

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Monday's non-uniform day was very successful and I would like to thank staff and students for organising the extra fundraising activities during break and lunchtime. Thank you for all the donations, which are going to the British Red Cross, details of the day are included over the page. Our thoughts and prayers go to everyone caught up in the current crisis in Ukraine. As another busy week draws to an end we prepare for the last week of Spring Term next week and hope this week's lovely sunshine continues. During the first week of the Easter holiday, a number of subjects are offering revision workshop days for Year 11 students and some Year 13 classes. We hope your child will find these sessions helpful. This week saw the two-year anniversary of the first lockdown and unfortunately, Covid-19 is again prevalent in the community. Although regular testing and self-isolation is no longer a legal requirement, we ask all parents of any child who has the main symptoms of Covid-19 to follow the NHS guidance. If you have symptoms we ask you to take a test and if a positive result shows to self-isolate for five days and only return to school once you have two negative test results. Please refer to the letter sent to all parents earlier this term. Again, thank you for your support. Wishing all the mums a very happy mother's day on Sunday and remember the clocks change this weekend as we jump forward into British summer time!

Headteacher's Commendations

T Saunders, A Watts and J Sullivan (Yr. 7) for raising £70 for the Red Cross;

E Purches, (Yr.7) for supporting with the Life Skills interview and showing dignity and respect throughout;

B D'Mello, (Yr. 8) for amazing contributions during Tutor Time and an outstanding effort for the Afternoon Tea Challenge;

R Datta, (Yr.8) for supporting with the Life Skills interview and showing dignity and respect throughout;

T Mpofo, (Yr. 9) for supporting with the Life Skills interview and showing dignity and respect throughout;

E Williams-Clark, (Yr.9) for showing excellent resilience and achievement in English lessons;

V Parisi, (Yr.9) for contribution to the school community during break time;

S Cotton, (Yr. 10) for supporting with the Life Skills interview and showing dignity and respect throughout;

T Zonda, (Yr.10) for contribution to the school community during break time;

S Meenan, (Yr.10) for an amazing writing task in English;

E Banks, S Bayford, B Bickers, M Buckingham, S French, Y Goncalves, M King, L Kinghorn, B McDonald, T Montenegro,

E Norman, S Whiteside and J Hoss, (Yr.10) for an outstanding performance in the school Dance Production;

E Tassell and S Dinnage, (Yr.10) for representing the school in such a positive way whilst showing round an interview candidate;

C Keenan, A Ware, Z Bruton, S Craft and M Sevillano (Yr. 11) for outstanding leadership as Dance Captain in the recent Dance Production;

A Sowerby, (Yr. 12) for consistently impressive work and effort in Media Studies;

C Carr, E Bish and K Long, (Yr.12) for outstanding leadership as Dance Captain in the recent Dance Production.

Quote of the week:

“Believe in yourself and you can achieve greatness in your life.” Judy Blume

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John

Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

28th March – 1st April

Week two

PU2 Reports Issued for Year 7 - 11

28 th March	Year 11 motivation and study session
29 th March	Year 10 Robot Rumble Qualifying Event, 8.40am – 4.30pm, Elstree
31 st March	DEAR (Drop Everything And Read). Please ensure your child brings in a book Year 10 Hospitality & Catering students visit Tewin Bury Farm Year 11 Maths Masterclass, 3-4pm
1 st April	End of Term, early finish – 12.20pm

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Word of the Week

crucial

 French  Spanish

 **Origin™**  **DEFINE IT**  **USE IT**

From French *crucial*, a medical term for a crossed knee ligament; from Latin *cruX*, *crucis* ("cross")

Decisive and critical - especially in the success or failure of something.

Teachers are crucial to the success of a school.

Grow and Succeed

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

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 **D.E.A.R** 

Drop everything and read

"Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world."
Napoléon Bonaparte

Next DEAR time will be
Thursday 31st March 2022

P4 at 1.05pm

Bronze award for those students who focus on their reading for the whole 15 minutes

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Word of the Week

W/c 28th March

Crucial

For example, teachers are crucial to the success of a school.

