

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

It has been an enjoyable week as we welcomed several groups of primary children to Stanborough who took part in various sporting activities. Many thanks to our PE staff for co-ordinating and taking these sessions. We are looking forward to Friday when our first House Music concert in quite some time takes place. It will be the first live concert at Stanborough since December 2019! The students have been working hard to put on some great performances led by our house prefects and it is sure to be a fantastic evening. This term we welcomed Mrs Jackson back after her maternity leave and we would like to thank her for her support with this event. Year 9 exams are underway in their classes and next week sees the start of exams for Year 8 and the Year 10 mock exams. As you will have read in last week's Stanborough Times, we have moved to Arbor as our school Management Information System provider. Arbor is available as an App for parents to download, this enables you to access information about your child and provides the opportunity to update the school with key information. Earlier this week, all parents were emailed a login to this system and information about it is available on our website: <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/arbor-app/> Remember, next Monday is a bank holiday – we hope you all enjoy the long weekend!

Headteacher's Commendations

T Saunders, O Jordan and B Baffour (Yr. 7) for making it through to the second round in the Poetry By Heart National Competition;
B Sparrow, (Yr.7) for baking 14 cakes and raising £202 for Autism UK;

G Abajue, K Sullivan, A Brasovanu, T Villiers and I Jarvis (Yr. 8) for making it through to the second round in the Poetry By Heart National Competition;

S Hale, (Yr.8) for using the pomodoro revision method and setting up a revision station at home;

C Spanoudakis, (Yr. 9) for securing a place in the Swim England East Region Artistic Swimming Development Squad;

M Chisholm, (Yr. 10) for achieving first place in a National Sprint Competition during the Easter Holiday;

T Sami, (Yr. 11) for an outstanding attitude to learning since joining Stanborough;

K Simkins, J Man and S Blackman, (Yr.11) for outstanding work in Media Studies over the last two years, especially with their Media Production;

C Kunjasic, (Yr. 12) for being one of the first students in Year 12 to secure a work experience placement;

J Turner, (Yr.12) for securing an Internship with the Nuffield Foundation.



Quote of the week:

"If you had started doing anything two weeks ago, by today you would have been two weeks better at it."
John Mayer.

Wish you a restful bank holiday weekend.

Mrs John

Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

2nd – 6th May

Week one

2 nd May	Bank Holiday – school closed
3 rd – 13 th May	Year 8 Exams in classes
4 th – 13 th May	Year 10 Mock Exams
4 th May	Year 9 Parent Evening, 3.30-6.30pm via online video call
9 th – 20 th May	Year 7 Exams in classes

Parents' Evening

Year 9 Parents' Evening, Wednesday 4th May 2022
via Video Call

A reminder that the Year 9 parents' evening takes place next week on Wednesday 4th May via video call. The booking system will close at midnight on Tuesday 3rd May, if you haven't yet made any appointments to see your child's subject teachers then please do so.

This is an important opportunity for you to speak to your child's teachers.

Appointments can be made via this link: <https://stanborough.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

If you have any queries please contact parentsevening@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

A parent letter and guide can be found on our website: <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/parents/letters/>

We hope all Year 9 parents/carers are able to attend.

Word of the Week

W/c 2nd May 2022

For example, *he showed an astonishing lack of discernment in his decision-making.*



Year 8 in Science

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician writes:

8x1 have been learning about the structure of the earth. For homework, during the Easter break, students were asked to make a model showing the layers of the earth.

They have all done a fantastic job and put in a lot of effort, well done!



Clubs and Activities, Summer Term 2022

Mr Braybrook, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

A list of Clubs and Activities for students taking place in the Summer Term is now available to view on our website under the heading "Students - Clubs & Activities" - then select the link at bottom of page,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/clubs-activities/>

This booklet will allow students and parents to see the wide range of clubs and activities that Stanborough offers outside of lesson times. Please contact the member of staff involved if you require any further information about a particular club/activity.

Students can also find a copy of this on their Tutor Group notice board.



Year 7 and Year 8 Curriculum Booklet, Summer Term 2022

Curriculum booklets for the summer term are available for Year 7 and Year 8 students. The booklet has been emailed home to parents earlier this week and is also available to view on the school website on the year group page under the heading 'School Life'. A link is below.

These booklets contain information about the curriculum in Years 7 and 8 for the coming term and includes a section on 'what parents can do to help'.

[Year 7 Curriculum Booklet](#)

[Year 8 Curriculum Booklet](#)

Heads of School Goodbye Message

Annabel Dunstan writes:

I write on behalf of myself, Chloe, Daria and Louis, as our time as Heads of School draws to a close. The year has gone extremely quickly! This article is just a last word from us – an overview of our experience as we welcome in the new team.

We have agreed that one of our proudest achievements was the coat donation we organised for our chosen charity Care4Calais, which was even more successful than we thought it would be, thanks to the generosity of everyone who got involved. This was one of our bigger and more public achievements, but reflecting on everything we have done this year, we are equally proud of all the many small things we did in the background.

We were proud of our success in making sanitary products freely available in the sixth-form toilets. We are pleased to have launched a prefects Instagram page so that we could share some of the things we were getting up to – and our hope is that this will continue to grow! We enjoyed stewarding and meeting-and-greeting at a number of school events throughout the year. We delivered lots of presentations in tutor groups, made a lot of resources for assemblies, and replied to a lot of emails! We were surprised by how much we enjoyed meeting with the canteen management staff to discuss student feedback, and we found that school council meetings were always really insightful (and often very giggly).

