

# Stanborough Times

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## Forthcoming Events:

### 21st—25th September Week Two

**21st September**  
Year 7 CAT Tests Catch Up

**5th-22nd October**  
Open Mornings  
for prospective Year 6  
Students, 9.15-11am  
By appointment only,  
please email  
[openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)

**5th-23rd October**  
A Level Exam Period

**9th October**  
Inset Day, School closed to  
students

**12th October**  
Oxbridge Evening, Virtual  
Meeting

**12th- 23rd October**  
Year 11 Assessments

**14th October**  
FOSS AGM, 7.45pm  
Online Meeting

Information Evenings for Year 9, 11 and 12 will be virtual. Information and presentations from all subject areas and the pastoral team will be made available. We will write to you in the coming weeks to explain how you can access this.

## Message from the Headteacher - Mrs John

Could I thank you for your support over the past two weeks as we have welcomed our students back to school. We are delighted with the way in which the students have adapted to the new routines, rules and systems in place and we are very grateful for their cooperation and compliance. While there are still challenges for us to face in the months ahead, we are sure that our students will benefit from all that has been put in place to support their ongoing learning, safety and well-being. We are truly looking forward to welcoming our Year 8 students back on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.



## Headteacher's commendations for this week are:

Please see next page for photos

**Matus Forrester, (Yr. 7)** for having the highest reward points since the start of term;

**Luca Barley, (Yr. 8)** for great work during self-isolation;

**Tameem Alom, (Yr. 9)** for fantastic commitment and an excellent start to Year 9;

**Cristabell Amanfo, (Yr. 10)** for an enthusiastic start back to school and excellent contributions made in lessons;

**Blake Stride, (Yr. 11)** for an outstanding start to this academic year;

**Callum Taylor, (Yr. 11)** for an outstanding attitude to revision and studies;

**Hsu Aguirre, (Yr. 11)** for a phenomenal performance in Music lessons demonstrating his dedication and effort;

**Morgan Winterburn, Ella Mason and Sophie Covill, (Yr. 13)** for excellent work and dedication over the summer holidays and during the first lesson for the Literature coursework.

## Quote of the week:

“We can do no great things, only small things with great love”

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

Mrs John



## Headteacher's Commendations





## Stanborough New-build

Mr T Braybrook, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

You may have seen in last week's Stanborough Times, pictures of the Mayor, Councillor Roger Trigg, opening our new building. This was a fantastic day for all those involved in the project and the end of a very long journey!



The story starts in 2015 when Hertfordshire County Council approached the school about expanding in size. Following detailed discussions on the issue, a grant of £4.8 million was awarded to the school in 2018. This grant covered the following:

- A new classroom block that now houses our Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages faculties. Also, new students toilets, staff offices and student support services;
- Extra science laboratories;
- Extensions to the car parking capacity of the school;
- Expansion of cycle storage;
- Conversion of existing facilities to increase the number of art rooms.



As you would expect with a project of this size and complexity, the road is never straight! A number of issues delayed the building work, so it wasn't until the Autumn Term of 2019 that we finally saw the diggers moving on site and real signs of progress!

In March 2020, when things were going to plan, the pandemic hit. This led to a shutdown of the site for a while and then a phased re-opening. This obviously delayed the planned finish date, but with a lot of hard work from the contractors, T J Evers, they have delivered the building in time for students to use it from the start of this term. Yes, there are a few 'bits and pieces' to finish off, but in the current environment we are happy to be able to have more classrooms to space students out around the school.



The classrooms in the block are bright and large and they each have a state of the art interactive white board. The block has a controlled ventilation scheme and the new toilet facilities are a welcome addition to the school.

We are also very pleased with our new science laboratories that have not only been fitted out with the latest equipment, but are also a very different design to the others with the separation of classroom and practical zones within the same room.

Looking at the future, the old classrooms that housed Compass will soon be demolished. They currently house the music department. We are now looking forward to the next development to improve the school's already amazing facilities. The new music and drama block is a separate scheme. This has been funded via a £1.4 million grant direct from the ESFA Condition Improvement Fund. Work is progressing well, and we look forward to this block opening in January 2021 (I am sure the music and drama departments would heartily agree with this statement).

