

## **Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John**

It is with such great sadness that we learn about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.  
Rest in Peace, Your Majesty.

I am incredibly proud of the growth and success of the school since I started in Sept. 2018. The school has changed significantly in all aspects since September 2018 and it is great to see the impact of the changes in the examination results too. We must never forget that the growth and success of the school is as a result of the hard work and support of every member of teaching and support staff as well as the strong governing body and the support students receive at home. It is truly amazing to see that everyone accepts that they play an instrumental role in supporting our students to achieve their very best. We cannot under estimate the role that each of us play in this process and hence must be proud of the impact we have had and continue to have.

The most pleasing aspect of the Post 16 and GCSE results this year is that they have continued a strong trend of results that has built upon the sterling work by both students and staff over the last two years. The fact that our results have held solid from 2021, despite the rumoured harsher grade boundaries, is a huge credit to both our students and teaching staff. Most importantly, these grades have enabled our students, in the vast majority of cases (96% of 6<sup>th</sup> form students), to progress to their chosen pathway at post 18. Two students secured entry into the University of Cambridge.

## **Headteacher Commendations**

**J Dykes, (Yr. 7)** for remembering the Stanborough principles in the transition day;

**L Puicar, (Yr. 8)** for reading a million words in year 7 and becoming a millionaire reader;

**V Stokes and J Sullivan, (Yr.8)** for taking part in the scouts Kent International Jamboree;

**N O'Connor, (Yr.8)** for stepping up as an 'Expert in the Room' during her media summer school project;

**N Jackman, (Yr.8)** for incredible participation in the Excellent Literacy Library programme over the summer holidays;

**C Lawrence, (Yr.9)** for performing at the Sandpit Theatre with Theatre Train and receiving most improved for acting this year;

**S Hirani, (Yr.9)** for climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for charity;

**F Lindsay, (Yr.9)** for amazing charitable work and outstanding cake making for charity events;

**T Falegan, (Yr.9)** for going above and beyond to create an outstanding history project on the civil rights movement;

**R Chapman, (Yr.9)** for a much improved end to term;

**K Sullivan, (Yr.9)** for taking part in the scouts Kent International Jamboree.

**M Nzewuihe, (Yr. 9)** for giving up part of her lunch time for a whole week to assist her form tutor;

**V Parisi, (Yr. 10)** for playing the piano beautifully for transition evening;

**T Marima, (Yr.10)** for a much improved end to the term with no negatives for two weeks;

**M Hirani, (Yr. 11)** for climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for charity;

**M Armstrong and C Dushantha , (Yr. 13)** for consistently excellent attitude to learning and politeness to staff and peers;



## **Quote of the week:**

"It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps not the giant leaps that bring about the most lasting change." Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John

# Headteacher Commendations





## GCSE Results 2022

### Growing success continues at Stanborough School

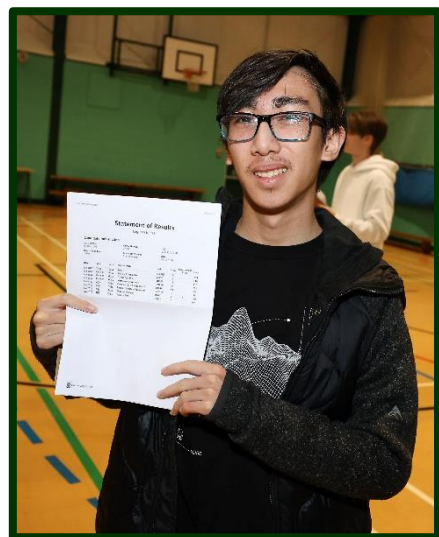
After many weeks of waiting, Stanborough students were finally able to collect their GCSE and BTEC exam results over the summer break.