Year 10 Parent's Evening, Thursday 21st April 2022 via Video Call

The booking system is now open for the Year 10 parent evening that takes place on Thursday 21st April.

All appointments will take place via a video call. Please see the letter and guide emailed home earlier this week for more information.

All Year 10 students will be completing end of year exams that begin the week beginning May 2nd, these appointments are a fantastic opportunity to ensure that yourselves as parents and the students are fully aware of the priority areas for these exams.

Appointments can be made via this link,

<https://stanborough.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>

If you have any queries or experience any issues logging in to the booking system please contact, parentsevening@stanborough.herts.sch.uk.

We hope all Year 10 parents/carers are able to attend.



Mental Health Talk

Miss Carter, Life Skills Leader, writes:

Lex is a singer songwriter from Hertfordshire. When she's not in the music studio, she visits schools around the UK to spread a really important message: responsibility with our social media. She delivered one hour sessions for each year group which consisted of song, personal stories related to overcoming bullying, and a Q&A. Students loved the off timetable experience and were excited to speak to her. Well done to all our students for putting forward such a mature and fun attitude during the assemblies. Lex really loved talking with you and commented how great you all were!

Remember you can follow her on Instagram @lexgibbon

If you have been affected by the talk and want someone to speak to please find Miss Carter or your trusted person.



Non-uniform Day

Mrs Daplyn, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Students were keen to support our non-uniform day on Monday by wearing their own clothes and baking cakes to help raise money for the British Red Cross. Having seen stories in the news and discussed the ongoing crisis in tutor time, students and staff were pleased to be able to do something to support those suffering across Europe from the ongoing conflict.

Year 7 and 8 students put on a great cake sale in their own quads and the Post 16 students had queues across the playground at lunch for their cake sale. Some students also sold books and ran a 'hook a duck' stall to help raise money.

The total amount raised was over £1,260. The money raised will be sent to The British Red Cross who are supporting the people affected by this conflict by getting food, water, first aid and medicines to those who need it most. Thank you to all the staff and students for their support.



Handside Partnership Library Scavenger Hunt!

Mrs Daplyn, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Each term we work with the staff at Lakeside and Applecroft schools to run an event that brings children from the three schools together as part of our Handside Partnership. This half term it was Stanborough's turn to host an event. Mrs Wilson, our school librarian, organised two great activities to get our students working together and thinking about books. The first activity was a scavenger hunt where students from the three schools worked in teams to try and find objects in books across the library. Some were quite straightforward like a witch, but some proved more difficult with students pouring through books trying to find a frog, plane and king! The teamwork and competitive spirit from students was great to see. Students then designed their own book character.

It was lovely to see students from all three schools working together and chatting about their lives and interests. We look forward to the next Handside Partnership event in the summer term.

Thank you to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Saunderson for organising and running the event and to Lauren Ellerd-Elliott and Skyla Felton in Year 12 for helping.



Amazon Wish List

Ms Wilson, Librarian, writes:

Last year we launched an Amazon Student Book Wish List, in response to the successful Accelerated Reader scheme. To enable all our students to enjoy reading their favourite books we have created a list of the book titles they have asked to be available to read from our school library. Their wish list is available on Amazon and parents/carers can purchase a book from this list to be donated to our library.

If you would like to donate a book from this wish list, please follow this link, <https://amzn.eu/3ubu6AY>

This will direct you to our booklist where you can choose your donation, which will be sent directly to Stanborough School. Please ensure to choose 'School Library Book Wish List's Gift Registry Address' as the delivery address, this address will appear in their 'Other addresses' list.

Thank you in advance for your donation from the student's wish list.



FINAL REMINDER!