Stanborough already has some amazing facilities for its students. These new additions will make our student accommodation even more incredible and allow teachers and support staff to deliver some amazing learning experiences for our students in the years to come.

## Year 7 Homework

Mr T Braybrook, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

It is great to see how the vast majority of Year 7 students have settled in to school life so well over the first couple of weeks of term.

As from Monday 21st September they will start to get homework in English, Maths and Science each week. This will carry on till October half term. After half term students will revert to their full homework timetable. These can be found at <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/students/homework/>

## Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 2020

Mr T Braybrook, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

A list of all the clubs and activities confirmed for this term is now on our website. [Clubs and Activities](#)  
A print out is available in every tutor room. All sessions are run in strict year group bubbles.

## Lockdown Survey

Mrs E Daplyn Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Thank you for completing the parental survey we sent you last week which we are running to help us understand how best to support students' well-being and to help us understand students' access to IT at home.

If you've not already done so, please can you complete this short survey for each child at school by the end of this weekend. For more information please see the letter that was also emailed to you, [please click here](#). Please access the survey using this link, [Parent Lockdown Survey](#)

## Examinations Invigilator

Start date: November 2020  
Hourly rate: £10 per hour

We are looking for organised individuals to join our team of exam invigilators to assist with the co-ordination and supervision of our exams. The posts will be on a casual, ad hoc basis determined by the exam schedule. Key exam periods are currently October, January, March and May to July.

The ideal candidates would have the ability to communicate effectively, remain calm under pressure and possess good organisational skills. Basic IT skills, including Excel would be an advantage but not essential.

A job description and person specification are downloadable from the school website or by contacting Sheila Delaney at the school.

Applications are invited by letter outlining how you meet the person specification, together with a Stanborough application form to:

Mrs M John, Headteacher, Stanborough School, Lemsford Lane, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6YR  
Tel: 01707 321755  
Email: [sdelaney@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sdelaney@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)

Closing date: Tuesday 22nd September 2020 at 10 am  
Interviews: Wednesday 30th September 2020

[For all the details and application form, please click here.](#)





Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics writes:

Solve either the Foundation or Higher GCSE question and earn a SILVER Award

Send your answer (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
Diagram NOT accurately drawn
The lengths, in cm, of the sides of the triangle are $3(x-3)$ , $4x-1$ and $2x+5$
The perimeter of the triangle is 49 cm.
Work out the value of $x$ .
Higher GCSE
Given that $f(x) = x^2 - 17$ and $g(x) = x + 3$
a) Work out an expression for: $g^{-1}(x)$
b) Work out an expression for: $f^{-1}(x)$
c) Solve: $f^{-1}(x) = g^{-1}(x)$



## Stanborough School Open Mornings

**Open mornings from 5<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
(excluding 9<sup>th</sup> October) from 9.15am to 11am for Year 6 students only

To book an appointment, please email: [openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) or see the main school website for more details



## Staff Profile



Mrs Nansoz  
KS3 Coordinator: Mathematics

Mrs Nansoz started at Stanborough School in September 2015

“At Stanborough I am part of the Maths department, teaching a range of year groups. I run a Maths Club for KS3 students each week and also a Year 7 Maths Competition once a month.

What I enjoy most about my job is the time in lessons when students have the ‘light bulb’ moment and have figured out how to answer a question that they were struggling with. I also enjoy working alongside my colleagues in the department and across the rest of the school.

In my spare time I love going for walks with my family and taking my daughter to the park to play. I also enjoy playing the piano and seeing my family and friends. I absolutely love animals and so cannot wait to get a dog when the time is right!”

## Thank you!

Mr Beevor is continuing to produce face shields for the students and staff of Stanborough school using material kindly donated by Hifi Industrial Film Ltd.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr David Wodcke (Managing Director Hifi Industrial Film) on behalf of the students and staff of Stanborough School for his contribution to this project.



**Year 11** The English Faculty  
Stanborough School

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