

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

As expected, last week's House Music Concert was amazing! It was wonderful to see our talented musicians in action on the stage once again after such a long time. Well done to everyone involved, a review and photos from the evening are over the page. Congratulations to the winners - Hatfield House! It is at events like this when we see the community come together to enjoy and celebrate our students' success that I feel most proud. During break time this week I have spent time with students who achieved the top attitude to learning scores last term. These occasions, as well as the weekly Headteacher commendations, in which students are selected by staff to receive an award, are truly special. I am so pleased to see students achieve the best they can.

Headteacher's Commendations

B Sparrow, (Yr. 7) for baking 14 cakes and raising £202 for Autism UK;

I Harrington, (Yr. 8) for being a runner up in a recent Art competition and winning a workshop with the artist Amy Pettingill;

F Griffiths and L Johnson (Yr.8) for speaking beautifully about ADHD and Dyslexia in a recent assembly;

H Carr-Drake (Yr.8) for going above and beyond to care for a friend;

H Beverstock (Yr.8) for exceptional work in the community at a primary school and church fete;

F Macdonald (Yr.8) for incredible support with the recent school promotional video;

B Sutton, (Yr. 9) for being part of the winning team for the Under 14s Welwyn Rugby finals;

C Alexandru, (Yr.9) for outstanding dedication to extra-curricular clubs;

C Western, (Yr.9) for outstanding attitude to learning in GCSE PE;

Z Printer, (Yr.9) for incredible support with the recent school promotional video;

S Jeffrey, (Yr. 10) for competing at regional level in a recent swimming competition;

T Montenegro, (Yr.10) for being consistently kind and helpful and going above and beyond for other students and staff;

R Beeharry and M Chisholm, (Yr10) for incredible support with the recent school promotional video;

J Meenan and S Blackman (Yr. 11) for consistent hard work and contribution in class using the science revision booklets;

L Grenfell, (Yr.11) for achieving first place in the Schools County Combined Events tournament;

S Dunkley, (Yr. 12) for incredible commitment to her support during Year 7 and 8 English lessons;

B Alagoa and L Wells (Yr.12) for incredible support with the recent school promotional video.



Quote of the week:

“Nothing will work unless you do.” Maya Angelou

Wish you a restful weekend and do keep safe.

Mrs John

Headteacher Commendations

Well done to all the students who secured the Head Teacher's commendation this week.



Break time with the Headteacher

Top 10 'Attitude to Learning' students - Spring Term 2022

Year 7



H Paterson,
D Dodman,
C Judge,
B Baffour,
S Satheeskumar,
E Abajue,
O Parnham,
C McIntosh,
R Winnie,
T Digby,
F Gibbs,
E Hickey.

Year 8



S Hale,
I Harrington,
Z Millar,
Y Savasci,
M Mbokolo,
S Savasci,
H Beverstock,
R Sanders,
T Villiers,
I Jarvis.

Break time with the Headteacher

Top 10 'Attitude to Learning' students - Spring Term 2022

Year 9



J Strozewski,
E Mann,
A Vine-Mowbray,
S Parnham,
C Spanoudakis,
T Tigere,
I Aslam,
J Carter,
L Ilisoï,
S Giantzoudis,
B Hatch,
Z Printer.

Year 10



M Moylan,
B Paddick,
J Evans,
E Powell,
P Stoli,
O Preston,
T Alom,
M Dunstan,
P King,
S Satheeskumar.

Forthcoming Events

9th – 13th May

Week two

9 th – 13 th May	Year 8 Exams in classes Year 10 Mock Exams
9 th – 20 th May	Year 7 Exams in classes
16 th May	Public Exams Start
19 th May	Year 13 Teaching Ends
20 th May	Year 13 Last Day in School
26 th May	DEAR Time, Drop Everything And Read
27 th May	Stanborough CultureFest Event
30 th May – 3 rd June	Half Term

Farewell

Mrs Ravenscroft, English Teacher

Due to personal reasons, Mrs Ravenscroft has decided to leave Stanborough School with effect from 30th April 2022. Mrs Ravenscroft joined Stanborough in September 2018. We would like to thank her for all her hard work with supporting our students over the years. We wish her well for the future.

Word of the Week

W/c 9th May 2022

Entomology

For example, She studies entomology and eats grasshopper burgers.

Stanborough
Word of the Week
Entomology
entomologie entomología
Origin DEFINE IT USE IT
From the Greek *entomon* meaning *an insect*.
The study of *insects*.
She studies *entomology* and eats *grasshopper burgers*.
Grow and Succeed
High Expectations | Mutual Respect | Quality Learning | Success for All

Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership Telephone Surgery,

Tuesday 24th May from 9:30-11:30am.

Calls can be booked for a 15-minute telephone or zoom call with one of the School Family Workers.

