

Stanborough Times

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Forthcoming Events:

14th - 18th September
Week One

14th-16th September
Year 7 CAT tests

15th September
Virtual Information Evening
for Year 9 and 11

24th September
Virtual Information Evening
for Year 12

5th-22nd October
Open Mornings
for prospective Year 6
Students, 9.15-11am
By appointment only,
please email
openmorning@stanboroug h.herts.sch.uk

5th-23rd October
A Level Exam Period

9th October
Inset Day, School closed to
students

12th- 23rd October
Year 11 Assessments

14th October
FOSS AGM, 7.45pm
Online Meeting

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs John

It has been really special to welcome all our students back to school after a prolonged period of absence due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The start of the school year brought with it the usual excitement of new beginnings for all. On Thursday 3rd September, we welcomed our new Year 7 and 12 students. It has been wonderful to see our Year 7 students gain in confidence in just a short period of time. It has also been a pleasure to walk around school and see the students highly engaged in their lessons and embrace the learning opportunities available to them.



This is obviously an extremely worrying and anxious time for so many families due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It has been especially unsettling for the school as we had to ask the Year 8 students to self-isolate for two weeks. Please rest assured that we will continue to work closely with Public Health England to ensure that all guidelines are followed. As the number of Covid-19 cases right across the UK, including this area, has risen and is statistically significant we have taken the decision to ask staff and students to wear masks in the corridors and inside communal areas (not classrooms) where social distancing is hard to achieve. This will be implemented from Tuesday 15th September. Please refer to the letter that was sent out earlier today regarding this <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Face-Masks-110920-MJ.docx.pdf>

On Thursday September 10th, we welcomed the Mayor, Councillor Roger Trigg to Stanborough for the official opening of the new teaching block. It has been great to see the students enjoy their learning in the new block! The Mayor commented "I am bowled over by the appearance, conduct and work ethic of the Stanborough students. The students and staff clearly have very high expectations. I am sure the students will take full advantage of the opportunities on offer to them."



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

Growing Success Continues at Stanborough

GCSE Results 2019/20

Mrs John, Headteacher, writes:

Stanborough's growing reputation is down to the aspirational and hardworking students supported by passionate and dedicated teachers and support staff. This has been an extremely distressing time for all Year 11 students as the pandemic has created circumstances no one could have ever imagined or wished for but it has been great to see the wonderful outcomes received by the students.



It has been a true pleasure to work with this cohort of Year 11 students. The school has seen several changes in the last two years but in spite of these changes, the students led by their Head of Year, Mrs Ridgeon have been extremely welcoming, receptive and supportive of the initiatives introduced. I am very proud of our students as the school continues to flourish and the aspirational culture of the school supports the learners to achieve these justified results. I have also been so impressed with the resilience demonstrated by our Year 11 students during this extremely difficult, challenging and exceptional period. They have embraced the situation that they were faced with and taken everything in their stride. It cannot be underestimated what they have been through but also the stress and uncertainty that they would have faced leading up to receiving their results today. I would like to congratulate every single student for their hard work, dedication and perseverance in their time with us. Our Year 11 students are indeed a credit to the Stanborough community and they should be very proud of what they have achieved and who they have become.

We also celebrate 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 personally acknowledge the support that the Head of Year Mrs Ridgeon has provided to each of the students in her care. She has been an amazing tower of strength to each and every child in the last five years.

I would also like to acknowledge our parents and carers who have nurtured and encouraged their children throughout their school lives. This collaborative effort and strong partnership between school and home has been a major factor in influencing the aspirational culture.

Particularly successful Stanborough students were:

- Annabel Dunstan with all 10 GCSEs at Grade 9
- Jack Moylan with 12 GCSEs at grade 9 and 8
- Louis Ross with 9 GCSEs at grade 9
- Chloe Fisher with 9 GCSEs at 9 and 8
- Ellie-Anne Hart with 9 GCSEs at 9 and 8
- Zhe Gao with 6 GCSEs at grade 9 and 8
- Phoebe Gordon with 6 GCSEs at 9 and 8
- Katie Jeffrey with 5 GCSEs at 9 and 8
- Dominik Orzel-Walker with 5 GCSEs at 9 and 8
- Thomas Farran with 5 GCSEs at 9 and 8
- George McAleese with 7 GCSEs at 9, 8 and 7
- Hannah Davis with 6 GCSEs at 9, 8 and 7
- Chloe O'Connor with 6 GCSEs at 8 and 7
- Samuel Holmes with 6 GCSEs at 9 and 7
- Oliver Warner with 7 GCSEs at 8 and 7
- Ptolemy Carnell with 6 GCSEs at grade 8 and 7.



