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## Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year. I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and the extra bank holiday. On the last day of term Stanborough held its first CultureFest organised by Bomo and the heads of school team. It was wonderful to see so many of our students dressed in clothing that represented the diverse Stanborough community. There was music and dancing and a great atmosphere throughout the school. We have much to look forward to over the forthcoming weeks. We are pleased to be able to offer students the opportunity to take part in external trips and visits again. As well as maths challenges, work shadowing day for Year 8 students and work experience placements for Year 12 students, we have workshops for Year 10 students and, as always, the popular sports day for all students. This term is Stanborough's second Pride event which starts next week with assemblies for each year group. Special events will take place over the next few weeks. A new initiative from our Heads of School is hobbies club. Students and staff are invited to listen and learn about the extra-curricular interests and hobbies from guest speakers. Flyers with more information about both of these activities is included in this newsletter. With all these exciting things to look forward to it is always sad to say farewell to our Year 11 students as they come to the end of the GCSE exam season. We wish them all the very best for their next stage and look forward to welcoming many of them back for the induction into Year 12. We are also looking forward to meeting our new Year 7 students and parents during the secondary transfer day in July. I'm sure you'll agree we have a busy few weeks ahead! Good luck to all our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students who are completing their bronze award expedition this weekend!

## Headteacher's Commendations

**E Abajue, (Yr. 7)** for amazing support with the CultureFest 2022; **S Rostron, (Yr. 8)** for incredible effort and research for a recent History storybook project;

**S Savasci, (Yr.8)** for amazing citizenship, consistently supporting his peers and always doing the right thing;

**G Abajue, A Brasovanu, A Ilisoi and E Ilisoi, (Yr.8)** for amazing support with the CultureFest 2022;

**C Kelly, (Yr. 9)** for best improved attitude to learning and overall effort since January;

**Z Chimalilo, A Florea, C Alexandru, L Ilisoi and T Tigere, (Yr.9)** for amazing support with the CultureFest 2022;

**E Young, (Yr. 10)** for amazing community service, supporting with the recent Family Support Workers Family Picnic;

**T Zonda, (Yr.10)** for amazing support with the CultureFest 2022; **E Joyce and A Kirivasan (Yr. 12)** for consistent hard work and dedication to lessons.





# Quote of the week:

Survival can be summed up in three words – never give up. That's the heart of it really. Just keep trying. Bear Grylls.

Wish you a restful weekend and do keep safe. Mrs John

# **Headteacher Commendations**





#### **Forthcoming Events**

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June Week 2

14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 7 - 8 Junior Maths Kangaroo Years 7 - 8 Junior Maths Olympiad Year 9 Harry Potter Studios Visit
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Action Jackson – Fix up, Follow up!
20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Consent Workshops
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 11 Farewell Assembly
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Exams End Year 11 Induction, 8.40 – 10am Year 10 Brown Envelope Assembly

#### Farewell

#### Mr Seakens, SIMS Manager

Mr Seakens is leaving us today after 18 years at Stanborough School. He joined on 1 July 2004 as Management Information Co-ordinator and then became SIMS Manager in September 2016.

Thank you, Mr Seakens, for all your hard work over the last 18 years.

We wish you all the best.

#### **Student Success**

Congratulations to Esmee, 7O, who competed in the National Youth Track Omnium this weekend at Preston Park in Brighton. She competed in an individual Time Trial, Scratch, Elimination and Sprint race and came 1st place in U12 girls category.

Esmee has also been volunteering her time at the local cycling club, The Welwyn Wheelers, to support the club's novice rider programme which aims to get new riders accredited to ride the track. Esmee has stayed after her training session for an extra hour and half to assist the coaching team.



Well done, Esmee!

#### Stanborough School's CultureFest 2022

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

The last day of half term saw Stanborough's very first 'CultureFest'. This was an idea which came from our active BAME Ambassador group, and was led by members of the team, headed by one of our heads of school - Bomo Alagoa, Year 12.

Students came to school wearing their cultural dress, celebrating their cultural heritage. For us, it meant an opportunity for the school community to truly celebrate our diversity. It was a rich and vibrant display of pride and colour.