Mrs John writes:

*"It has been a pleasure to work with the Year 11 students. I have been impressed as they have demonstrated dedication, commitment and resilience in the months leading up to these examinations. We celebrate the hard work and talents of the individual students and the fantastic commitment of the teachers and support staff. The staff here at Stanborough have worked tirelessly to support each and every child and this is evident in the results. I would also like to acknowledge our parents and carers who have nurtured and encouraged their children throughout their school lives. Our students are indeed a credit to this school community and I wish them the very best as they start the next exciting phase of their educational journey."*

Particularly successful Stanborough students are

Ayman Sakib	Maya Kutay
James Flint	Stephen Bates
Oliver Holbourns	Eamon Clark
Mohammed Aswania	Grace Gardner
Eliezer Lagman	Ben Davison
Thomas Linger	Luke Rimell
William Parnham	Lauren Sanders
Grace Adcock	Joshua Holloway
Louise Grenfell	Madeleine Bramson
Aamina Hussain	James Buck
Reece Ogeer-Ali	Catherine Cranham
Harry Western	Thomas Pruett
Amelie Warner	Matthew Williamson
Philip Tsitlakidis	Lucy Gilbertson



Stanborough's growing reputation is down to the aspirational and hardworking students supported by passionate and dedicated teachers and support staff, especially during the last two years.

We are also very pleased that a high proportion of students will continue their studies into the prestigious Sixth Form at Stanborough and will continue to perform at the highest level as demonstrated by our very good A Level results achieved this year. We also have a number of students who have been successful in their GCSE and BTEC qualifications and will now follow college or Level 2 Apprenticeship courses.

The commitment of all teachers and support staff, including Head of Year 11 Mr Sinclair must be acknowledged.

Mr Sinclair comments *"As Head of Year I am extremely proud of the hard work, dedication and resilience that the students have shown throughout their time at Stanborough School and this is echoed by the year 11 pastoral team and teachers alike. I wish all of the students the best for the future and I am confident that they will make the most of every opportunity and continue their success story in whatever pathway they choose. Again, a huge well done: "Believe you can and you're halfway there" – Theodore Roosevelt."*

On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish all our Year 11 students the very best as they embark on the next exciting chapter in their educational journey.





## A Level Results

### "CHILDREN ARE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO"

Mrs John Headteacher, writes:

*"Our children who are at the heart of everything we do are more than just grades. Grades do not define them but their character does. I am so proud of each and every one of our Year 13 students. The last time our students were in full time education was in Year 10. They had been significantly impacted by Covid, were not able to end Year 11 like previous students, were not able to have a Year 11 prom and did not get the chance to sit their GCSE examinations. In spite of all this, the resilience, strength of character, fighting spirit and the dedication they have demonstrated has been remarkable. They are all exceptional, inspiring and talented young people and we couldn't be prouder of them. They have been a credit to the Stanborough community and have been wonderful role models to the rest of the school."*

*Stanborough students have received a set of remarkable A level and vocational results with the school recording its highest ever percentage of A\* and A grades. Several students achieved A- A\* grades, earning them places at a wide range of prestigious universities on highly competitive courses. 40% of A level grades were in the range of A\*-A and 71% in the range of A\*-B.*

*Cambridge, Durham, Nottingham, Reading Universities will welcome Stanborough students from September as well as others who will take places at universities to study a range of courses and degrees including Mathematics, English, Astro Physics, Economics, Biomedical Science, Music Business, Media, Psychology, Teaching, Marketing and Management, History and Politics, Geography, Business Finance, Finance, Investment and Risk, Sports, Law, Law and Spanish and Criminology."*

A special message from Mrs John went out to staff for their 'tireless work behind the scenes' over the last seven years and acknowledged that teaching is an incredibly rewarding and humbling career where 'we have an impact on young lives' and shape their future.

Mr Maidment the Head of Sixth form was also thanked for his unstinting support of the year group and for always giving up his time to support them throughout their Sixth form education. Mr Maidment has been an inspirational Head of Sixth form for the last 15 years. He will now be stepping down and taking on another exciting leadership post at Stanborough. I would like to thank him for the dedication and commitment he has shown in serving our sixth form students.



Mr Maidment says 'I am in awe of this fantastic group of students. The results that they have achieved are exceptional and to have done so in such exacting times is an exemplification of their tenacity, resilience and admirable work ethic. It has truly been an honour for me to have worked with this group of inspirational students and I have no doubt that they will achieve commendable outcomes in their chosen Post 18 pathways. I could not have wished for a better group of students with which to end my tenure as Head of Sixth.'

