

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Another half term has flown by and we have a week's break to look forward to next week. I hope you all enjoy a restful few days to prepare for the next half term. Special thoughts go out to our Year 11 students as they are now in the middle of their last set mock exams and the week is allowing them one last push of revision for the final week of mocks when we return. These are important exams for our GCSE students as they provide an opportunity for them to reflect on their performance and focus on the areas of study that need further development as well as showing them that they can improve from the last round of mock exams. As always, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. I am very fortunate to lead a community of staff and students who work hard to follow the Stanborough principles of mutual respect, high expectations, quality learning and success for all. If you would like to find out about all the recent changes that have taken place here at Stanborough then please reserve a free place at our coffee morning on Friday 21st April at 9.10am. Places can be reserved via Wisepay. Further information is available over the page. For Year 10 parents, please make a note in your diary that the Year 10 parents' evening is on Thursday 9th March. Details about this will be emailed home to you during the first week back after half term. A reminder that Friday 24th February is an inset day for staff training and school will be closed to all students.

Extra-Curricular Student Success

Grace has won the WGC Club Championships for the U12s coming first in all her races, this included a first in the Individual Medley and 220 yards Freestyle. She was awarded Junior Club Captain for 2023.



Paige, Maja and Aiden – Well done for representing Stanborough at the county cross country last weekend.

Quote of the week:

"Love is just a word until someone comes along and gives it a meaning" HCL

Wish you a restful half term break and hope you all have a special valentine's day too!

Mrs John



Forthcoming Events

20th – 24th February 2023

Week 2

13 th – 17 th	Half Term
20 th – 23 rd	Year 9 Meet the 6 th Form
20 th – 28 th	Year 11 Mock Exams
21 st	Year 13 visit to the High Court, London
24 th	Inset Day, school closed to students
28 th	Post 18 Evening
3 rd March	Year 11 Photographs

Coffee Morning

Friday 21st April 2023, 9.10-9.50am

You are warmly invited to attend an informal coffee morning at the school on 21st April 2023 at 9.10am. There will be a short talk, which will be an opportunity to update you on all the changes that have taken place here at Stanborough. We will aim to finish around 9.50am.

Please note that due to limited spaces, places will be available on a first come first served basis and will be limited to one family member only.

If you would like to attend, please book a free place via the WisePay system, by Thursday 30th March 2023.

Parking will not be available on site. We recommend cars to be parked at Stanborough Lakes, but please note that a small charge may apply. If you require any special access or disabled parking, please inform us via WisePay at the time of booking so we can arrange this in advance.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to the school.

A promotional graphic for a coffee morning at Stanborough School. It features a white cup of coffee with a latte art design on a wooden coaster, a small potted plant, and the Stanborough School crest. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with green and black colors.

Stanborough School
Coffee Morning
with Mrs John,
Headteacher

21st APRIL 2023
9.10-9.50am

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There will be a short talk from Mrs John, Headteacher, which will be an opportunity to update you on all the changes that have taken place here at Stanborough.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR FREE PLACE VIA WISEPAY

Fizzy Drinks

A reminder that fizzy/carbonated drinks and energy drinks of any kind are not to be brought into school. We have removed the carbonated fruit juices on sale from the school canteen.

Any drinks of this type seen in school will be confiscated and disposed of.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr Whelan Hind, our Head of 6th form, and his family. Baby Francis was born on Monday. Both mum and baby are well.

We wish him a wonderful time with his new family.



Farewell

Mr Simson, Music and Drama Technician, and Mr Turvey, Caretaker, are leaving us today. On behalf of all the staff, students and parents we would like to thank them for all their work. We wish them all the best.

Geography Department Lunch and Learn

Mr Fraser, Curriculum Leader: Geography, writes:

On Thursday 2nd February the geography department welcomed back former student Archie Jennings to the school to talk to our Year 11 students about his experience of studying A-level geography at Stanborough, geography at university and what career he sees himself moving in to in the future.

In total, 14 students attended the lunch and learn session, put on by the geography department. Snacks and drinks were provided to students and they were given the opportunity to hear from Archie who completed his A-levels at Stanborough School in 2022. He has since gone on to study geography at the University of Hertfordshire. Students were able to ask Archie questions about how he has found studying geography at University and even participated in his interactive presentation. Afterwards, Archie spent some time catching up with his former teachers, including Ms. McLean, Mr. O'Connor and Mrs. Hughes.

We look forward to welcoming Archie back in future to talk about what he has learned at university and are excited to see where his career in geography takes him!

If you are interested in presenting at a lunch and learn session at Stanborough within the geography department about your career related to geography, your geography education or your enjoyment of the discipline please get in touch with Mr H Fraser, Geography Curriculum Leader by emailing hfraser@stanborough.herts.sch.uk.



