

## Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

During an inset day earlier in the year staff took part in an inspiring visit from Action Jackson. He then visited for a workshop with Year 11 students. This week Year 10 students enjoyed a visit from Action Jackson who visited the school again to inspire our students as they start their final year before GCSEs. This session was called 'welcome to success'. The workshop started with students shouting out 'I am amazing!' and caused quite a buzz in the year group. Photos from this event can be seen on our social media and comments from the students involved are over the page. For the rest of this term blazers will be optional for all students, particularly as the weather is so hot. Please note that uniform and equipment cards should be kept in pencil cases if students decide not to wear their blazer and skirts must be worn to the knee.

## Headteacher's Commendations

**M Hoss, (Yr. 7)** for competing in the recent County Athletics Championships;

**G Jones and L Cripps, (Yr.7)** for winning the league with the Lemsford Puma's under 12s football team;

**C Carson Craven, T Chakenetsa, A Hedger, R McGilvray, L Wilkinson, R Daley, K Williams, B Newton, O Jordan, B Chunn, O Cook and B Curtis, (Yr.7)** for excellent participation and thoughtful feedback in the recent Teaching Assistant interviews;

**Cs Cranfield, (Yr. 8)** for an excellent transition to Stanborough School;

**P Wadley, (Yr.8)** for competing in the recent County Athletics Championships;

**F Griffiths, A Norman and K Sullivan, (Yr.8)** for excellent participation and thoughtful feedback in the recent Teaching Assistant interviews;

**M Hanson, B Martin and J Murdoch, (Yr. 9)** for excellent participation and thoughtful feedback in the recent Teaching Assistant interviews;

**T Guilar-Butler and E Dickinson, (Yr. 10)** for helping to put up the staff tents at the recent DofE expedition;

**A Cooper and P Woodhead, (Yr.10)** for representing the school fantastically when talking to the public during the recent DofE expedition;

**A Kerr, (Yr.10)** for successfully completing two trials to make it in to the Herts County Basketball Association and becoming an elite player;

**L Grenfell, (Yr. 11)** for competing in and winning the 300m race in the recent County Athletics Championships;

**F Choudry and K McHugh, (Yr. 12)** for collaborating so well with another student to work hard on their economics studies.



## Quote of the week:

**"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." Shirley Chisholm**

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John

# Headteacher Commendations



## Forthcoming Events

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June

Week 1

20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June      Year 10 Consent Workshops

22<sup>nd</sup> June              Year 11 Farewell Assembly

24<sup>th</sup> June              Public Exams End  
Year 10 Consent Workshop  
Year 11 Induction, 8.40-10am  
Year 10 Brown Envelope Assembly

27<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July      Year 11 Induction

27<sup>th</sup> June              Consent Workshop

28<sup>th</sup> June              Year 9 Pride Workshop

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June      Year 10 Consent Workshop

29<sup>th</sup> June              School Council Conference

29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July      Additional Transition Day

1<sup>st</sup> July                  District Athletics  
Year 7 Disco, 6-8pm

## Year 7 Disco

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022, 6-8pm

Please ensure you return your reply slip to the Bursar's Office by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

See you there!

[Parent Letter](#)

## ADT Newsletter

This month's ADT newsletter is now available to download from our website,

[ADT-Newsletter-July-issue-14.pdf](#)



Year 7 Disco – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

FOSS have arranged a disco for Year 7

This will be in the school hall from 6pm to 8pm

Letters are being sent home and you will need to return your signed form and payment of £5 (in an envelope with your name and Year 7 Disco marked on it) to the bursar's office

These must be returned by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to secure your place

## Student Success



Alisha, 10A, recently trialled for Herts County Basketball Association and has now completed two trials. After her training session this weekend she was told she is one of the elite players in Herts County! Alisha trains weekly with A-Z Basketball and Stevenage Royals Girls Team. Well done, Alisha!

George, 7SE and Louis, 7SM play for Lemsford U12 - Pumas and they won their league this football season and were presented trophies. Well done, George and Louis!



## Hobbies Club

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

We had our first successful Hobbies Club Trial Session on Wednesday lunchtime, with student Jazz talking to a group of staff and students about his interest in trainspotting.

He exhibited an engaging and interactive presentation and entertained his audience with several booklets and videos of trains.

It's so inspiring to see students at Stanborough expressing their extra-curricular interests and experiences with their peers and teachers.

We are very proud of an amazing start to our Hobbies Club and can't wait to see what next week brings.

Well done, Jazz.

### What Do I Do With The Photos/Videos?

I Upload All My Interesting Videos To My Youtube Channel, And Any Good Photos To My Instagram Account.

After I've Seen A Train, I Can Mark Off That I've Seen That Specific Unit In My Booklet Which Contains Every UK Train Plus Eurostar Units. I'll Show You These Booklets Now.

### Thrash!

As I Mentioned Earlier, Thrash Is One Of The Things I Enjoy Most On The Railway. Basically, It's The Roar That Diesel Locomotives Make When Hauling Heavy Loads. I'll Show You Two Examples, Both Of Which Are Class 37 Locomotives Which Are The Thrashiest Locos In Service (Apart From Class 55s But Those Are Extremely Rare)



## Literacy at Stanborough

Nurturing confident READERS; stylish WRITERS and articulate SPEAKERS.

Stanborough's Reading Champs' Celebration Event!

