

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

We have come to the end of the first half of spring term and what a busy and productive few weeks it has been. Thank you to all the parents/carers who took part in the recent parent survey, a letter outlining the responses has been sent to parents/carers earlier this week. Thank you to Mrs Jones and her entire team for their hard work and the outstanding support they give all our SEND students. The school production of Grease this week was an amazing show. Well done to all our students who took part both on the stage and backstage. A big thank you to all the staff and students who put in a huge amount of their time to make this show so enjoyable. It was a wonderful way to end this half term. We hope you all enjoy a restful break and have a chance to recharge ready for the second half of spring term. The Monday after half term is an INSET day so school is closed to students for staff training. After the break, the wearing of facemasks in school will become an optional choice. Thank you to all students, staff and visitors for adhering to wearing a facemask despite the change in guidelines, this has really helped to keep our absences to a minimum. We still encourage students to continue self-testing twice a week and sanitising hands before entering and leaving the classroom. We look forward to seeing all students back in school on Tuesday 22nd February.

Headteacher's Commendations

R Whiteside, H Halsey, J Sheppard, J Wilson, H Paterson, N Cook and C Fanning (Yr. 7) for outstanding attitude and performance when representing the school at indoor athletics;
R Datta, (Yr. 8) for a consistently positive attitude to learning;
R Whiteman, (Yr. 9) for outstanding effort and hard work in every Spanish lesson;
O Scott, (Yr.9) for being one of the top performers in the Brilliant Club;
A Rogers, (Yr. 10) for being one of the top performers in the Brilliant Club;
S Mohagheghi, (Yr. 11) for a consistently outstanding attitude to learning this half term;
B Alagoa, (Yr. 12) for a consistently positive attitude to learning;
K Hargreaves, (Yr. 13) for incredibly strong work ethic in all lessons.



Quote of the week:

“Scared is what you’re feeling....brave is what you’re doing.” Emma Donoghue

Wish you a lovely half term break.
Mrs John

Headteacher Commendations

Another positive week at Stanborough! Well done to all the students who secured the Headteacher's commendation award this week.



Forthcoming Events

21st - 25th February

Week one

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| 14 th – 18 th | Half Term |
| 21 st | INSET Day, School closed to students |
| 22 nd – 4 th March | Year 11 Mocks |
| 2 nd March | Year 13 A Level English Language Conference, London |

Farewell

Mr Craig, Teacher of Music

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

We say goodbye to Mr Craig who has been an asset to the Music department. His commitment to the students, particularly in respect of Sound and Light, has been much appreciated. Mr Craig has developed Music technology at Stanborough and I hope he has left a lasting legacy for further benefit to interested students.

We thank Mr Craig for his pastoral work in the year 9 team, and Brocket students will be sad to see him go. We wish him luck in his training as a minister and hope he keeps in touch - especially to see more of our students in their school productions in the future.

Mrs Richardson, Student and Family Support Worker

Mrs Daplyn, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Karen Richardson has worked at Stanborough for over three years as one of our student and family support workers. Her support for students, their families and staff has been outstanding, and I know she has helped so many. Her passion for her job and making sure children have the best possible support has been at the heart of everything she does.

We also thank Karen for her leadership and hands on efforts with the COVID testing practices we have implemented since the first lockdown. Karen also went over and above in the lockdowns by visiting students at their homes and taking them into the community to support with their mental health. For all she has done for our community we are truly grateful. She will be greatly missed by all at Stanborough and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best in her new role at Ridgeway Academy.

Musical Instruments

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Many thanks to the Black family for donating a drum kit to the school.

If you have bought a musical instrument during lockdown and no longer use it, we would be grateful for any donations!

Student Success

Cyclo-cross Champion

At the end of January, Esmee, 7O, became the U12 Girls Eastern Regional cyclo-cross champion.

Esmee belongs to the Welwyn Wheelers who are based at the Gosling Sports Park and has been competing in the Eastern Cyclo-Cross League since September 2021. She competed in her ninth and final race at the end of January 2022, where she officially won the title. Races have taken place across the counties Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, which has meant a few early mornings to arrive on time for event sign-on. Esmee will now be continuing cycling with the indoor track season at Lee Valley. 'I intend to become Olympic Champion' Esmee says.

The next Victoria Pendleton I think!



Diver of the Year

Sebastian, 11H, has been awarded Diver of the Year at his club's AGM. Sebastian started Scuba diving as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and has continued diving regularly with Mid Herts Divers including being qualified as an Ocean Diver and he is now in progress to achieve the next level of Sports Diver. Mid Herts Divers recent AGM included the annual award of Diver of the Year, which goes to the member that has regularly attended training, participated in a range of open water diving trips and contributed to the life of the club.



FOSS, Friends of Stanborough School

Victoria Sparrow, FOSS Chair, writes:

FOSS, Friends of Stanborough School, are delighted to be back running events again! The 2022 committee would like to introduce themselves.