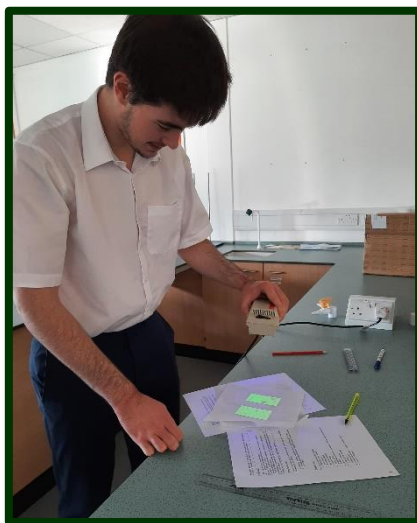
Science at Stanborough

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Students at Stanborough embracing 'TLC'

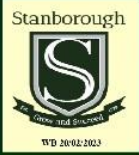
Our Year 13 Chemists analysed the composition of some common medicines through the separation process using TLC plates (Thin-layer Chromatography) under the watchful eye of Dr Searle.

The medicines, aspirin, ibuprofen, anadin extra and paracetamol which were analysed produced excellent results on the TLC plates with the aid of a UV lamp as shown.



Word of the week


W/c 20th February 2023



**Root Word
of the Week**

qui = restive

**tranquil
quiet**



Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership Newsletter, February 2023

The latest newsletter is now available to download from our website, <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WGCH-Newsletter-Feb-2023.pdf>



**Parent Post -
February 2023**



Art, Design & technology Newsletter

The latest ADT newsletter is out now!

https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/ADT-Newsletter_Feb-issue_09_.pdf



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Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



CHOOSE ONE OF THE TWO QUESTIONS

SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 22.02.23 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.

Answers to last week's QOTW

Question 1: The train breaks the world record

Question 2: 62 mph

Question 1

Sumeet records the times, in minutes, for 40 runners to finish a half marathon.
Information about these times is shown in the table.

Time (t minutes)	Frequency
$60 < t \leq 90$	10
$90 < t \leq 120$	14
$120 < t \leq 150$	9
$150 < t \leq 180$	5
$180 < t \leq 210$	2

Calculate an estimate for the mean time.

Question 2

Nomusa has 30 sweets.

She has

- 18 fruit sweets
- 7 aniseed sweets
- 5 mint sweets

Nomusa is going to take at random two sweets.

Work out the probability that the two sweets will **not** be the same type of sweet.
You must show all your working.

Vacancies

We have the following support staff vacancies. Please see our website for more information,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/staff-vacancies/>

- Caretaker
- Music and Drama Technician
- Cover Supervisor
- Teaching Assistant / Higher Level Teaching Assistant




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CARETAKER
20 hours per week
Monday to Friday, 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Term time only
Starting March 2023

H3 - £21,575 – £21,968 – £663 outer fringe pro rata.
Actual salary £9,982 - £10,158 approximately

We wish to appoint a Caretaker to join the site management team in ensuring the effective operation and maintenance of the school's buildings and grounds.

We are looking for someone who is practical, reliable and with good communication skills. Skills in general maintenance or DIY tasks are essential and skills in a particular trade or experience of similar premises work would be an advantage.

Applications are invited by letter to the Headteacher, (no more than 2 sides of A4) outlining your suitability for the role, **together with a Stanborough Application Form**. Further information and application forms are available on our school website www.stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Mrs M John, Headteacher, Stanborough School, Lemsford Lane, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6YR
Tel: 01707 321755
Email: recruitment@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Closing date: Friday, 17th February 2023 (9am)
Interviews: Week commencing 20th February 2023

We reserve the right to call candidates for interview before the closing date

Stanborough School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects staff to share this commitment. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. The following policies are provided on the vacancies section of our website: Policy for Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment and Retention Policy.


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Music and Drama Technician

Start date: As soon as possible
25 hours per week. Term time only
H2 pro rata. Actual salary approximately £12,049 - £12,477

We are looking to appoint a Music and Drama Technician to provide technical and general assistance to all teaching staff in the Music and Drama Departments, both in and out of the classroom, so that they may run efficiently. You will provide support to staff and students and will need to contact parents regarding Music lessons and departmental events; therefore, a friendly and efficient attitude is essential.

Your organisational skills, together with your technical knowledge will be key to your success, as you will need to set up studio equipment to record music performances and support with lighting and sound for school productions and examinations.

Additionally you should be able to offer some flexibility with your working hours so that you can support evening events at the school.

