

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

As you will be aware the summer GCSE examination series begins on Monday 16th May until Wednesday 29th June 2022. We continue to be immensely proud of our Year 11 students for the hard work and dedication that they have shown throughout this year. Students are expected to attend school every day during the first three weeks of the exam period. During the final two weeks of exams, students attend designated pre-exam warm up lessons and exams only. Earlier this week, all Year 11 parents/carers were emailed home a letter which outlines all the information for the exam period and the results day in August. The last day of teaching for Year 13 students is on 19th May. We are welcoming all our Year 13 students in to school on Friday 20th May for special celebrations and farewell. We wish all our students taking their GCSE and GCE exams the very best of luck! We enjoy seeing all our students succeed in various ways both in school and out of school. Summer term clubs and activities are listed on our website and we always like to celebrate student achievements out of school. Please contact your child's tutor or year leader with details.

Headteacher's Commendations

C McIntosh and O Madyausiku (Yr. 7) for reading a million words since September and becoming millionaire readers;
T Settle, (Yr.7) for taking part in the Reading Champions National Literacy Trust competition;
B Baffour, E Soares Fante, C Judge, A Pennell, H Patterson, O Parnham, E Kalarus, C McIntosh (Yr.7) for amazing support with the recent primary school visit;
C Jones, (Yr.7) for a huge improvement in language lessons and scoring over 100,00 points in one week for French;
V Stokes, (Yr.7) for achieving first place in her year group in the MFL short story competition;
E Ali, F Brocklesby Sum, H Walton and J Robinson (Yr. 8) for reading a million words since September and becoming millionaire readers;
G Jasson, (Yr.8) for taking part in the Reading Champions National Literacy Trust competition;
B D'Mello, (Yr.8) for outstanding work in the community by going out and litter picking;
F Griffiths, N Willshire and J Morgan-Thompson, (Yr.8) for excellent attitude to learning during the Year 8 revision lessons;
G Wyatt, (Yr.8) for achieving first place in her year group in the MFL short story competition (Spanish);
A Brasovanu, (Yr.8) for achieving first place in her year group in the MFL short story competition (French);
C Kanangwe, (Yr. 9) for achieving first place in her year group in the MFL short story competition;
O Tapawan and C Kiely, (Yr.9) for outstanding contribution to the recent athletics fixture;
S Martin, (Yr.9) for amazing contributions and effort in every maths lesson;
E Turner, (Yr.9) for achieving first place in the school poem competition 'Empowered';
S Parnham, (Yr.9) for achieving second place in the school poem competition 'Empowered';
A Dietzman, (Yr.9) for achieving third place in the school poem competition 'Empowered';
S Arnold, M Bunker, O Kyriacou, F Ojo and S Wilsmore, (Yr.9) for being highly commended in the school poem competition 'Empowered';
L Reding, (Yr. 10) for achieving first place in her year group in the MFL short story competition;
M Meribe, (Yr.10) for consistent hard work and excellent attitude to learning during every one to one session;
C Kanangwe, (Yr.10) for successfully signing a contract with Oxford United Football Club;
D Harrington, (Yr.10) for excellent quality of revision materials made for History;
T Robinson, (Yr. 11) for a consistently outstanding effort across all lessons in the lead up to the exams;
K Gower, (Yr.11) for outstanding contributions to the community by getting into the Royal Marines;
E Hart, (Yr. 13) for invaluable support with the Year 9 and 10 Spanish lessons.

Quote of the week:

"Learn to let go. That is the key to happiness" Buddha

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John

Headteacher Commendations



Break time with the Headteacher

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

Year 11



G Gardner
H Western
E Lagman
J Flint
T Linger
W Parnham
M Aswania
S Bates
C Cranham
K Harter

Year 12



E Green
B Loughnane
A Sowerby
C Greasby
C Carr
K Fan
M Mardel
L Wells
J Hadley
J Turner

Break time with the Headteacher

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

Year 13



A Dunstan
C Fisher
D Orzel-Walker
G McAleese
C Preston
A Keane
H Davis
F Humphries
K Jeffrey
C O'Connor
C Harker

Forthcoming Events

16th – 20th May

Week one

16 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
25 th May	National Reading Championships Final
26 th May	DEAR Time, Drop Everything And Read
27 th May	Stanborough CultureFest

Student Success

Calvin has been accepted onto the Oxford United FC academy. He is in Year 10, and we're all very proud of him!



Stanborough School

Word of the Week

Autonomous

French: **Autonome** Spanish: **Autónoma (f) / Autónomo (m)**

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

From Greek *autonomos* : *having its own laws.*

Having the freedom to take charge of oneself.

Teachers aim to help children become autonomous.

Grow and Succeed

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

Word of the Week

W/c 16th May 2022

Autonomous

For example, teachers aim to help children become autonomous.

Living Biology studies inspire students at Stanborough School

Mr Fanning, Subject Leader: Biology, writes:

Year 10 Ashridge have welcomed in a pet Gecko to their form room. The budding young scientists are feeding her, watching her hunt, making sure she has enough food and checking that her environment is suitable. Our new guest has stimulated discussions about how Geckos have adapted to their environment and how closely they are related to dinosaurs and fish – broaching the topic of evolution.

The Gecko was responsibly sourced, having been bred in Britain and has prompted discussions about conservation, endangered species and biodiversity among these fantastic, conscientious young scientists!