An emotional Louis Ross was delighted when he received his impressive results and said, "I am really pleased with my results and relieved considering what's happened over the past few months. I'm looking forward to starting sixth form at Stanborough in September."

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. We also have a number of students who have been successful in their GCSE qualifications and will now follow college or Level 2 Apprenticeship courses.



On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish all our Year 11 students the very best as they embark on the next exciting chapter in their educational journey.

A Level/BTEC Results

The students at Stanborough School are celebrating a record set of Year 13 results. It has been pleasing to see a second year of increase in the results and this is a reflection of the hard work and dedication from the students and staff.

I would like to acknowledge the resilience demonstrated by our Year 13 students during this extremely difficult, challenging and exceptional period. They have embraced the situation that they were faced with and taken everything in their stride. It cannot be underestimated what they have been through but also the stress and uncertainty that they would have faced leading up to receiving their results today. I would like to congratulate every single student for their hard work, dedication and perseverance in their time with us. Our students are indeed a credit to the Stanborough community and they should be very proud of what they have achieved and who they have become in the last thirteen years of schooling. They have truly been wonderful role models to the rest of the school.

I would like to thank all staff for their unstinting support of the year group but also for the dedication and professionalism with which they approached the huge task of submitting the calculated grades for their students. I would also like to thank the Head of Sixth Form, Mr Wayne Maidment for the excellent guidance and care he has provided over the last two years.

This year's grading system has been extremely stressful for the entire team but I am very proud that significantly fewer of the Centre Assessed Grades that we submitted were changed compared to the national figure. The Centre Assessed Grades were based on robust data including current levels of performance, previous exams taken and coursework that had already been completed and assessed. A special mention has to go to the team of leaders and support staff who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, working with examination boards to ensure that all the guidelines were followed meticulously. I would also like to acknowledge our parents who have nurtured and encouraged their children throughout their school lives. These results show that the combination of excellent teaching, the commitment of students and the support of parents is paramount to success.

At Stanborough, we are particularly pleased for the following students who have secured an impressive set of grades and in some cases made outstanding progress in the last two years.

- Andreas Andreous
- Charlotte Ball
- Mitchell Burrows
- Priya Desai
- Pia Joyce
- Lily McDonald
- Behram Printer
- Luke Sakaguchi-Mawer
- Mattia Salsi
- Lucy Thompson
- Kono Washio
- Alice Wells

Students will be off to study in a range of universities, including the Russell Group. Students will be studying a broad range of courses and degrees including Economics, Physics with Astrophysics, Psychology, Music, Computer Science, Marketing, English Literature, International Business Management, Finance and Investment Banking, Philosophy, Journalism, Law and Criminology. We are delighted that the majority of students have secured their first choice of university or apprenticeships. We are so proud of them all. They leave us with the confidence of knowing that they can overcome unexpected obstacles and achieve whatever they aim for. On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish all our Year 13 students the very best as they embark on the next chapter in their lives.

Staff News

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Ms J Adamson, Teacher of Food Technology; Ms F Fletcher, Teacher of MFL; Ms S Laczynski, Teacher of Music; Mrs E Mabbs, Teaching & Learning Leader-Science; Mr I Maden, Teacher of English; Dr M Sutton, Teacher of History, Government and Politics and Mrs L Tillbrook, HLTA Autism Lead to Stanborough School. We hope that they will enjoy working at the school and with your children.

Farewell

At the end of summer term we said goodbye to the following members of staff and thank them for all their hard work on behalf of your children: Mr R Hobson, Miss M Bowen, Mrs G Elliott, Mr A Martin, Mrs L Allen, Ms S Eaton, Mr D Johnson and Mr L Kidd.

Congratualtions!

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

Contact Details

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.

Traffic Outside School

Over the past couple of days we have had significant traffic congestion outside the school on Lemsford Lane at the end of school. This has resulted in significant disruption for some residents of Lemsford Lane where cars have reversed onto their driveways to turn around. It also is dangerous for our students as the crossing areas become blocked. Can we please ask that if you have to pick your child up, this is done away from Lemsford Lane. Can we also ask that you respect the boundaries of our local residents.



Both sides of the road outside school have double yellow lines and there should not be any parked vehicles on these lines. We have asked the local council to enforce this.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of our students as they leave school.

Parental Survey

Mrs E Daplyn, Assistant Headteacher writes:

We would like to find out more about individual student's experiences over the last six months and anything that might be affecting them on their return to school. We are asking all parents to complete a short survey to help us support students on their return to school.