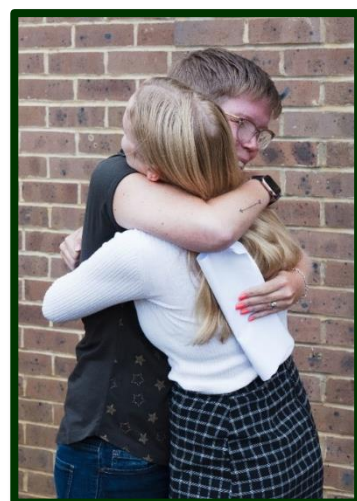
"I would also like to acknowledge our parents who have nurtured and encouraged their children throughout their school lives. These results show that the combination of excellent teaching, the commitment of students and the support of parents is paramount to success." Mrs John adds.

At Stanborough, we are particularly pleased for the following students who have secured an impressive set of grades and in some cases made outstanding progress in the last two years:

Annabel Dunstan  
Dominik Orzel- Walker  
Kamil Naidoo  
Charlie Harker  
George McAleese  
Katie Jeffrey  
Louis Ross  
Oli Warner  
Harry Beaumont  
Imani Chandaria  
Chloe O'Connor  
Wesley Watts  
Ptolemy Carnell  
Grace Eltringham  
Benjamin Ferry  
Chloe Fisher  
Ellie-Anne Hart  
Amber Keane  
Florrie Humphries  
Hannah Paget  
Charlotte Preston  
Darius Printer  
Ebony Weller  
Samuel Holmes



Annabel Dunstan secured four A\* grades, which earns her a place at Cambridge University to study English. Annabel was extremely appreciative of the support that she had received from all her teachers. Annabel says "I am so grateful to all my teachers at Stanborough and I am so proud of myself. I am absolutely thrilled to be going to study the subject I love."



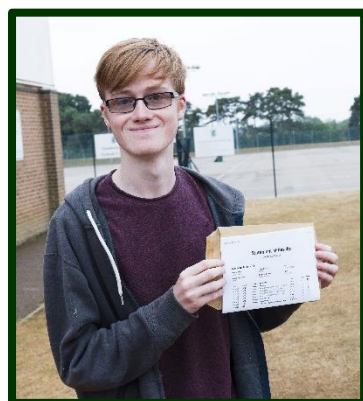


Dominik Orzel-Walker also secured his place at Cambridge University to study Mathematics after achieving 3A\* and 1A grade. Dominik says: "I'm so shocked and it has not really sunk in yet. I want to thank all my teachers for their support especially in the awkward times recently. I am over the moon to be going to Cambridge to study Maths."

Performance in vocational subjects was exceptional with 100% of grades Distinction\*- Merit. A vocational level 3 course is an equivalent qualification to one or more A-levels and are often completed in combination with A-level subjects.

Mrs John was delighted that 96% of students had secured their first choice of university or apprenticeships.

Mrs John adds: "On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish all our Year 13 students the very best as they embark on the next chapter in their lives. We are so proud."



## Forthcoming Events

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September

Week 2

12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 meet the 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Year 7 CATS & Lucid Tests
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 Action Jackson Workshop
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 7 & Year 11 Photographs
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening, 5.30-8.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Late start for students, 11am



# Open Evening 2022

29<sup>th</sup> September from 5:30 – 8:30pm

The Headteacher talks will take place at 6pm, 6.45pm and 7.30pm



Open Mornings will run  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
(Excluding Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October)  
Headteacher Talk and Tour of the School at 9:20am

To book an appointment, please email: [openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)  
or see the main school website for more details.

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Can we please ask that parents who pick students up do not park out of the front of the school. We often have a 'gridlock' situation as a result of this, especially when a bus or larger vehicle is in the road. It is also dangerous for students who need to cross the road, or if an emergency vehicle needs to go past the school at this time. There are parking restrictions on both sides of the road and we ask the police / council to enforce these restrictions as often as they can.

If you need to pick up your child from school can we please ask that this is done a little way from the school.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.



## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Mr Gordon, MIS & Data Manager; Mrs Ward, HR Officer; Mr Hind, Head of Sixth Form and Science Teacher; Mr Walters, Junior IT Technician; Mr McGowan, MFL Teacher; Miss Jebrin, MFL Teacher; Miss S Taylor, Music Teacher; Teacher Francis, English & Drama Teacher; Mr McGovern, Maths Teacher; Mrs MacDonald, Geography Teacher; Ms Okaeme, Science Teacher; Mrs Tillbrook, Autism Lead; Miss O'Brien, Teaching Assistant; Mr Coyne, Teaching Assistant and Mr Fry, Teaching Assistant to Stanborough School.