MFL University of Oxford Flash Fiction Competition

Mrs Magee, Teacher of MFL, writes:

Write a short story in 100 words

Your story can be in French or Spanish and can be on anything you like! The judges are looking for creativity in your ideas and use of language.

How to enter:

Submit your entry directly to Oxford University via their online form. You will find the link for each language posted on Class Charts.

If you print and submit your story to your languages teacher, you can also be entered into the Stanborough competition. Prizes will be awarded for the best story in each year group.

Put your name and year group on the back of your story.

We have already received many great stories so be sure to get yours in on time!



*£100 First prize
£20 Runner up prizes*

Enter by: 31 March 2022

Kooth

Kooth is an online mental health community, available for free, safe and anonymous support.

Whatever your concern, Kooth is here to help.

Fully trained and qualified counsellors and practitioners are available:

*Monday - Friday 12 noon - 10pm
and weekends 6pm - 10pm,
365 days a year.*





Stanborough School Careers

Mrs Stamp, Careers Leader, writes:

National Careers Week March 2022

Recently Stanborough marked National Careers week in a variety of ways. Many staff displayed an "In my previous life" poster on their doors to reveal the variety of jobs they held before coming to teaching in order to prompt student reflection. See Mrs Davies' detailed example and advice! In lessons too, staff across a range of subjects linked topics and skills covered in their classes to the job market.

We asked all subject teachers to encourage students to reflect on how their subject develops skills relevant to future career paths. This was to engage learners to think more deeply about the subject. We hope the week enabled students to think about their career choices. Information on apprenticeships and a variety of careers can be found online, [MyPath](#).

Trip to local business Paypoint

Year 11s considering an apprenticeship were offered the opportunity to experience working life in an office setting with workshops and talks organised by Paypoint.

Year 10 Trip to the National Apprenticeship show and Higher Education exposition

Last Thursday the whole of Year 10 were taken on a free trip to Marshall Arena in Milton Keynes in order to understand what apprenticeships at different levels might be able to offer them. Students took part in the varied activities on offer such as the reflexes challenge run by the army, riding a mechanical horse for the wannabe horse racers and the "Plank challenge" run by the navy.

Lots of organisations from Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire were represented to talk to students about the opportunities they offer. There were also stands from various universities to encourage students to consider the benefits of university life.

**Year 10-13 parents have been emailed a survey about apprenticeships from SfYP.
They would really appreciate a response if you have time before 30th March**



Mrs Davies' Top Career Tips!



The Volunteer Route

Career Tip 1 - Bloom where you're planted!

Growing up in Llangollen, a small Welsh town which hosts an annual international music festival, there were many opportunities to work as a volunteer. During my school years, I was a programme seller, ticket seller and steward. It was an exciting way of meeting new people, developing my confidence and a great addition to my CV!

Career nudge! : Are there any local events going on in your area which you could become involved in as a volunteer?

Career Tip 2 - Get involved in something you're passionate about!

My love of music – particularly opera – meant that I had developed expensive tastes! Opera tickets can cost up to £400 for a decent seat. So I volunteered as a helper in *The London Opera House* and was regularly given free tickets to watch performances of the greatest artists from around the world. Not only that, but I was able to watch the internal job notice board for career opportunities. Although my applications were unsuccessful, I still have memories to this day of hearing Placido Domingo sing and watching Darcy Bussell dance... and a growing *work experience* section in my CV to show future employers.

Career nudge! : Be bold. If you can't beat them, join them!

Career Tip 3 – Follow your heart

Living in London, there was always a multitude of events going on and passing Westminster Cathedral one day, I noticed a sign: *Vigil for Lebanon Tonight at 7:30 pm*. There had been a war waging there for a while and I wanted to show my support for the people of Lebanon. After the vigil, I met the organisers of the event – people from the Focolare movement whose motto is *Peace For A United World* and I have remained attached to this wonderful peace organisation to this day. As their HQ is in Welwyn Garden City, it means I am able to follow their cause which is very close to my heart, singing in the folk groups and reading poetry at peace campaign events, as well as making friends with people from all over the world who come to stay at the Focolare Centre just down the road in Parkway!