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

### Promoting A Real Love Of Reading

Our Reading Champs were treated to a special event last Friday, Period 5, to celebrate their steadfast dedication to promoting a real love of reading across the School and, of course, Team A's wonderful first heat win!

### Pass The Parcel And That Trophy!

Our Champs enjoyed pizza, pass-the-parcel, passing round their trophy and a very lively discussion about the benefits of their personal Reading Champs journey which started way back in January this year.



### The National Literacy Trust

Stanborough is delighted to be a member of the National Literacy Trust – the organisation behind the Reading Champions Event and to whom our Champs wrote letters of thanks in appreciation of being part of this wonderful reading competition.

Here's to their success in 2023!

## Accelerated Reader Scheme at Stanborough

*Mrs Wilson, Librarian*

Year 7 & 8,  
September 2021 – June 2022



### Total Books Read

Students at Stanborough School read **4,019** books during this school year.

What does it mean to read **4,019** books?

- Your students had 4,019 opportunities to fall in love with reading.
- Your students went on 4,019 adventures thanks to the stories they read.
- A great book is like a good friend a student can always count on to be there for them. Your students made 4,019 literary friends.

### Total Words Read

Students read **175,139,272** words.

Experts estimate that students learn one new word of vocabulary for every thousand words read. Using this ratio, your students learned an estimated **175,139** new words.

By increasing the depth and breadth of students' vocabulary knowledge, those **175,139** new words could potentially have a huge impact on your students' success.



### Student Participation

**372** students completed one or more Accelerated Reader quizzes.

**Why is student participation important?** Student participation is critical, as AR can only track reading practice data—such as books read, words read, and engaged reading time—for participating students.

When students participate in Accelerated Reader, teachers can easily track their reading activities and help ensure students are getting the practice needed to strengthen their reading skills and build critical background knowledge.



## Action Jackson Workshop for Year 10 Students

*N Joshi, Year 10 student, writes:*

Action Jackson's session on Wednesday with the Year 10s really showed us that any one of us can achieve whatever we want in our lives with the right mind-set.

Throughout the session we participated in multiple activities, such as listening to a story with turns and twists from Rianna Price, as she immersed us into her childhood story filled with failures and success, singing along with Action Jackson as he told us to 'Dream Big, Act Now, Never Give Up' and most importantly, the long lasting message of the session, 'You are amazing!'.

Overall, the session was very motivational and informative, and Year 10 enjoyed it immensely.

Here is some feedback from the year group:

*"It was really inspiring. He gave us so much good advice."*

*"The workshop was fantastic. They were really interested in who we were so they could help us personally."*

*"It made me feel much more confident about going into year 11."*

*"I was on a real high afterwards and learnt so much."*

*"It taught me to challenge myself."*

*"It was really interactive and motivational with practical tactics for revision."*



## Science at Stanborough

*Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:*

Top set Year 10 measured the rate of a chemical reaction via a loss in mass method in Mrs Mabbs' class this week.

Our Year 8s showed off their newly made fossils with plaster of Paris when learning about how the sedimentary rocks and fossils are made in Mrs Lockyear's class.



## Calling all language learners!

*Mrs Magee, MFL teacher, writes:*

The Stephen Spender Prize for poetry translation is open to all.

- Choose a poem in any language and translate it (or an extract from it) into English.
  - Provide a short commentary explaining three of your translation choices.
1. Youth prize: U18, U16 and U14 categories with cash prizes. Last year saw a record number of entries in this category
  2. The Spotlight prize encourages young people to engage with community languages. This year's spotlight is Romanian. Choose a poem from the list provided to translate into English.

See class charts for full details and a video giving more information about this exciting competition.

For help entering, or any further information, please email or see Mrs Magee in G18

Deadline for entries is **midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**. If you are thinking about entering, remember:

“Whether you win or not, you should feel proud that you have wrestled with an unfamiliar language or reconnected with your mother tongue, engaged in a different culture, or immersed yourself in your family’s heritage and, best of all, created a brand new, unique work of art.”

*Gabi Reigh, Romanian spotlight judge*



## Question of the week

Business



Mr McCarthy, writes:

A business plans to borrow £60,000 from the bank to invest in new machinery. The loan will be repaid at an interest rate of 10%. Calculate the total amount of interest repayable.

Please include your calculations and full name and form

A silver to all right answers and a bronze to all submissions

### Last week's answer

Thank you to all of you who took part in last week's question. The correct answer was:

$68,500 - 45,250 = 23,250$

Answer : £23,250

Very well done to Joshua Carter for being first to submit and Esmee Bone who also got the answer correct. A silver is on its way to you

## Question of the week

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics



Mr McCarthy, writes:

**"God is love as certainly and unwaveringly as God is holy" (Leviticus 11:44-45)**

With this in mind how can poverty, war and suffering be explained?

Please include full name and form with your answer

A silver to all right answers and a bronze to all submissions

## Word of the Week

W/c 20th June 2022

Reminiscent

For example, 'The smell is reminiscent of wild roses'.

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Word of the Week  
**Reminiscent**  
French Spanish  
Évocateur Evocador  
Origin DEFINE IT USE IT  
From Latin **reminisce:** "re" (again) "mens" (mind)  
Something which triggers a **memory** in someone.  
The smell is **reminiscent** of wild roses.  
Grow and Succeed  
High Expectations | Mutual Respect | Quality Learning | Success for All