The enquiring spirit and energy of the students here at Stanborough is a breath of fresh air and I am delighted to be working with students who are so eager to learn.





INCLUSION

CORNER

Looking after your mental health – staying connected

Our young people have been severely affected by the isolation and lack of socialisation that has come with Covid. This year the theme for Mental Health week is ‘staying connected’.

A lot of our students (girls especially) are fighting the urge to become invisible. We often hear “I don’t want anyone to draw attention to me”; “I don’t want anyone to notice me” and “I feel uncomfortable when people look at me”.

We can only attribute this to the lack of connection to their peers’ real thoughts and feelings and misunderstanding social contexts, assuming that all eyes are on them and that people are thinking the worst.

Self-isolation and disengagement is an indicator of poor mental health. Many of our students have become anxious about going out, and avoid social engagements leading to arguments in the home about meeting up with family and friends.

The solution is

- 1) **Awareness** of the difficulties our young people face,
- 2) **Inviting conversations** into our lives and encouraging more interaction.
- 3) **Volunteering to do something worthwhile** or joining a club and engaging with others, and encouraging others and each other to ..
- 4) **Take action** to improve our connections.



“Feeling lonely is affecting my mental health”



“My poor mental health has made me lonely”



1. Raise awareness



2. Invite conversations



3. Volunteer your time



4. Ask others to act

Please visit www.twitter.com/stanb_send



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 generated £250,000 of revenue last month. Its total costs were 35% of its revenue during that period. Calculate the total costs of the business (show all workings)

(please include your full name and form on all answers)

The answer to last week's Business Question was:

Number of units sold: 24,000

Total costs: £187,500

Fixed costs: £91,500

$187,500 - 91,500 = 96,000$

Total Variable Costs: £96,000

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

Does Christianity encourage a belief in ghosts? Justify your answer with reference to Christian beliefs.

(please include your full name and form on all answers)

The best answers to last week's Philosophy Question were:

I think that since God is supposedly in everything as the holy trinity states, that God can appear as he chooses. For example, he could be someone with a beard who lives on a cloud, or he could be a duck, with the universe as his pond.

God doesn't have a specific character or facial features but is mainly classified as a male. God doesn't have to be a certain race or skin colour or nationality/ethnicity, God may be anything someone believes in. For example, one person might think God is white, and the other thinks differently. There are many different thoughts on what God looks like, but I believe God is different for everyone.

Last week's silver winners:

Joshua Carter, Anna Brasovanu, Michael Frimpong Kwofie and Ben Thornton

Thanks to all who took part.

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics writes:

SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 18.05.22 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

Here is the quadrilateral $ABCD$.

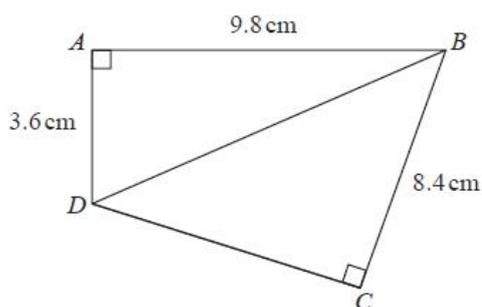


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Angle $BAD = 90^\circ$ and angle $BCD = 90^\circ$

$AB = 9.8\text{cm}$

$AD = 3.6\text{cm}$

$BC = 8.4\text{cm}$

Calculate the length of DC .

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Question 2

A washing line is attached at points A and B on two vertical posts standing on horizontal ground.

Point A is 2.1 metres above the ground on one post.

Point B is 1.7 metres above the ground on the other post. The horizontal distance between the two posts is 6 metres.

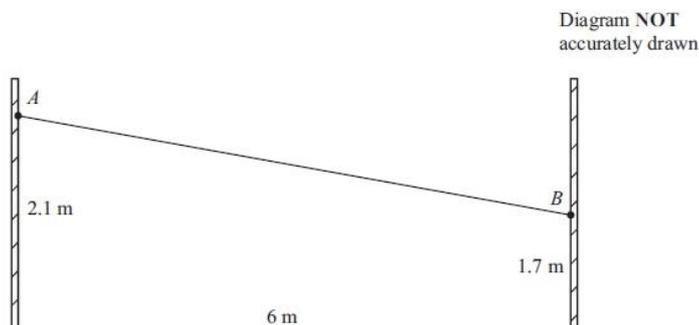
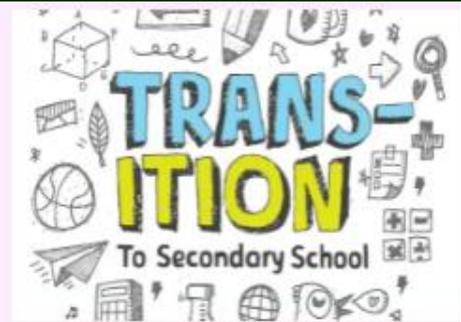


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Calculate the distance AB . Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

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Is your child moving to Secondary School in September 2022?

Come and join one of our Zoom sessions for Parents/Carers of our buy-in partnership schools led by School Family Workers.*

Please book in advance by: 6th June

*14th June 9:30-11:30 Monk's Walk
14th June 12:30-14:30 Bishop's Hatfield
16th June 9:30-11:30 Stanborough
16th June 12:30-14:30 General session*



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