

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Firstly, I must congratulate all our students and staff who took part in the House Dance competition on Wednesday this week. From the dancers themselves to the sound and light team and the backstage helpers, it was a superb event. We are always keen to celebrate the success of our students. One way in which we do this is with the weekly Headteacher's award. Students are nominated by staff to receive this award and it is a great way to celebrate achievements by students. If your child has achieved something special in any field outside of school we would love to hear about it. Please contact myself or your child's year leader with a brief description about their achievement along with a photo. Winners are featured in the Stanborough Times and shown on our social media platforms. If you've not already done so please ensure you follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for all the news, updates, activities and achievements of our students. Each faculty also has their own twitter account for more subject specific news. This week has been anti-bullying week which is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year's focus is on reaching out. This was explored in IT and Computing lessons during the week and today our Post 16 students ran a campaign to encourage students to feel empowered to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. A quick reminder that next Friday, 25th November, is an occasional day and school will be closed.

Headteacher's Commendations

R Clayton, (Yr.7) for reading a million words this term and becoming a millionaire reader;

D Solomon, (Yr. 7) for outstanding attitude to learning across all subjects and making excellent progress within the accelerated reader program;

L Wilkinson and B Watkins (Yr. 8) for taking part in the Handside Partnership Art day;

C Quartley and D Adepoju, (Yr. 9) for taking part in the Handside Partnership Art day;

S Chapman, (Yr. 10) for taking part in the Handside Partnership Art day;

R Makombe, (Yr.10) for an amazing start to Stanborough and catching up on all work before he arrived;

E Howard and J Hoss, (Yr. 11) for helping in the Handside Partnership Art day as art prefects;

J Flint, (Yr. 12) for excellent commitment and work ethic during silent study;

T Coletta, (Yr. 13) for going above and beyond and showing kindness and support to a Year 7 student.



Quote of the week:

"The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones." Confucius

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John

Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

21st – 25th November 2022

Week one

22 nd November	Year 7 Transition Update Evening, 5.30-6.15pm. Refreshments from 5.15pm
25 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed
28 th November	Year 7 & Year 8 Police Talk
29 th November	Year 7 Author Visit
1 st December	Goal Setting Inclusion Day

Fake eye lashes

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Fake eye lashes are not allowed at school. They are not part of our uniform.

If your child has them on, they will be asked to remove them, and they will receive a sanction.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Year 7 Transition Update Evening, 22nd November 2022, 5.30pm

A reminder to all Year 7 parents/carers and students that the transition update evening is next week, Tuesday 22nd November.

We strongly advise you to attend and look forward to welcoming you. Refreshments will be available from 5.15pm.



Year 7 Transition Update Evening 22nd November 2022, 5.30pm

The aim of the evening will be to provide you with important information relating to our pastoral system, teaching & learning and understanding some of the data on your child's first progress update.

We strongly recommend you to attend this evening and look forward to welcoming you.

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Christmas Lunch at Stanborough School

Miss K Ashley, School Business Manager, writes:

Our very popular Christmas lunch will be served this year on Wednesday 7th December and this will also be our Christmas Jumper / Festive Wear Day.

All meals must be ordered in advance and tickets need to be booked by Thursday 1st December to enable the catering team to order the food. Tickets are available on your Wisepay account. If you should have any difficulties when trying to log on to WisePay, please click 'Forgotten Password' and follow the on screen options. If after that you are still experiencing difficulties, please contact the Finance office at finance@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Our usual food service will be available at break time on that day but at lunchtime there will be no food or drinks available other than Christmas lunch for those that have pre-ordered it.



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 7th December 2022

£3.50

Tickets available through WisePay

Roast Turkey Slices with Pigs in Blankets Sage & Onion Stuffing and Gravy
Or
Quorn Fillet (v) Veggie Sausage (v) Sage and Onion Stuffing Gravy

Roast Potatoes
A choice of Seasonal Vegetables
Choice of Christmas Dessert

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Student Success

Mrs Hall, Deputy Year Leader: Year 8, writes:

Oh no she isn't!

Our very own Jenna in 8 Offley, has successfully auditioned and gained a Senior Dancer place in this year's Christmas pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk at the Radlett Centre.

She auditioned against lots of other dancers, many of them much older than Jenna, and was successful.

If anyone would like to watch her in Jack and the Beanstalk please see below for dates and times.

