

THE STANBOROUGH TIMES

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Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

It has been a pleasure this week to welcome the families and award winners to our Presentation Evening for Years 7 to 10 and 12. The event is held to celebrate and recognise the achievements of students over the year. Students are nominated for awards by their Year Leader and Curriculum Leaders. We wish them all continued success as they progress throughout their years at Stanborough. Next Tuesday and Wednesday is sports day and so far high temperatures have been forecast. With this in mind please ensure your child is prepared for this with plenty of water, hat and sun cream. All students are encouraged to take part in sports day and these events are a fun way for students to earn an extra bounty of points for their House in the run up to the end of term. We will reveal which House is taking this year's cup at the end of term! We are very much looking forward to the Year 6 into 7 transition day next Thursday and look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students for the day and to welcome parents for a meeting at 6pm. Also on Thursday we have our final DEAR, Drop Everything And Read. Please ensure your child brings in a book to read.

Headteacher's Commendations

B Chunn, (Yr. 7) for providing amazing support for a new Ukrainian student;

C Fanning and F Gibbs, (Yr.7) for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

O Hope and M Hoss, (Yr.7) for winning a gold medal at the recent District Athletics Championships;

D Rushin-Cameron, (Yr. 8) for incredible dedication toward developing his literacy skills through Accelerated Reader;

W Nazara, R Sanders and E Coles, (Yr.8) for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

P Wadley, (Yr.8) for winning a gold medal at the recent District Athletics Championships;

K Stanley and R Tysoe, (Yr. 9) for 100% attendance and amazing commitment to the Portuguese club;

A Wadley, A Matshogoto, R Meer, T Alom, L Reding, N Joshi, B Paddick and L Watkins (Yr. 10) for providing amazing support at the recent Year 5 taster day;

S Walsh, (Yr.10) for winning a gold medal at the recent District Athletics Championships;

B Alagoa, E Green, M Mardel, H Lee-Larke, L Wells, C Emerick and A King, (Yr. 12) for providing amazing support at the recent Year 7 Disco.



Quote of the week:

"She was unstoppable not because she did not have failures or doubts but because she continued on despite them." Beau Taplin

Wish you a restful weekend and thank you to my team for just being so amazing.

Mrs John

Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

11th – 15th July

Week 2

11 th July	Year 9 Vaccinations Catch Up
12 th July	Sports Day Year 10 Visit University of Hertfordshire
13 th July	Sports Day
14 th July	Year 12 Wayfinder Day at University of Hertfordshire DEAR Time, please ensure your child brings in a book Secondary Transfer Day Year 6-7 Transition Evening, 6pm
15 th July	Post 16 Teaching Ends Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Day Year 10 Which Career Event Year 11 Prom

Please note, Year 8 work shadowing day is not taking place this year. This will now take place in Year 9.



Stanborough School Transition Day, Thursday 14th July 2022

This will be an opportunity for our new Year 7 students to learn about secondary school and prepare for the start of term with their tutor and other key staff.

Stanborough School Transition Evening, Thursday 14th July 2022

6pm – 6.45pm

This is an important evening, as we will be sharing key information regarding your child starting in September and will give you an opportunity to ask any questions you may still have.

See the Year 6 transition section on our website for lots of useful information

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Farewell

Mr Marston, IT Manager

Mr Green, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

We say goodbye to Jake Marston, IT Manager, who has been at Stanborough since 2013. Jake has been integral in supporting the school in developing many areas of the school's IT infrastructure. Most recently he has implemented school wide Wi-Fi and had a key role in the preparation of Bring Your Own Device for our new Year 7 students in September. We wish Jake all the best in his new post.

Maths and Art Intersect at the Open University

Mrs Coldwell, STEM Leader: Mathematics, writes:

Attendees of the Friday afternoon Maths Enrichment Club were treated to a special Wednesday afternoon outing to the Open University to see an exhibition of aperiodic tilings with contributions from mathematicians, physicists and artists. An aperiodic tiling is a pattern of shapes that cover an area following specific rules but which do not repeat in a regular way. Playing with this idea resulted in a number of interesting works of art, both 2-D and 3-D, and some that were even based on light and sound. There were also hands-on activities, including a giant Soma cube, which Stanborough students not only constructed in its usual form but also turned into a comfortable sofa.

"I enjoyed seeing the aperiodic tilings and solving the puzzles laid around. It was fun."

