studies;

**Luke Laurence, (Yr. 11)** for his excellent Classcharts record this academic year and for having no negative points.



## Quote of the week:

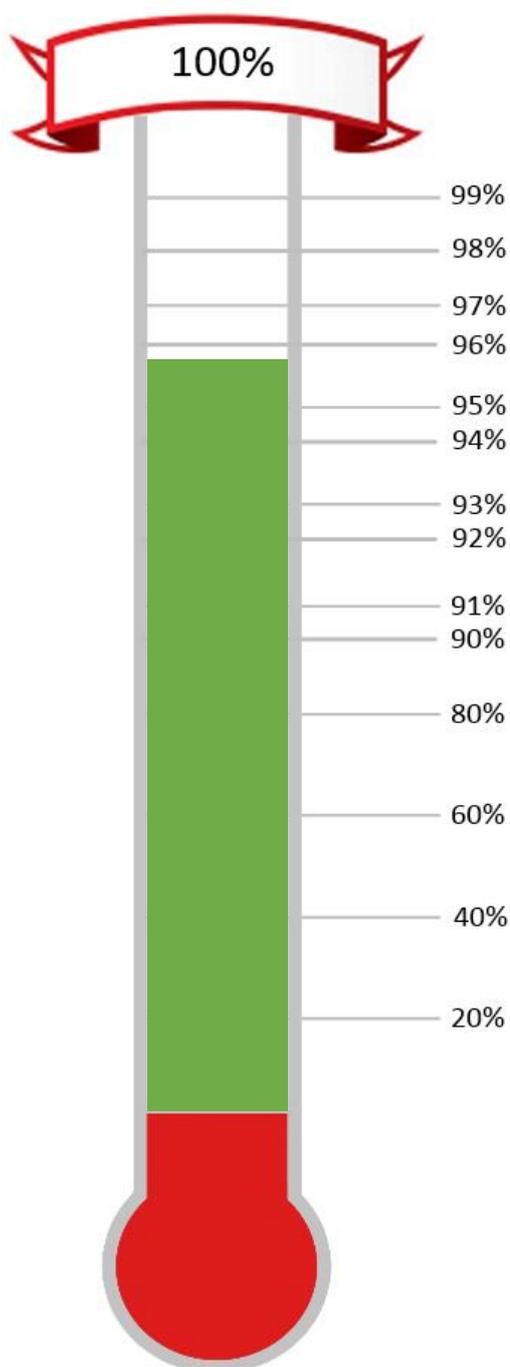
"You never change your life until you step out of your comfort zone; change begins at the end of your comfort zone." Roy T. Bennett

Hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs John

# Attendance Matters.....

Please make sure that all non-urgent medical appointments are made out of school hours. Where this isn't possible, please be aware that whole days will not be authorised for appointments unless there are extenuating circumstances. Where possible, students are expected to attend school before and after appointments. Please remember that if your child is absent for any reason, parents/carers should call 01707 321755 option 1 on each day of absence.



**Year 7 Attendance:**

**96.5%**

**Year 8 Attendance:**

**96.1%**

**Year 9 Attendance:**

**94.7%**

**Year 10 Attendance:**

**96.2%**

**Year 11 Attendance:**

**95.7%**

**Stanborough Attendance:**

**95.8%**

## 500 Words House Competition Winners

Mrs L Fox, Literacy Leader. writes:

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, students gathered in the LRC to await the results of the competition that was launched at the beginning of February. This competition was for budding writers to complete an original short story of 500 words or less.

We had a range of entries from Year 7 through to Year 10, demonstrating the creative skill and passion of our students. The storylines were extremely diverse, ranging from vegetable superheroes to killer diseases.

While we were waiting to find out the bronze, silver and gold winners, students and teachers were tense with anticipation. There were dramatic readings of the winning stories by members of staff, for everyone to enjoy and appreciate.

The winners were:

### KS3

<b>Gold</b>	Taylor Ward, 7A	read by Mrs Fox
<b>Silver</b>	Enzo Varhelyi, 7A	read by Ms Wilson
<b>Bronze</b>	Ihsan Uddin, 7A	read by Mr O'Connor

### KS4

<b>Gold</b>	Keziah Long, 10A	read by Mr Bishop
<b>Silver</b>	Ruby Wilkinson, 10K	read by Mrs James
<b>Bronze</b>	Reece Ogeer-Ali, 9BM	read by Mr Maidment

Congratulations to the winners and thank you again to all of the students who entered the competition. Mrs Armitage, Ms Wilson and I were very proud and privileged to see the talent we have at Stanborough.

With this week's Stanborough Times is an additional booklet with all the winning stories - happy reading!



## Raising Girls' Aspirations at Stanborough

Mrs J Adams, Life Skills Leader/Careers, writes:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March marked International Women's day and in order to celebrate this at Stanborough we had our very own aspirations event. 30 women from local businesses volunteered to spend two hours talking to our Year 8 and 9 girls. Using a speed dating style, students were able to spend ten minutes talking to women with careers varying from IT, Bio Chemistry, Meter Installing, HR, Nursing, Engineering, Politics and Teaching. The aim of the event was to inspire students to think about all the different careers that are available and the choices they may make in the future.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank PayPoint for their continued support and Mrs James for kindly supporting the event.

"Every girl, no matter where she lives, deserves the opportunity to develop the promise inside of her."

Michelle Obama

## Student Success

After many demanding try outs in Sheffield, it is wonderful to hear that Lutzia has been chosen to be part of the England Ice Hockey Girls U13 team - Well done Lutzia!