We hope that they will enjoy working at the school and with your children.

## Forgotten Items

Staff cannot take items to students in the school day (unless glasses or medication). If you bring a forgotten item in for a student they will need to come to student reception at break or lunch to collect it. If a student forgets their lunch they can speak to the bursar before school, at break or lunch time to get emergency funding on their account so they don't go without food.

## Homework policy

*Ms Kohls, Deputy Headteacher, writes:*

We recently wrote to you with our suggested changes to the homework policy for students in Years 7 to 11.

The homework timetables for each class are now on our school website:

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/students/homework/>

We will review the new homework policy at the end of this term.

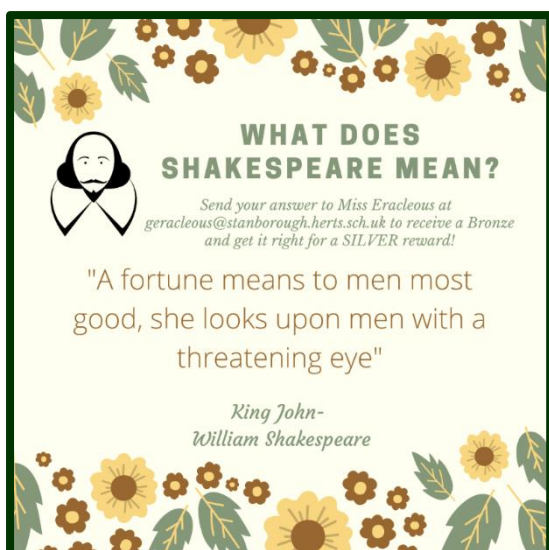
## Shorts

*Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:*

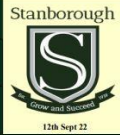
Thank you to students for replying to the survey regarding optional shorts to be added to the uniform list for the summer term. We are now engaging in discussions with Smartys to agree on the most appropriate design and will let you know when any additions are made.

## Drama Question of the Week

Send your answer to Miss Eracleous to receive a bronze award and get it right for a silver award!



## Root Word of the Week W/c 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

 12th Sept 22	<b>Root Word of the Week</b>	
<b><i>bio</i> = <i>life</i></b>		
<b>Subject Examples</b>		
<b>Science</b>	<b>Sport/PE</b>	<b>Geog</b>
Sym <b>bio</b> tic organisms need each other to exist.	<b>Bio-</b> mechanics studies body movement.	We all live in a <b>bio</b> sphere
Grow and Succeed High Expectations   Mutual Respect   Quality Learning   Success for All		

## Arbor

Mr Green, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

We are now using Arbor to manage our student information. Please see below some useful information about accessing this.



## We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App

### We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

### How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic  
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

### Need help using Arbor?

**Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal.** Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

#### Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.





## PE Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

Lunch Time Clubs (1.20 – 1.50pm)				
Day	Club	Year Group	Location	Staff member in charge
Monday	Badminton	All Years	Sports hall	Mr Harris
Tuesday	Basketball	Year 9 & 10	Sports hall	Mr Harris / Mr Fraser
Wednesday	Indoor Football	Year 7	Sports hall	Mr Minion
	Table Tennis	All Years	Gym	Mr Fraser
Thursday	Basketball	Year 7 & 8	Sports hall	Mr Harris / Mr Fraser
Friday	Volleyball	Year 10 & 11	Sports hall	Mr Harris, Mr Minion / Mr Fraser

After School Clubs (3-4.15pm)				
Day	Club	Year Group	Location	Staff member in charge
Monday	Basketball	All Years	Sports hall	Mr Harris
Tuesday	Football	Year 7	Sports hall	Mr Minion / Mr Fraser / Mr Harris
Wednesday	Volleyball	Year 10 & 11	Sports hall	Mr Fraser / Mr Harris
	Netball	All Years	Sports hall	Mrs Hitchen / Miss Newman / Miss Bowen
Thursday	Football	Year 8, 9 & 10	Meet at Sports hall, session at Pavillion	Mr Fraser / Mr Harris / Mr Minion
	Girls Football	All Years	Sports hall	Miss Newman / Mrs Hitchen
Friday	No clubs			

Please note: Fixtures/Inter house events will take priority over training

Poor weather conditions may also effect the running of extra curriculum clubs

Exams will take place in the sports hall so no clubs that use the sports hall location will take place during the exam period