Cait McIntosh, 7SM



FOSS Year 7 Disco

Mrs Sparrow, FOSS Chairwomen, writes

Last Friday night FOSS held the first end of year disco for Year 7 since lockdown. We had over 70 children attend and they had a fantastic evening! There was lots of dancing and games and I had the pleasure of reading lots of thank you messages from students and parents saying how great it was, and can we hold another one next year! I unfortunately was unable to attend due to being ill with Covid, so the FOSS team was one short but they rose to the challenge and everything went smoothly. I would like to thank all the teaching staff that came along to support the evening and office staff for helping with the admin of the evening but most of all thank you Emma Perrott, Shelley Taylor and Bina Howlett, the FOSS team for your great efforts for the event to go ahead. Watch this space for next year's disco!



Year 5 Primary School Taster Days – July 1st and 4th, 2022

Mr Braybrook, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

On July 1st and 4th Stanborough played host to Year 5 students from Holwell and Applecroft primary schools. The 60 students from each school came to Stanborough for the day for a ‘Taster Day’ – a day similar to a normal Stanborough school day – to give the Year 5 students an experience of what secondary school life is actually like.

The students from both schools did a mixture of sessions on Computing, Science, PE, French and Art and also savoured the school’s break and lunchtime catering!

It was a real eye-opener for many of the students who came with a number of pre-conceived ideas about life at secondary school (many of them wrong!) and it was great to hear their positive experiences at the end of the day. As one student from Holwell School said “The best Friday ever!”

It was also great to receive complimentary emails from the Headteachers of both schools about their students’ experiences on the day. It was also very useful for their class teachers who accompanied them to see the level of work expected at secondary school compared to where the students are currently working at.

Many thanks go to Mrs Barnard, Mrs Parr, Mrs Mabbs, Mr Fanning, Mr Harris, Mr Foster and Mrs O’Connor who led the sessions. Well done also to the eight Year 10 (soon to be Year 11) prefects, two of whom supported and accompanied each class who did an incredible job guiding the Year 5 students and teachers around the school and even supported them in their sessions. Well done also to the Year 10 students who supported in science for their sessions (extracting DNA from a strawberry!) and a special thanks to Mrs Shah for also supporting the science sessions.

At Stanborough, we have been pleased to work with not only these two primary schools, but also others during the year. Earlier in the year, we hosted St John’s Lemsford School as part of their science week and in the Spring Term, Mrs Parr took some Year 7 students to Commonswood School to deliver some French sessions for their three Year 5 classes. We look forward to furthering our links next year due to the success of this year’s programme.

As a result of this scheme, approximately 240 Year 5 students from across the area have had a chance to experience our fantastic school facilities and our amazing teaching staff.



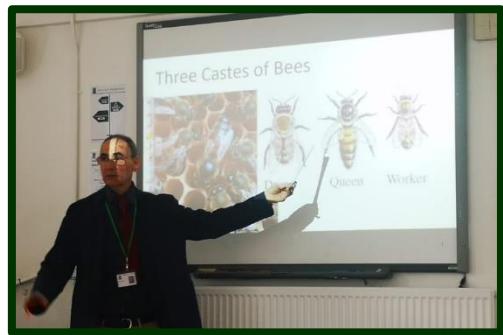
Hobbies club

Beekeeping with Mr Mason

To end our inspiring Hobbies Club Trial weeks, we had Mr Mason presenting his beekeeping hobby. We learnt about the roles of different bees within the colony and which bees are the least likely to sting!

Mr Mason brought in several pieces of equipment to demonstrate how he extracts the honey and maintains his colonies, as well as a beekeeping outfit that one of our students enjoyed putting on. The session was rounded up with a very enthusiastic game of 'Spot the Queen Bee'.

Thank you to Mr Mason for sharing your hobby with us.



Student Success

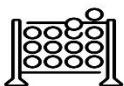
Miss Newman, Year Leader: Year 9, writes:

We are very proud of Bailey who represented Hatfield in a Netball Tournament in Skegness last Friday, they came 3rd in their group which meant they went through to play for the cup. Placing 5th overall out of 14 teams that competed. The Head coach from Manchester Thunder presented the team with their medals, which was a great end to the weekend!

Bailey has played as GD for Stanborough's Year 9 team at many matches over the past year, as well as training for Hatfield and County. She was recently called up to play for Hatfield's U16's in their regional tournament and we really look forward to where next season takes her!



Connect Four Competition!



The LRC is holding a **Connect 4 Competition** During lunchtimes next week

11th-15th July

Year 7 Monday

Year 8 Tuesday

Year 9 Wednesday

Year 10 Thursday

Friday-Final!!!!!!