## Readathon 2020

Mrs N Wilson, Librarian, writes:

There are still Readathon Sponsor cards available in the library if students wish to help support the charity ReadforGood. The organisation helps to buy books, magazines and comics for children in hospitals.



## DofE Walking Training

Miss M Bowen, DofE Co-ordinator writes:

The walking training taking place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March will now be at Stanborough Lakes. Please drop your child at the south car park at 8.45am. The day will finish at 6.30pm.



## Parent Teacher Surgery Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 2-5pm

Mr T Braybrook, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

The online booking for PTS is now open to all parents and students in all year groups. Please see the letter emailed home earlier this week for details. Should you have any queries please contact [pti@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pti@stanborough.herts.sch.uk).

We do not expect parents to attend this surgery as a matter of course and in some instances members of staff may also request appointments which will be confirmed with you by email or telephone.

**Please note school will finish at 1pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
and appointments will run from 2pm until 5pm.**

## Coronavirus - Update from the Department for Education

### Exam preparation and Ofqual advice

We recognise that students, parents, schools and colleges will be concerned about the possible impact of coronavirus on the 2020 summer exam series. Ofqual's advice at this time is to continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal.

Ofqual continues to work closely with exam boards, other regulators and the Department for Education to plan for a range of scenarios, as the public would expect. Our overriding priorities are fairness to students this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum.

It is still many weeks until exams start and we will issue updated advice if necessary, giving schools and colleges as much notice as possible.



The latest updates from Ofqual can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/updated-statement-on-coronavirus>



## INCLUSION



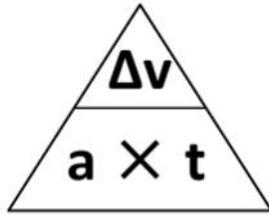
**The Teenage Brain** – How much do you know about your or child's teenage brain? There is a huge amount of research about how much our brains change during puberty – neural pruning is the most important....If you don't use certain areas of your brain they literally disappear.

CORNER

### 4 things you should know about the teenage brain (TB):

1. The TB is extremely sensitive to stress - sadness and worry can quickly turn into anxiety and depression.
2. The TB is naturally risky and lacks control – increased risk taking and impulsive behaviour is normal.
3. The teenage brain literally stops processing language and emotions properly – if your child seems to misunderstand you on purpose this is why.
4. The TB needs loads of sleep, this is when all the important stuff happens, more sleep = better learning and lower stress.





$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}$$

Acceleration = change in  
velocity / time taken

## Physics Equation of the week!

**For all KS4 Students**

## Maths



Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics writes:

**Solve and earn a SILVER Award.**

Send your answer/s (preferably with workings) by email to [smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)  
or on a piece of paper to the Maths Office.

Foundation GCSE	Higher GCSE
<p>Sally has three tiles. Each tile has a different number on it.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>Sally puts the three tiles down to make a number. Each number is made with all three tiles.</p> <p><b>How many different numbers can Sally make?</b></p>	<p>There are 95 girls and 87 boys in Year 13 at a school.</p> <p>One girl is going to be chosen for the role of Head Girl.</p> <p>A different girl is going to be chosen for the role of Deputy Head Girl.</p> <p>One boy is going to be chosen for the role of Head Boy.</p> <p>A different boy is going to be chosen for the role of Deputy Head Boy.</p> <p><b>Work out how many different ways this can be done.</b></p>

## Useful Links



# English



Mrs K James, KS4 Leader: English, writes:

**How did the exams go?! Well done on completing them!**

This week, reflect on your effort over the last few weeks.

Make at least 3 targets for each exam.

*I need to focus on the character of....*

*I need to revise the themes....*

*I need to memorise quotes about....*

*I need to complete more papers to practise...*

*I need to include/expand upon the \_\_\_\_\_ section of a PETER paragraph*

Extra help in Period 6 on Tuesdays or in  
G14 on Thursdays.

(all welcome!)

[Stanboroughenglish.wixsite.com/English](http://Stanboroughenglish.wixsite.com/English)

## PE and Dance Newsletter

Mr J Foster, PE Teacher, writes:

### Student Achievements

Well done to Sophie Green who competed in a swimming gala last weekend. Sophie collected one silver medal and three gold medals in various events such as 50m freestyle & backstroke and 100m individual medley.



Well done to Lutzia Holburns who has been chosen to be part of the England Ice Hockey Girls U13 team and will be representing her country in Romania on 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### Fixtures

#### NETBALL

Well done to the Year 10 netball team who won their league tournament against six other teams! This is a great achievement against many good teams.

The Year 7s played a very close game against a very good Ridgeway team, narrowly losing 18-10. The team has come a long way since the start of the year and should be proud of their performance. Well done.

#### FOOTBALL

Well done to the Year 11 football team for reaching the district semi-finals. Unfortunately the boys lost on penalties, such a cruel way to end their final game for Stanborough. Thank you boys for your commitment to the team during your time at Stanborough.

### Upcoming events

- Peter Pan Production - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. £6 for adults, £4 for concessions. The Sandpit Theatre, The Ridgeway, Sandringham School, St Albans, AL4 9NX.
- Year 9 girls netball tournament. 3:15 start.



# Stanborough School



**FRIDAY 27TH MARCH - PM**

# **RUN FOR STANBOROUGH**

**WITH STALLS AND GAMES AFTER THE RUN/WALK**

**DON'T FORGET TO  
BRING SOME MONEY  
ON THE DAY!**

**NON UNIFORM DAY  
- £1 SUGGESTED  
DONATION**