It was while visiting the Cathedral, I met a lady looking for volunteers to teach English in Czechoslovakia and as this sounded like a bit of an adventure – and I made sure the invitation was safe and genuine first – I said “Yes!”.

This was my very first step into the world of teaching and the wonderful profession that I have remained in ever since.

*Career nudge! : Be spontaneous... when the door of opportunity opens, take a deep breath and walk through! **BUT be safe***

Career Tip 4 – Going Abroad

Travelling to Bratislava in Czechoslovakia – now Slovakia – was both exciting and historical as I went over the very DAY the Berlin Wall came down. It was the end of the Soviet rule over the people in the so-called Eastern Bloc, of which Czechoslovakia was a member. Living under communist rule for so long, the people we taught had lived in great fear and many of them had nothing. But they gave us, their teachers, everything. They took us at the weekends, on trips to Prague and to visit the people of Poland over the border and to the beautiful Tatra mountains. We were invited by Vaclav Havel – the Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia at the time, to visit his beautiful Bratislava Castle which sits proudly overlooking the famous River Danube below.

Experiencing different cultures and working in different countries is unforgettable and really broadens your horizons and helps you to understand the lives other people are living much more deeply. It really matured my outlook and even today, much later in my life, people still ask me about my experience in this beautiful country and employers in the past have been interested in this part of my life.

Career nudge! : Many Schools abroad don't ask for a teaching certificate - you are a native speaker of English ...a qualification in itself.

The Apprenticeship Route

Career Tip 5 – Find your niche

Leaving university with an English Literature degree meant that I hadn't really specialised in any particular professional field... keep your eye out for apprenticeship programmes which will take you closer to a niche skill in your degree area. I completed a Government-backed Graduate Gateway course leading to a secondment at IPC in London – the largest publication company in the UK dealing mainly in women's magazines, and became a copywriter and book reviewer. It was an exciting time, meeting international celebrities from all over the world; attending fashion shoots and testing all the latest products from the big fashion and beauty houses of the day.

The Apprenticeship Route comes with a salary too, so definitely worth exploring.

Career nudge! : Small salaries don't equal small rewards... the experience you can get from Apprenticeships can be invaluable!

Welwyn Garden City Schools Partnership March Newsletter

This month's Parent Post is now available to download!

https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/WGCH-Newsletter-March-2022_compressed.pdf



Question of the Week

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics writes,

SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 30.03.22 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

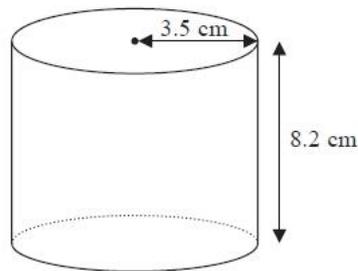


Diagram NOT
accurately drawn

A solid cylinder has radius 3.5 cm and height 8.2 cm.

Work out the **total** surface area of the cylinder.

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

Question 2

The diagram shows sector OAB of a circle, centre O .

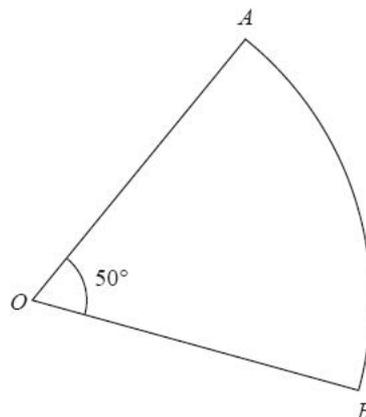


Diagram NOT
accurately drawn

Angle $AOB = 50^\circ$

Sector OAB has area $20\pi \text{ cm}^2$

Calculate the perimeter of sector OAB .

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.