



June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Student

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Stanborough during the transition day on Thursday 14 July. This will be an opportunity for students to learn about secondary school and prepare for the start of term with their tutor and other key staff. We would also like to remind you about our Year 6 transition section on our school website, which includes lots of useful information:

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/about-us/year-6-transition/>

Contact with Primary Schools

Over the past few weeks, we have been liaising with our feeder primary schools and also reading student transition forms about each student carefully. This has allowed us to learn more about every individual student joining us in September. It has been a pleasure to speak to a large number of Year 6 teachers to learn about our students, their needs and what they excel at.

Online Admissions Form

Our online admission form, completed by yourselves, have given us a wealth of information that has enabled us to start planning carefully for all of the individual needs of each new student coming to us in September. Thank you for completing these so promptly and carefully.

Transition Evening

On Thursday 14 July, we look forward to meeting you in person at the Transition Evening which will take place from 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.

Tutor Groups

Using the information we have gathered from primary teachers and staff, we have been putting together the Year 7 tutor groups. Your child will be informed of their tutor group during the transition day on Thursday 14 July.

Teaching Groups

Please note that your child will not be taught in their tutor group – parents of older siblings will know this has been the case in the past. The rationale behind this is we wanted to give students the opportunity to mix and make friends with as many students as possible, rather than always being confined to the one tutor group for everything. They will instead be taught for many lessons in a class, where they will work

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with the same students in subjects such as English, science, humanities etc but their tutor group will exist independently of this.

Year 6 Reading Journey

At Stanborough, we are committed to supporting your child to develop their literacy skills, at every level. In the transition section of the school website, you will find the document 'Year 6 – The Reading Journey'. Please encourage your child to work through this pack over the summer break, using a book of their choice. This pack should then be brought into school in September, to be shared with their new English teacher.

Free School Meal Entitlement

If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, you should contact Hertfordshire County Council Benefits Team by telephone on 0300 123 4048, between 25 July and 31 August, to notify them your child will be starting Stanborough School, Welwyn Garden City in September 2022 and to amend your child's record accordingly.

If you think your child might be eligible for free school meals, you can apply to Hertfordshire County Council for free school meals online at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx by telephone 0300 123 4048, or by email at howcanwehelp@hertfordshire.gov.uk. If you are eligible, the school will be notified, your child will receive free school meals.

WisePay

At Stanborough School we use the WisePay payment system for payments of items such as trips/visits, revision guides and materials, school meals etc. Further information regarding school meal payments is in our Guide for Parents and Students on the Year 6 Transition section of the school website.

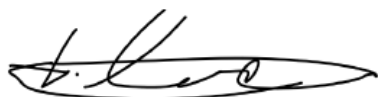
Keeping up-to-date

Finally, please follow us on any of our three social media platforms or our school website. This will allow you and your child to keep up to date with all exciting things that are happening here at Stanborough.

Twitter: @StanboroughS
Facebook: Stanboroughschool
Instagram: stanboroughschool

If you have any questions that need answering please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Yours faithfully



Mr L Sinclair
Year Leader



Mr J Foster
Deputy Year Leader

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