Please access the survey using this link, <https://forms.gle/wFlob54uP5ZdyEjT8>

You will need to complete a separate survey for each child in the school. If you have any questions about this, please contact me on edaplyn@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Homework Club

Homework Club is for any student in the year group who would like to complete homework in a school computer room after school. Homework Club will run from 3-4pm on the relevant day. Homework Club is supervised by the year leader or deputy year leader.

Year	Day	Room
Y7	Thursday	F9
Y8	Thursday	C3
Y9	Monday	C8
Y10	Monday	C10
Y11	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (on rotation) Period 6 sessions will run for groups of pupils in subject specific groups on rotation.	LRG

Tell us about your Job

Mrs J Adams, HLTA with Connexions & Careers writes:

We normally have careers talks during the school year, but we are currently unable to have any visitors in school. We are therefore looking for people / businesses to do a two to three minute video explaining the job that they do, their day to day workload, qualifications needed to get into the job, and any other interesting information.

We would then show these to the students during form times. If you would like to be involved in this project, please email me and I will get in touch.

Thank you

jadams@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Forgotten Items

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak we regret we are no longer able to take in forgotten items to students. The only exception is packed lunches and medication.

Please encourage your child to be organised before they leave home.

We need to protect our students and staff.
Thank you for your understanding.

Class Charts

Year 7 students have been given their Class Charts 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 the link below. 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.

[Class Charts for Parents Guide 2020](#)

Curriculum Booklets

Curriculum Booklets for Year 7 and Year 8 are now available to view and download from our website:

Year 7 Curriculum Booklet : <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/students/year-7/>

Year 8 Curriculum Booklet : <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/students/year-8/>

Year 7 Maths Competition

Mrs Nansoz, KS3 Coordinator: Mathematics, writes:

Each month there will be a new puzzle or task for you to complete, this will be sent to your email.

You can enter the competition by emailing it to anansoz@stanborough.herts.sch.uk or you can hand in your work in person to Mrs Nansoz in the Maths Office or G10.
(don't forget to put your name on your entry!)



Don't worry if you're finding it hard, just submit what you can!

Prizes will be awarded for the top entries
Good luck!



INCLUSION

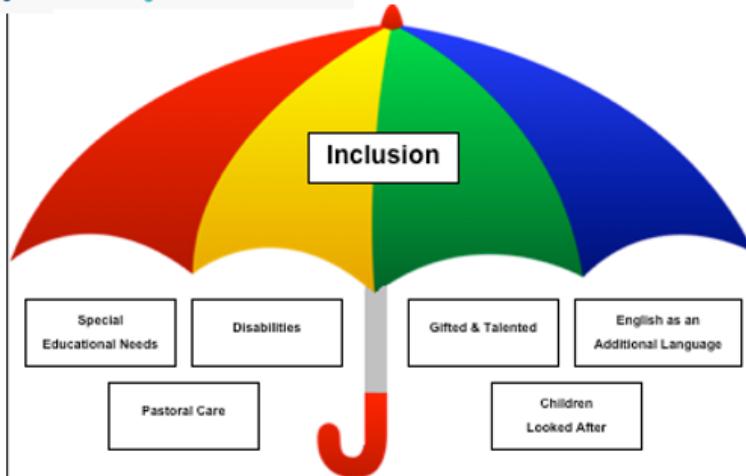
What is Inclusion?

Inclusion is about looking at the needs of each individual and making sure that what is going on inside the school is meeting the needs of all learners no matter what their needs or backgrounds.

Inclusion takes account of diversity in our student population.

Inclusion is about everyone feeling valued and having their voice heard.

Inclusion attempts to identify and overcome barriers to learning.



Welcome to year 7 parents and our Inclusion corner: At Stanborough we have a large and diverse team of people working towards meeting the needs of all our students. An Inclusion Manager and a SENDCO, Teaching Assistants and Inclusion Support Managers and Inclusion Support Assistants, Student and Family Support Workers, School Family Workers, a SEND teacher, a CLA lead, Safeguarding Leads, and a large pastoral team of Year Leaders and Deputy Year Leaders all overseen by the SLT are all working together to make your child's time at Stanborough as happy as possible.



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Purchase your books through Wisepay TODAY!

Jekyll and Hyde £3.00	An Inspector Calls £4.49	Romeo and Juliet £5.95
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*Price may change

See your teacher or Miss McLean for details

Stanborough School

OPEN MORNINGS OCTOBER 2020



Open mornings from 5th – 22nd October

(excluding 9th October) from 9.15am to 11am for Year 6 students only

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

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