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Telephone/Zoom Surgery:
Tuesday 24th May 2022
9:30-11:30am
(15 min time slot)
Please go to this link to reserve your space OR click on the QR code:
<https://forms.office.com/r/CkLZKegrEG>

Maths Competitions for KS3

Mrs Coldwell, STEM Leader: Mathematics, writes:

The summer term has started with a busy few weeks for Stanborough's budding mathematicians in Years 7 and 8. Last Wednesday saw 58 students across both year groups taking part in the online Junior Maths Challenge organised by the UK Mathematics Trust. The challenge consists of a series of 25 multiple-choice questions which are usually a little different from standard textbook exercises. For those who perform well, there will be certificates and the chance to compete in follow-on rounds.

Thursday was the Year 8 County Team Maths Challenge in which Stanborough had entered three teams. As last year, this was online and featured general problem solving, estimation and a memory round. Imogen O'Carroll, Oliver Model-Shepherd, Lily-Anne Sanderson, Serkan Savasci, Zac Lewis, Zara Millar, Hannah Broderick, Isobel Harrington, Moses Mbokolo, James Robinson, Rebecca Sanders and Frank Brocklesby Sum made up the three teams of four students. Team C did particularly well, placing just above the middle of the 38 teams taking part.

This week was the Year 7 County Team Maths Challenge Final, very similar in structure to the Year 8s' heat the previous week. One of Stanborough's teams - composed of Cecily Judge, David Antunes, Emelia Hickey and Fraser Gibbs - had qualified and so were invited to compete against the top teams in the county at Marriotts School in Stevenage. The competition was stiff with Dame Alice Owens, Parmiters and St George's taking the top three spots, but Stanborough's team worked hard, exemplifying great team spirit and determination, placing 14th overall.

Well done to all of Stanborough's mathematicians!



Stanborough's three Year 8 teams in online competition



Stanborough's Year 7 team at the final

MFL University of Oxford Flash Fiction Competition Update

Mrs Magee, MFL Teacher, writes:

Congratulations to all our pupils who entered the University of Oxford languages competition last term.

Pupils had to write a short story, in French or Spanish, in no more than 100 words! This was a demanding task requiring not only language skills but creativity and imagination. Our pupils did a fantastic job and there were some amazing entries.

In the MFL department here at Stanborough, we ran our own version of the competition so pupils could enter both.

I am delighted to announce our winners.

Year 7: Violet Stokes

Year 8: Anna Brasovanu (Fr) / Grace Wyatt (Sp)

Year 9: Chloe Kanangwe

Year 10: Lily Reding

Well done to everyone!



House Music Review 2022

Mr Minion, House Coordinator, writes:

On Friday 29th April, Stanborough held the annual House Music Competition. Each House performs three pieces, The House who scores the best in all three sections walks away with the coveted Dominic Caswell Trophy.

This year is a little bit special however as it was the first music concert at Stanborough since December 2019. During that time, we even had periods where the government directive was there was no singing aloud in schools. So to be back with our six Houses all performing their three pieces for us was wonderful.

Ashridge started us with a hauntingly good rendition of Somewhere Only We Know – which really set the tone for the evening as a whole and Ashridge’s wonderful performances.

Hatfield wowed us with Mr Blue Sky, a fantastic pre-recorded self-penned song using the new Stanborough recording equipment and a stunning performance of Elton John’s I’m Still Standing.

Knebworth had us smiling all evening with their sheer exuberance – particularly with their opening number of We don’t Talk about Bruno.

On top of these, we had beat boxing, violin solos, great guitar work, awesome drumming, great piano playing, saxophones to name just a few.

It was, once again, a fantastic evening show casing the talent we have at Stanborough.

A huge well done to Mrs Jackson for her dedication in putting events like this on, particularly as this was straight after returning from maternity leave, and to The House Captains and all the performers who made the night so special.

The Winners this year were:

1st	Hatfield
2nd	Ashridge
3rd	Offley
4th	Knebworth
5th	Sopwell
6th	Brocket





Literacy at Stanborough

Nurturing confident READERS; stylish WRITERS and articulate SPEAKERS.

Mrs Davies, Literacy Co-ordinator, writes:



Our Young Writers' Spring Competition, launched last term across all Year 9 groups, required our students to write a poem on the subject, *Empowered*. The quality of writing was superb, with many students drawing on the more challenging texts and topics on their current curriculum.

We're thrilled with the prize winners and highly commended entries.

Many congratulations to you ALL!

1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
Emily Turner, 9O <i>Someday</i>	Sam Parnham, 9HM <i>Our Future</i>	Ava Dietzman, 9S <i>What If...</i>

Enjoy our winning entry *Someday* by Emily Turner 9O

Someday

Someday you will reach your dreams
 It might be harder than it seems
 Someday you will have hopes
 Although there will be slopes
 If you persevere
 You will achieve

Someday you won't need to judge
 Or hold a grudge
 To feel confident in who you are
 Because you will go far

Someday you will laugh and love
 And you will float above
 All those who made you feel bad;
 Someday you will realise that there is so much you can add
 To life

Someday I hope you see
 That you are who you're meant to be.