Break a leg Jenna!

10th December 1pm and 4.30pm
17th December 11am and 2.30pm
18th December 1pm and 4.30pm
21st December 10am and 1.30pm
23rd December 10am
24th December 1pm and 4.30pm
27th December 5.30pm
28th December 1pm and 4.30pm
30th December 1pm and 4.30pm
2nd Jan 1pm and 4.30pm



Upcoming Residential Visits

A number of staff are planning to launch residential visits in the next few weeks. To be transparent with parents/carers we thought we would let you know about these so that you could make an informed choice. Full details will be provided at the launch of each visit.

Educational Visit	Year Groups	Date	Visit Organiser
French visit to Northern France	Year 8	Summer 2023	Mrs Parr
Spanish visit	Year 9 and 10	Summer 2023	Mrs Vlijter
Iceland visit	Current Year 9, 10 and 11	Summer 2024	Mr Fraser
Activity visit	Year 7	Summer 2023	Mr Foster

Anti-Bullying Week

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Today all Post 16 students saturated the school with anti-bullying messages stuck to their person. The culture of anti-bullying is one that comes with a constantly reinforced ethos. Bullying is not ok, and it's not cool. Post 16 students created flyers to distribute to make students aware of who they can talk to if they're having problems. The Heads of School team wanted to promote this message through a flash-mob, and through circulating the school, to be clear that students at Stanborough do not accept that bullying is ok.

Remembrance Day Service

Ms D Kohls, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

On Friday 11th November, all staff and students came together to honour the sacrifice of our Armed Forces community, the British and Commonwealth veterans, the Allies that fought alongside us and the civilian servicemen and women involved in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

During the ceremony, led by Mrs John, The Last Post was played by Mr Collinson. The Exhortation was read by head girl Laura Wells (Y13).

Athanasios Papadopoulos (Y11), with the support of Ciaran Lemare-North (Y13), Lewis Byrne (Y11), Andrew Broadway (Y10) and Steven Martin (Y10), led the parade with students involved in Army, Air, Police and Sea Cadets, St John's Ambulance and the Scouting movement to show their respect on this poignant day.

We must not forget.



Handside Partnership Event

Julia Hoss, 11OM and Ella Howard, 11A write:


On Tuesday the 8th of November, Stanborough School led a fun art day for Lakeside and Applecroft School. We welcomed all the children at 10 o'clock and each Stanborough student sat at a table with a student from Applecroft and Lakeside. Mrs Pearson then explained the art activity, which was to create a stained glass effect window that would be displayed at St Francis Church in Welwyn Garden City. We were given a large plastic sheet that had a basic outline of a biblical drawing that the Applecroft students created earlier in school. On each desk we were given PVA glue and squares of coloured tissue paper. Then we began being creative! The Stanborough students helped with applying glue and placing the coloured tissue paper on the plastic sheet. It was really nice to see everyone enjoying themselves and really engaging in the activity. We also took a 30 minute break and carried on with the art project. All the final pieces were really unique and will definitely look good displayed in the church windows!



Word of the Week

W/c 21st November 2022

Graph

 WB November 21 st 2022	Root Word of the Week
graph = write	
Examples	
I write my auto graph .	A graph is writing which is drawn.

STANBOROUGH AUTHOR VISIT



Guy Jones will be visiting Stanborough School on Tuesday the 29th of November. Guy will be encouraging our year 7 students to read for pleasure and inspire creative writing.



The Ice Garden: a beautiful tale of friendship, magic and the power of family Jones, Guy: Amazon.co.uk: Books.



If students would like to purchase a copy of the author's book from Amazon prior to the event, Guy will be signing books on the morning of the visit.

Stanborough on a Journey to Genetic Engineering!

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

End of a Marathon of Cloning a Gene!

This week was the highlight and an end to our journey of Cloning a Gene and we are so proud to say that it worked with wonderful results! On Monday, Mr Fanning's A level Biology class finally completed building a recombinant plasmid containing both an rfp gene (red fluorescent protein) and amp^R (bacteria resistant to ampicillin) under controlled conditions.

Ms Mabbs' class continued on Wednesday to run the DNA of the cloned gene via a process called Gel Electrophoresis to ascertain whether we had been successful in creating the new plasmid containing a red fluorescent protein. In order to visualise the product, a UV Transilluminator is used to see the various bands of DNA.