Your Chairwoman is Victoria Sparrow who has one child in Year 7: "I am very much looking forward to running some new and old events and meeting you all face-to-face!"

Emma Perrott is your Secretary, mum to two children who attend Stanborough. Emma joined the FOSS team to raise some much-needed funds for the school and is looking forward to running some new exciting events!

Shelley Taylor is your Treasurer, mum to two children at the school, Years 7 and 8. "Joining FOSS is an opportunity to help raise funds and buy extra equipment, which will give the pupils a better school experience."

Bina Howlett has joined the committee this year, mum to one child in Year 7, she joined the team to help raise money to enhance the children's experience through their educational years at Stanborough School.

Mrs E Jackson, Subject Leader: Music: "I have been a member of FOSS since starting at the school in 2012. I liaise with FOSS to ensure we have great refreshments at all our concerts and shows."

Edna Richards was the previous Chairwoman and steps away this coming summer but is still on the committee helping raise funds that the school needs.

If you would like to help at any of our events please contact us, we would love to hear from you!

Fosschair@gmail.com



School Production - Grease

Miss Eracleous, Subject Leader: Drama, writes:

This week we had our annual school production 'Grease' the school edition. It has been a great opportunity for the pupils following last year's cancellation due to the pandemic. This year it was led by our incredibly talented sixth form students, from rehearsals to stage design they covered all aspects of theatre!

Here is what our Drama Leaders and Lead cast of Sandy and Danny have to say on the show:

"Grease is the word! It's the only word I've been saying since the start of the year! Every rehearsal brought me so much excitement and happiness that it's unreal. It is a true honour to play the lead alongside the lovely Louis Ross. This is a musical I will never forget and I am so blessed to be a part of the most amazing cast I have ever seen! Miss Eracleous is my hero and we are so lucky as drama students to have such a wonderful director!" - **Laura Wells Year 12**

"Having taken part in the school productions ever since 'Guys and Dolls' when I was in Year 9, the shows have always been and continue to be the highlight of my time at Stanborough. In this year's 'Grease the Musical' it has been an extraordinary privilege to work alongside such a ridiculously talented, supportive, and all-round amazing cast and crew, and to receive the invaluable support from Miss Eracleous as Director as well as every other member of staff who have contributed so much towards this performance. Though the show may sadly be my last at Stanborough, it is truly an experience I will never forget and one I will always be grateful for!" - **Louis Ross Deputy Head Boy Year 13**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our wonderful pupils!





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Something for you to think about

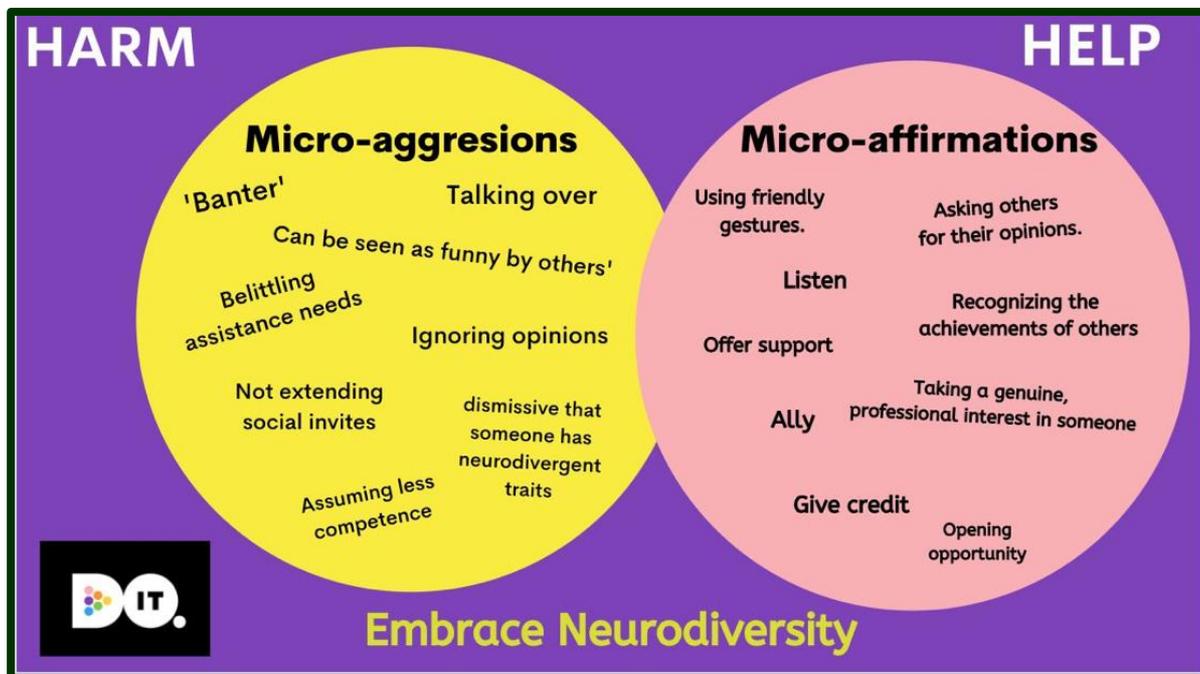
I was interested to see this in a neurodiversity post on Linked in.