Furthermore, we were treated to edible delights from Albania, South Africa and India, alongside European-flag-adorned cupcakes and some Portuguese busking!

The centre stage on the field at lunch allowed students to show off their outfits, along with their traditional dancing, singing and performing. Glastonbury watch-out!

It was a wonderful day, made all the more glorious with a burst of sun!

The first of many 🙂 'Stanborough CultureFest 2022'











#### Literacy at Stanborough

#### Nurturing confident READERS; stylish WRITERS and articulate SPEAKERS.

#### Ms Davies, Literacy Co-ordinator, writes:

Accompanied by Ms Wilson, Chartered Librarian, and Ms Davies, Literacy Co-ordinator, *Stanborough's* Reading Champions had a wonderful day at the *Reading Champions Final*, finishing in the top 3.5% nationally.

During March, 500 UK teams comprising of 2,000 students competed across over 20 regional heats, meaning that the team from *Stanborough* was one of only 22 teams to make it through to the final. Our team, Yearr 9 Captain Kara Chauhan and Yearr 7 students Aidan Hawkins, Daisy Dodman, Sabeena Satheeskumar and Robert Winnie (reserve), then competed in the final against 21 other



teams from across the UK in the only national reading quiz which is entirely dedicated to knowledge of fiction books.

Held in the beautiful Victorian building of the *Royal College of Nursing* in central London, the final saw *Team Stanborough* battle through eight rounds of live fiction quizzes. Celebrated children's authors joined the event and our students participated in a *Q* and *A* session with authoress **Patrice Lawrence**, then met the incredible **Sir Michael Morpurgo** via video link, who was quick both to praise the excellence of the students' success so far and to implore them all to "Keep reading!".

The event was hosted by quizmaster Mr Dilly who provided much entertainment as well as an educational experience for teams taking part, inviting staff members to assist him, including our very own Ms Wilson!



This was an occasion to celebrate some of *Stanborough*'s star readers; acknowledge the excellent literacy provision of our *Accelerated Reader* programme, and champion and promote our reading culture further.

Speaking about the quiz, authoress **Patrice Lawrence,** said: "I feel very privileged to have met so many fantastic young readers"; and **Henrietta Roberts,** National Literacy Trust, said: "We congratulate the team from Stanborough School on their outstanding performance.".

Finally, in recognition of their success, *Team Stanborough* was sent home with a regional trophy, finalist certificates and a tote bag full of free books to keep them afloat on their various reading journeys.

And long may their journeys continue!



## **FOSS – Friends of Stanborough School**

## **Fathers' Day Event**

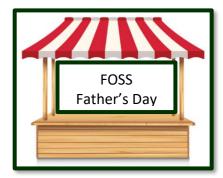
Victoria Sparrow, FOSS Chairwoman, writes:

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, FOSS will be in the dining room at break time and lunchtime with a Fathers' Day stall.

We will be selling gifts with a range of prices, from £1-£5.

Students, come along and see what we have on our stall, it could just be the gift you are looking for!

FOSS can only take cash at this event.



#### **FOSS Information**

#### Mrs John, Headteacher, writes:

As you will be aware, FOSS are our PTA who organise as many events as possible to offer opportunities for our students and to raise funds for additional items in school to enhance the students' experiences.

Events have been limited in recent times due to Covid but they are very excited to be able to return to hosting more events. They are always looking for more people to join them, whether that is to attend meetings and plan events or just to come along and offer help at any events they run.

If any parents would like to support at the disco or are able to offer their support at future events, please do let FOSS know. The more helpers they have, the more events they can run!

If you can offer any support at all, please email <a href="mailto:fosschair@gmail.com">fosschair@gmail.com</a>

#### **Action Jackson**

Mrs Daplyn, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Last term both Year 11 and staff experienced the energy and dynamism of Action Jackson, a motivational speaker who works with young people and staff to motivate and inspire.

We are pleased to announce that Action Jackson and his team will be coming in on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June to work with our Year 10s to get them GCSE ready and to support them to reach for success.

The morning will include an assembly in the hall then a further session in a smaller group.

We hope the Year 10s enjoy the experience and take on board some of Action's advice and energy.