How has it helped us?

Until recently people with certain diseases had to rely on remedies that were expensive and many of these diseases are the result of the loss of a single protein. One of the first pharmaceutical products using the tools and methods that Stanborough students sampled, was insulin. To generate large quantities of insulin, the sequences of DNA that contain the codes of human insulin are inserted into a plasmid and then the genetically modified bacteria are grown in large batches and the insulin is purified for use in the treatment of diabetes.



Thank you to University of Hertfordshire and AMGEN for making this possible for our students!
We look forward to sampling more of these Labs.



INCLUSION

Support at Stanborough

We have lots of ways that we support our students
here is an outline of four of them

One of the areas of support we have on offer for our SEND students is the Nest which aims to nurture our students' potential.

Students who are struggling with their behaviour, self esteem, confidence or gaps in learning due to their life circumstances are invited to attend 3-5 days a week during one period of the day to help address these issues.



The Retreat is based in computer rooms at lunch time, this is a safe space away from the hustle and bustle of the playground for students who find themselves isolated or needing down time to recharge during the busy school day.

We have lego, craft and chess available as well as access to computers. This is by invite only.



We have a SEND teacher working with students who need boosters and additional teaching of basic skills to help close the gap in their curriculum knowledge. Students have support in small groups, pairs or one to one depending on their age and needs.

Students at key stage 4 are taught functional skills alongside the curriculum in the Hive.



We are pleased to announce the development of our Autism lead's previous role in school, she now works one to one and with small groups of students who have autism or social and communication difficulties in 'The Den'.

This is a very much needed addition to our suite of support units across the school.



CONZEP



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Herts Catering Celebrates the World Cup 2022

21st November – 2nd December 2022

Everyday will be a theme day with two chosen countries and food from those countries.

Spot a ball under your plate and you could win a cupcake!

Usual food will also be available.



Donations to support local families at Christmas

Mrs Cheryl Bodrozic, Lead Family Support Worker, writes:

The Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Local Schools Partnership is raising funds to support local in need families to enjoy Christmas. All funds received will help purchase gifts and goodies for vulnerable children, young people and their families.

At the Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Schools Partnership we are passionate and committed to the work we do with children, young people and their families.

We are a team of School Family Workers who support local families in the Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield area. We have been offering support in schools and the community for over 10 years.



We are aiming to raise £2,500 in time for Christmas, to ensure that none of our families are left out of the festivities due to the cost of living increase. We want every child and young person we work with to truly experience the togetherness and support this season brings, and as such are asking for donations to this cause. With funds raised we will be able to ensure that each child or young person we work with gets a gift and some festive goodies, alongside our existing plans to celebrate this season with our families.

Please help us by making a donation.

If you have a moment, please take a look at our Christmas fundraising page,
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/wgc-and-hatfield-lsp-appeal?qid=1e6bc5a682f3676f6623b86a13ccf2aa>

Wisepay contribution link:
<https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?ACT=nav&mID=509341>

If you would like to know more about us and how we support families, please visit our website at
<https://wgc-hatfield-schoolspartnership.com/>
We are also on Facebook, Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Schools Partnership.

Thank you so much for your support.
Best Wishes,
WGC and Hatfield LSP Team.

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 23.11.22 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

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

Answer to last week's QOTW

466 or 467 cm^2

Question

A garage tests cars for faults.
There are three types of fault - braking, steering and lighting.
A car fails the test if it has one or more of these three types of fault.

Last week, 11 cars had braking faults
9 cars had steering faults
7 cars had lighting faults
no car had both steering faults and lighting faults
2 cars had both braking faults and steering faults
3 cars had both braking faults and lighting faults.

By drawing a Venn Diagram, or otherwise, find the number of cars which failed the test last week.

WHAT DOES SHAKESPEARE MEAN?

Send your answer to Miss Eracleous at geracleous@stanborough.herts.sch.uk to receive a Bronze and get it right for a SILVER reward!

"Is love a tender thing? It is too rough, too rude, too boisterous and it pricks like a thorn"

Romeo and Juliet - William Shakespeare

Question of the Week - Drama

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

Chess Club!

Run by Lily Reding and Nia Joshi

Every Thursday after school
3-4pm
Taking place in the LRC for all year groups
Please sign in at the LRC Desk!

Congratulations to Stanborough's Literacy Competition Winners

Autumn Term 2022