Although being Heads of School was at times challenging – and I can't deny that some aspects of the role took us all by surprise – we felt throughout that it was a real honour to have such responsibility in making student voices heard and in being relied upon by so many people. I think the rest of my team would agree that we have really developed our skills of time management, team management, organisation, efficiency and communication, to name a few!

We would like to thank the school for giving us the opportunity to be Heads of School for the year. We are really proud of everything we've achieved, and thrilled to have our names on the Honours Boards. Best of luck to Bomo, Laura, Mollie and Jonathan as they take over from us – I am sure they will be an excellent team.



Question of the Week

Business Question

The total fixed costs of a business are £60,000. The sales price per unit is £20 and the variable costs per unit is £15. Calculate the break-even point.

A bronze for every attempt. A silver for the first three correct answers received.

Email your answers to dmccarthy@stanborough.herts.sch.uk



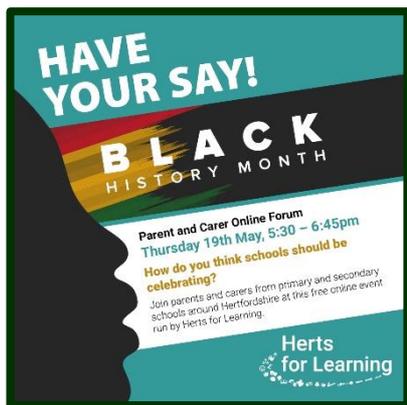
BAME at Stanborough

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

This week the BAME ambassador group met to start to plan the CultureFest event which they are planning for Friday 20th May (more details to follow).

Please feel free to attend the online event advertised if you have any ideas about how Black History Month should be celebrated in schools.

Please also feel free to contact Mrs Vlijter directly if you feel you could offer anything to the group/school in terms of resources, speakers etc.



How do you think schools should be celebrating Black History Month?

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Parent and Carer Online Forum **Thursday 19th May 5.30 – 6.45pm**

Join parents and carers from schools around Hertfordshire at this free online event run by Herts for Learning (HfL) to express your views about celebrating Black History Month.

This event will be hosted by HfL Wellbeing and Race Equality Advisers who are particularly keen to listen to parents and carers who are and/or have children from Black and mixed heritage backgrounds. They want to hear direct experiences, find out what is working well and hear suggestions about where improvements could be made. They hope to welcome voices from early years settings, primary and secondary schools, as well as sixth form colleges.

HfL Wellbeing and Race Equality Advisers will lead and facilitate the discussions, ensuring that the forum is a safe space where everyone who is willing to share will be heard and respected.

Feedback from this event will be used by the team to provide further free resources and support to maintained schools in Hertfordshire to celebrate Black History Month in October 2022 and beyond.

To register to attend this free online event, please visit [Livestorm/herts-for-learning/black-history-month-forum](https://www.livestorm.com/herts-for-learning/black-history-month-forum)

Thursday 19th May 2022, 5.30 – 6.45pm
Logon at 5.20pm

For more information, please contact the HfL Events team at training@hertsforlearning.co.uk or call 01438 544477.

Do you know any organisations or people willing to stage an event for Black History Month in Hertfordshire 2022?

What activities and events would you like to see happening during Black History Month in Hertfordshire?

Are you involved in Black History Month in your child's school or in your workplace?

How is Black History Month celebrated in your child's school?

What do you think about Black History Month and why?

Do you have any suggestions for your child's school?

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Question of the Week

RE/Philosophy Question

What or who is God?

A bronze for every attempt. A silver for the three answers judged to be the best and most original.

Email your answers to dmccarthy@stanborough.herts.sch.uk



Question of the Week

Mathematics Question

SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 04.05.22 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.

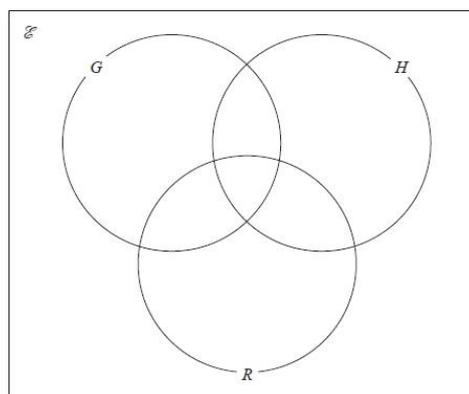
Question 1

All the students in Year 11 at a school must study at least one of Geography (G), History (H) and Religious Studies (R).

In Year 11 there are 65 students.

Of these students

- 15 study Geography, History and Religious Studies
- 21 study Geography and History
- 16 study Geography and Religious Studies
- 30 study Geography
- 18 study only Religious Studies
- 37 study Religious Studies



(a) Using this information, complete the Venn diagram to show the number of students in each region of the Venn diagram.

A student in Year 11 who studies both History and Religious Studies is chosen at random.

(b) Work out the probability that this student does **not** study Geography.

Question 2

A garage tests cars for faults.

There are three types of fault - braking, steering and lighting.

A car fails the test if it has one or more of these three types of fault.

Last week, 11 cars had braking faults

9 cars had steering faults

7 cars had lighting faults

no car had both steering faults and lighting faults

2 cars had both braking faults and steering faults

3 cars had both braking faults and lighting faults.

By drawing a Venn Diagram, or otherwise, find the number of cars which failed the test last week.