Highly Commended
Sophie Arnold, 9S <i>Power</i>
Megan Bunker, 9S <i>Encourage</i>
Oliver Kyriacou, 9HM <i>Tomorrow I ..</i>
Fejiro Ojo, 9HM <i>Believe</i>
Sean Wilsmore, 9KL <i>Bread</i>



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Mental Health Awareness Week 2022

Mental Health Awareness week takes place from the 9th to 15th May this year and the theme is loneliness - the experience of feeling lonely, its effect on our mental health and how we can play a part in reducing loneliness in our communities. Students can think about loneliness in a number of ways – thinking about their friendships, relationships and support systems, about how best to support others, and self-care strategies to employ if they ever feel lonely.



This week's TOP TIPS

Here are some ways students can tackle loneliness.



Connect: talk to teachers, friends and family and make plans to meet up



Be active: join a club or sports team to meet people and stay active



Focus on the positives: think about your positives and focus on enjoying your own company too



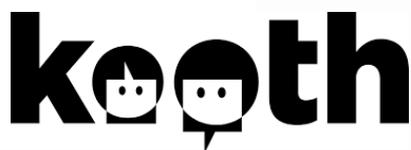
Social media: be aware of how social media affects your mood, especially if you are feeling lonely

In School Support



We have recently employed a Life Coach called Leanne who will be seeing students on a referral basis. She will be working with young people on their future and staying positive.

Useful Links



IN THE NEWS

Almost half of secondary schools (46%) said pupils' mental and emotional health was the biggest challenge in helping them catch up with learning, [in recent government research](#). The government is putting more money into supporting schools and the NHS to support young people's mental health.

At Stanborough, we already have support in place to support students who are struggling with their mental health. If you have any concerns contact your child's year leader to discuss how we can support your child at school.

There are also lots of useful links on our website: <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/>

Question of the Week

Mathematics



Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics writes:

SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 11.05.22 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

A group of students take a test.

The group consists of 12 boys and 8 girls.

The mean mark for the boys is 18

The mean mark for the girls is 16.5

Calculate the mean mark for the whole group.

Question 2

A bag contains 60 beads.

x of the beads are red and the rest are green.

Altaaf takes at random a bead from the bag.

(a) State, in terms of x , the probability that Altaaf takes a red bead.

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Altaaf puts his bead back in the bag.

Another 20 **red** beads are added to those in the bag.

The probability that Altaaf takes a red bead is now doubled.

(b) (i) Use this information to write down an equation in x and show that your equation can be expressed as $8x = 3(x + 20)$

(ii) Solve $8x = 3(x + 20)$

Show your working clearly.

$x =$

Question of the Week

Business

Mr McCarthy, writes:

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

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



A business has the following financial information:

Number of units sold:	24,000
Total costs:	£187,500
Fixed costs:	£91,500

Calculate the total variable costs for the business

Answer to last week's Business question:

break-even = fixed costs/sales price per unit - variable costs

break-even = 60,000/20-15

break-even = 12,000 units

Well done Lily Reding 10S – a silver award

Question of the Week

Religion/Philosophy Question

Mr McCarthy, writes:

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



What does God look like?

Answer to last week's Religion/Philosophy question:

God can be referred to overseer of a creation or an object, who is cherished and worthy of praise for His/Her work.

Well done G Frimpong 8B – a silver award

25 World Scout Jamboree in Korea

Mrs Heath, Deputy Year Leader: Year 8, writes:

Zac Lewis, 8B, has been chosen from the whole of Herts to represent scouts in a jamboree in South Korea!

He needs to do his own fundraising for this similar to the world challenge. Please help him fundraise for his trip if you can.

Well done and good luck, Zac!

Scouts 

Sponsored 30km walk from The Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Gilwell Park – Saturday 7th May

Sweet cones for sale every Friday! - £2

Flowers and plants sale, Market Stall Welwyn Garden City – Saturday 21st May

Cake, plant and Jumble sale, Rooks Hill – Friday 3rd June

Virtual Balloon Race – June

Father's Day afternoon tea boxes – Saturday 18th/ Sunday 19th June

Quiz afternoon - September TBC

Proceeds will support fundraising by Zac Lewis attending the **25 World Scout Jamboree** in Korea

Think big. Dream wild. Act together.



Please help support my fundraising to get to the World Scout Jamboree in in SaeManGeum, South Korea, in August 2023. I am very excited to have been selected to represent Welwyn Garden City and Hertfordshire as part of the UK contingent. The Jamboree takes place every four years and involves 40,000 young people from across the world.

We will come together in our units from across the world to share experiences of our cultures. The trip will be a once in a lifetime experience and encourage me to be more independent and try new things as well as meet new people. We are trying to act together to encourage sustainability and make positive changes towards a better world. Our motto is: Think Big. Dream Wild. Act Together.

I have to raise money to cover the cost of my trip, and also to help a scout from a developing country to get to South Korea. More details about my trip and fundraising are on my just giving page:
https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ws25korea-zaclewis?utm_term=VnJG9nxje

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