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Closing date: Monday 6th March 2023 at 9.00am
Interview date: Week commencing 13th March 2023

We reserve the right to call candidates for interview and to appoint before the closing date

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Teaching Assistant/Higher Level Teaching Assistant
H2 – H5 depending on qualifications/skills/experience

Start date: As soon as possible
Salary for 30 hours per week, term time only: £14,459 - £17,554 per annum (approximately)

We are looking to appoint a permanent Teaching Assistant/HLTA to work with students with learning needs in this successful comprehensive school.

You will work in class with small groups and on a one-to-one basis with a range of students of all ages. Applicants need to be cheerful, adaptable, patient and ready to support students with a range of needs. Previous experience of working with young people is preferable but not essential as induction, training and support will be provided. Extra responsibilities are available for those on the HLTA salary.

This position is suitable for someone who is just starting out on their career in education, looking to gain experience before undertaking teacher training or maybe an experienced Teaching Assistant/HLTA looking for a new opportunity.

We are looking to appoint a candidate for 30 hours per week, 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., term time only, however **candidates looking for a part time position during these hours are also encouraged to apply**.

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COVER SUPERVISOR

Start Date: As soon as possible
H6 pro rata
Pro rata salary for 31 hrs per week, term time plus INSET days: £18,600 to £20,343 (approximately)

We wish to appoint a Cover Supervisor to supervise pre-prepared lessons for classes of up to 30 students in the absence of the assigned teacher.

The successful candidate will be able to relate well to staff and students and have the ability to be flexible and calm. Although previous experience would be useful it is not essential as induction and training will be provided.

This position is suitable for someone who is just starting out on their career in education, looking to gain experience before undertaking teacher training or maybe an experienced Cover Supervisor looking for a new opportunity.

We are looking to appoint a candidate for 31 hours per week, 8.35 a.m. to 3.05 p.m., term time only plus INSET, however **candidates looking for a part time position during these hours are also encouraged to apply**.

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Eco-Schools and Environment Update.

Dr Jolly, Eco-Schools Co-ordinator, writes:

Mobile phone recycling

Thank you so much to those of you who have already donated old mobile phones and devices for our recycling competition. If you still have devices to donate please continue to bring them in after half term. We will continue to collect the devices for the rest of term and announce the results of the House Competition after Easter.



Eco-Schools Projects

Following our Environmental Review of the school and grounds, we are now preparing to start work on the three Eco Projects that will help us work towards the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. Our student Eco-representatives will be leading these projects and encouraging the whole community to get involved. The projects are:

Project 1: WASTE - Reduce the plastic bottles we send to landfill.

Project 2: BIODIVERSITY – Improve habitats within the school grounds to encourage a variety of wildlife.

Project 3: GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP – Encourage donation, swapping and upcycling to reduce our impact on precious global resources.

How can you help?

If you are planning a spring clean and sort out at home over the half term, you may have some items we are looking for! Please set aside any of the following:

For Project 2: leftover bricks, tiles, slabs or wood from building work, wooden pallets from deliveries.

For Project 3: books (teenagers and young adults), outgrown school uniform and other clothing no longer required and in good condition, such as jeans, hoodies, jackets and coats. Also large, strong cardboard boxes for storage and transport of these items.

Is it Spring yet?

Finally, at this time of year it is always good to see signs of spring in the wildlife around us. What have you seen? Snowdrops? Buds on trees? Any catkins yet?

Please take photos if you can and upload them to our Padlet (no need to join) at this address <https://padlet.com/sjolly1/StanbSeasons>

Let's celebrate and share the arrival of spring!



Stanborough

FIVE WAYS TO WELL BEING

FEATURED

This week was Just Talk Week across Hertfordshire. This year's theme is connecting. The heads of school team have been delivering assemblies to all year groups on the importance of connecting. The team spoke to students about how they can connect with other people at school, at home, online and in the old fashioned method of notes. Talk to your child about how they can connect and check in with those around them.

This week's **TOP TIPS**



What is ICON?



I: I stands for in person. Go for a walk, play sport, meet up



C: C stands for check in. Check in with friends and family to see if they are ok.



O: O stands for online. Use face time and message apps to connect with others



N: N stands for notes. Send someone a post it note with a positive message to make their day

In School Support



We have two support workers at Stanborough – Leanne, our Life Coach, and Anna our Student Support Worker.

Useful Links



In THE NEWS

Data from [NHS Digital](#) suggests that one in six children and young people has a probable mental health condition. We know that many more children and young people also struggle with lower-level issues with their wellbeing and mental health, but this is not yet consistently measured across the country.

We also know that half of mental health issues in adults first develop by the age of 14. So as a society, we need to focus on providing support at an early stage before issues become more serious.

Mental health: the importance of schools

Schools are at the heart of our communities and can provide the ideal setting for early intervention services. At Stanborough we have a range of mental health support. If you feel your child needs support, get in touch with the pastoral team to see how we can help.