At Stanborough School we do not tolerate any form of bullying or harassment.

This includes sexual harassment, racism, sexism, homophobia or ableism.

It is interesting how often students hide behind the term 'banter' when they are actually insulting or bullying another student because of their differences.

Sometimes it is easy to try to excuse certain behaviours and hide behind 'jokes' and 'banter'. In fact, we are doing harm to another person by making them feel 'less than' and that is not okay.



Remember we are all facing our own struggles every day and acts of kindness cost nothing but may have an immediate positive impact on others.

“In a world where you can be anything, be kind”

Please visit www.twitter.com/stanb_send



Question of the Week

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Maths, writes:

SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 23.02.22 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD



Choose one of the two Maths GCSE questions.

Send your answers with workings by email to smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk
or on a piece of paper to the Maths Office.

Question 1

There are ten pens in a box.

4 of the pens are red.

6 of the pens are black.

Josh takes at random a pen from the box.

He puts the pen into his bag.

He then takes at random another pen from the box.

Work out the probability that Josh takes **at least** one red pen.

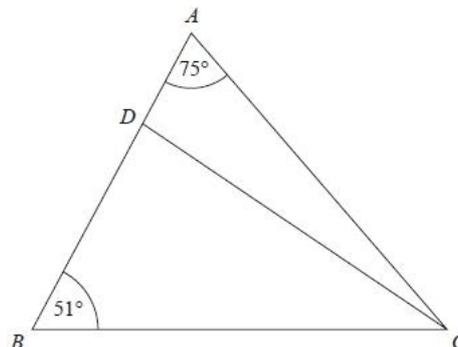
Question 2

The diagram shows triangle ABC .

ADB is a straight line.

the size of angle DCB : the size of angle $ACD = 2 : 1$

Work out the size of angle BDC .



Word of the Week

W/c 21st February

Integral

For example, vegetables are an integral part of our diet.

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Word of the Week

INTEGRAL

French
intégrale(feminine)
intégral(masculine)

Spanish
integral


READ IT
Integral


DEFINE IT
Relating to, or belonging as a part of the whole;


USE IT
Vegetables are an integral part of our diet.

Grow and Succeed

High Expectations | Mutual Respect | Quality Learning | Success for All

Year 11 Prom

Mr Foster, Deputy Year Leader: Year 11, writes:

Just a reminder that the first deposit payment of £30 for the Year 11 leavers prom must be paid by Monday 21st February. We cannot go ahead with the prom unless we have a minimum of 80 students attending. May I politely ask you to ensure this payment is made by the 21st February to ensure your child's place at the prom. Payments can be made via Wisepay.

Get Playing at Stanborough School

Mrs Jackson, Curriculum Leader: Music,

We are proud to be working with Hertfordshire Music Service to offer students the opportunity to learn an instrument.

At Stanborough School we are offering half a term of free group lessons for those who don't already play an instrument.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for ANY student to learn FOR FREE with a FREE INSTRUMENT.



To sign up visit <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/GetPlaying>

OR

Scan the QR code

Don't miss out!



Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership

The latest newsletter from WGC & Hatfield Schools Partnership is now available

[February Parent Post](#)



2022 AQA GCSE English Literature remote revision sessions

Support your child's revision with our subject experts

Designed to motivate and challenge students in an engaging and focused learning environment, our remote revision sessions will help boost students' skills and confidence



£20
per student
(including VAT)

Herts for Learning have been running successful revision sessions for over six years. Our newly developed online sessions led by highly experienced subject specialists will focus on:

- supporting your child to feel 'exam / assessment ready'
- providing students with tried and tested exam / assessment strategies and revision techniques to develop their independent revision of set literature texts
- sharing high quality responses and model answers to support their own learning
- giving your child the opportunity to complete a range of revision activities during the session, addressing the skills needed

Each session last 2 hours and students will be able to interact with the subject teachers delivering the session.

The cost of each Saturday morning workshop is £20 per student (incl VAT).

To find out more and to book places on sessions, please click on the course codes below or visit the [HfL CPD Hub](https://cpd.hertsforlearning.co.uk) at cpd.hertsforlearning.co.uk. Places can be booked directly by parents/carers or by schools on their students' behalf.

| Revision session subject | 2022 session dates | Course code |
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| All AQA English Literature remote revision sessions take place from 9:30 - 11:30am | | |
| Macbeth | Saturday 26th February | ENG/22/206/S |
| Romeo and Juliet | Saturday 5th March | ENG/22/203/S |
| Unseen Poetry | Saturday 12th March | ENG/22/202/S |
| A Christmas Carol | Saturday 19th March | ENG/22/205/S |
| An Inspector Calls | Saturday 26th March | ENG/22/204/S |

For more information regarding these workshops, please contact: training@hertsforlearning.co.uk or call **01438 544477**



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