(Sign up at the LRC desk)

Could you be the Champion of Stanborough



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Word of the Week

Enrich

French:  Spanish: 

Enricher **Enriquecer**

From the Old French **enrich**: **en** = 'in' **riche** = 'rich'

To **improve** or **enhance** the quality or value of.

"Who is that lady that doth **ENRICH** the hand of yonder knight?" Romeo

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Word of the Week
Week commencing
11th July 2022

Enrich

For example, 'Who is that lady that doth enrich the hand of yonder knight?'

Year 10 into Year 11 Prefects

Congratulations to our new Year 10 into Year 11 prefects. These successful candidates have gone through a rigorous selection process. Students will be either subject, community or extracurricular prefects.



Student Drop In Sessions Every Friday Lunchtime, G14

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Drop in sessions with the heads of school!

A chance to be heard

All students welcome

Free space to express your opinion with us

Come speak to us!

G14

Tell us what you like in school and what you want

Suggest what you would like to see in the school

Every Friday lunchtime

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D.E.A.R

Drop Everything And Read

"Read a thousand books, and your words will flow like a river."
Lisa See

Next DEAR time will be
Thursday 14th July 2022

P4 at 1.05pm

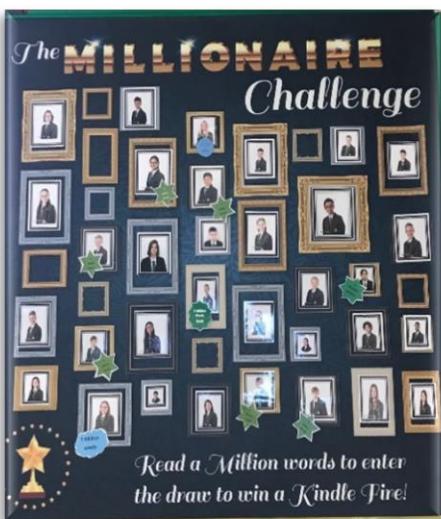
Bronze award for those students who focus on their reading for the whole 15 minutes

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Library Newsletter



Competitions



Author of the Month



Information

LRC Opening Times

Monday 8am-4pm

Tuesday 8am-4pm

Wednesday
8am-4pm

Thursday 8am-4pm

Friday 8am-3.30pm

Competitions

A WGC school competes in national reading competition

Pupils from Stanborough School in Welwyn Garden City. Submitted by the National Literacy Trust. On Wednesday, May 25, Stanborough School in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire took part in the final of the National Reading Champions Quiz from the National Literacy Trust.



Accelerated Reader

Stanborough School

01/08/2021 to 07/06/2022



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.

Events

Connect 4 Competition

11th -15th July
Lunchtimes
in the LRC

(Visit the LRC for more information)

"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book." J.K.Rowling

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:

SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 13.07.22 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Send your answers with workings by email to smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk or on a piece of paper to the Maths Office.



Question

The diagram shows two congruent regular pentagons drawn inside a regular octagon.

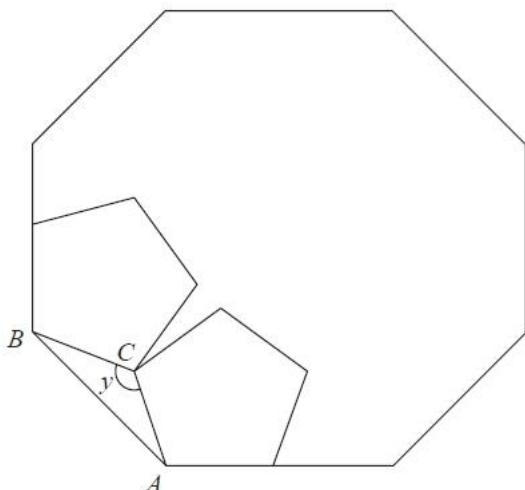


Diagram NOT
accurately drawn

One side of each pentagon lies along a side of the octagon.

AB is a side of the octagon.

AC is a side of one of the pentagons.

BC is a side of the other pentagon.

Work out the size of angle y .

Show all of the workings clearly.

ADT Newsletter

The latest ADT newsletter is available to download from our website,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ADT-Newsletter-July-issue-15.pdf>

The logo for the ADT Newsletter. It features the text 'Art Design & Technology' next to a stylized green 'A' icon. To the right of the text is 'NEWSLETTER' in large green letters. In the top right corner, it says 'Issue 15' above 'July 2022'. At the bottom right, there is a green bar with the text 'Dates for your diary'.