## **Question of the Week**

Business Mr McCarthy, writes:

A business has estimated cash inflows of £68,500 and estimated cash outflows of £45,250. Calculate the estimated net cash flow.

(remember to show your workings and include your full name and form on all your submissions).

Last Week's answer

Correct answer to last week's business question is:

192 / 1200 x 100 = 16%

No correct answers were submitted.

## **Question of the Week**

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics *Mr McCarthy, writes:* 

Can you name five religious symbols associated with Hinduism?

(remember to show your workings and include your full name and form on all your submissions).

Thanks for taking part.

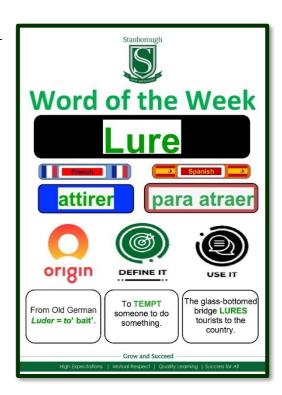
## Word of the Week W/c 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Lure For example, the glass-bottomed bridge lures tourists to the country.









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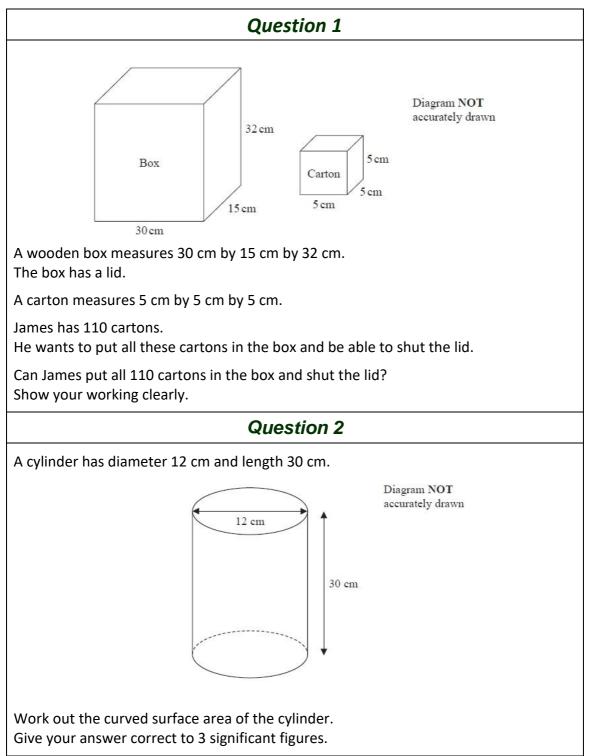
#### Mathematics



Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:

#### SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 15.06.22 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

**Choose** one of the two Maths GCSE questions. Send your answers with workings by email to <u>smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk</u> or on a piece of paper to the Maths Office.





## Stanborough Pride 2022

Stanborough Pride starts on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

This includes year group assemblies, staff surgery & QA sessions, pop up information, Year 9 workshops and rainbow day!

#### **Stanborough Hobbies Club**

Students and staff are welcome to support our speakers and find out about their extra-curricular interests. All sessions take place at lunchtime in G14. See you there!

speakers and their extra-curricular interests

**World Treks** 

Barbara Turner (Guest Speaker) Barbara has explored all around the world on a variety of treks - from befriending a baby

orangutan in the jungles of Borneo, and touring an ancient Ican citadel in the mountains of Peru, to meeting penguins in the Antarctic.

Engineering

Jess Elliot (Guest Speaker)

Jess is an ex student who didn't always make the best

choices in school. She is now a successful engineer.

She is part of the LGBTQ+ community, and she has

Beekeeping

Mr Mason (Teacher Speaker)

Come along to learn about Mr Mason's interest for beekeeping and all the things you need to know about caring for the pollinating

species, especially as summer approaches

passions including cars, dogs and pole dancing!

Jazz Mardel (Student Speaker)

Jazz spends his free time travelling all across

England, and tracking rail network patterns to

YouTube Channel

atch pictures and videos of the UK's most ificant trains and uploading them to his

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#### Welwyn Garden City Schools Partnership

Understanding Anxiety in Children Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

