

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Firstly, a reminder that tomorrow is an Inset Day and school will be closed to students. We are using the day to hold our staff conference for all teaching and classroom based staff to ensure our students are getting the very best teaching and support in all aspects from us. We are particularly excited to welcome three keynote speakers for our morning session. The first being Musharaf Asghar, a motivational speaker who will speak about the importance of the teacher / student relationship in supporting students to feel encouraged and motivated, followed by Helen Masters who will lead a session on quality first teaching for SEND. We also welcome Fiona Haynes back to speak to us on the topic of 'My teenage brain'. A special thank you to Ms Johnson whose hard work towards this event will, I'm sure, make a very interesting and helpful day for us to help support our students during their time here at Stanborough. As you will have seen in the news the largest union for teachers, the NEU, are planning more strike action during March. The next proposed strike action is due to take place on Wednesday 1st March and I will be emailing all parents/carers to confirm how this will impact the day to day running of our school. As always, I thank you for your understanding and support.

Headteacher's Commendations

A Macdonald and K Kirby (Yr. 7) Excellent citizenship and taking part in the 'Clean up WGC' campaign;
T Falegan, (Yr.7) Outstanding achievement in Accelerated Reader;
N Luong, (Yr.7) Reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;
G Ashton-Jones, (Yr.7) Winning the WGC Club Championships for the Under 12's and being awarded Junior Club Captain;
G Sanderson, (Yr.7) An outstanding piece of history work on the Black Death;
H McGee, (Yr.7) Excellent improvement in attitude to learning and effort in all lessons;
S Fowler-Wood, (Yr. 8) Writing an outstanding speech in geography on a nuclear energy power plant;
H Beverstock, (Yr. 9) Outstanding achievement in County sporting events outside of school;
W Lee Nazara, (Yr.9) Showing incredible kindness to a peer in need;
A De Smet, (Yr.9) An outstanding start to Stanborough;
M Wilson, (Yr.9) Showing acts of kindness and outstanding teamwork as part of the school football team;
T Payler, C Kiely and D Manon Jorge (Yr. 10) Giving up their lunchtimes to referee the House Basketball competitions;
D Wisniewski, (Yr.10) A huge improvement in confidence and showing great resilience;
N Biba, (Yr. 11) Completing all exercises on the online e-revision for computer science.
S Ashfield, L Johnson, A Ricketts, N Joshi, M Chisholm, M Tabany, P Stoli, B Cristea, D Harrington, N Biba, A Wadley and T Zonda, (Yr.11) Outstanding attitude to learning in science and always giving 100% effort;
A Barrie, (Yr. 12) Consistent hard work and excellent dedication to silent study;
E Hudson, (Yr. 13) Being so proactive in applying for apprenticeship roles and sharing her experiences with peers.

Quote of the week:

'We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.' Aristotle

Wish you a restful weekend.
Mrs John

Headteacher Commendations



Break time with the Headteacher

Well done to the year 11 students who made the most positive progress in the year 11 Mock exams. Well done. Mrs John.



B Cristea, I Cristea, R Crossan, S Curry, M Dunstan, O Krainska, K Lavender Candler, N Lim

Forthcoming Events

27th February – 3rd March
Week 1

28 th February	Post 18 Evening
3 rd March	Year 11 Photographs
6 th – 17 th March	Year 13 Assessments
9 th March	Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thank you from Science!

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

We are truly thankful to Mrs Steel on behalf of Marketing Support International who kindly donated laboratory coats, conical flasks, measuring cylinders and various glassware to our science department. This equipment will be put to good use straight away and we are extremely touched and grateful that one of our parents thought of our school community for the kind donation.



Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 9th March 2023, 3.30-6.30pm via video call

Year 10 parents' evening takes place on Thursday 9th March, 3.30-6.30pm. All appointments are via an online video call. Appointments can be made from now until midnight on Wednesday 8th March. Below is a link to the booking system, this can also be found on the letter emailed home and on our website under Useful Links, <https://stanborough.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We hope all Year 10 parents/carers can participate in the evening as it is an ideal opportunity to discuss your child's progress with teachers.

If you have any queries please contact parentsevening@stanborough.herts.sch.uk



SEND Parent support group Coffee Morning

This group is for parents/carers supporting a child or young person who have special educational needs at Stanborough School



The aim of the group is to

- Provide guidance and support for parents
- To share information, experiences, ideas and coping strategies
- Build friendships and networks and sign post to services available

Topic: Autism Workshop

Date: Monday 13th March 2023

Time: 10am to 11am

Place: Stanborough School. Please email or call Mrs Stratton to book your place
sstratton@stanborough.herts.sch.uk / 01707 321755

International Women's Day, Wednesday 8th March

It's International Women's Day on Wednesday 8th March and we are encouraging all students and staff to wear a purple accessory to help celebrate the achievements of women on this day.



School Production 2023 – Buggy Malone

Olivia Preston, 11B, writes:

Hi, I'm Olivia and I was thrilled to be a part of the Buggy Malone school production this year!

Throughout all of the rehearsals, whatever we were doing, I always felt a huge sense of community, like we were all one big family. I honestly do think that one of the best ways to gain confidence and learn how to make friends and talk to people in other year groups is through the school production, and the fun that we all have will stay with me for a long, long time.

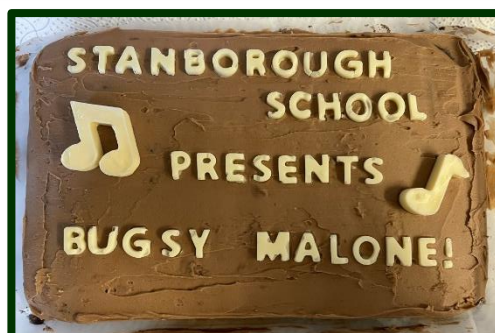
Near the end of rehearsals we all joined together to hold two cake sales to raise money for the show, and it was really successful which was great! Again, all of these little experiences that are involved in the school production are always full of laughs and amazing friendships.

Thankfully, after everyone's hard work, particularly our incredible SALT team, band, and of course teachers, the show went brilliantly! All three nights were fantastic and the inevitable last minute nerves only added to everyone's adrenaline and excitement. It was genuinely such a privilege to be involved in a show like this one.

After the closing night, I'm sure you won't be surprised to hear that there were lots of tears! However, the bonds that we formed in the five months of rehearsals were enough to get us through it. It just felt indescribable to be with so many lovely people who all shared the same love for performing.

All that said though, I have to admit that there were a few slip ups in rehearsals, and those have to be my absolute favourite moments!

Thank you so much for reading, and if you are a student, I really couldn't encourage you more to join up next year because it's some of the most fun that I have ever had 😊



We also did promotional cake sales of which this fabulous cake was made by our Year 7 Student, Amy Macdonald.

Apprenticeship Workshop for Post 16 students

Mrs Stamp, Careers Leader, writes:

National Apprenticeship Week at Stanborough was wrapped up with Year 13 students facing mock job interviews and getting hints and tips on how to answer typical questions. A huge thank you goes to our employers from Paypoint and Claire Scarisbrook from the Hertfordshire LEP for giving our students a realistic taste of what to expect as they try and secure sought after roles.

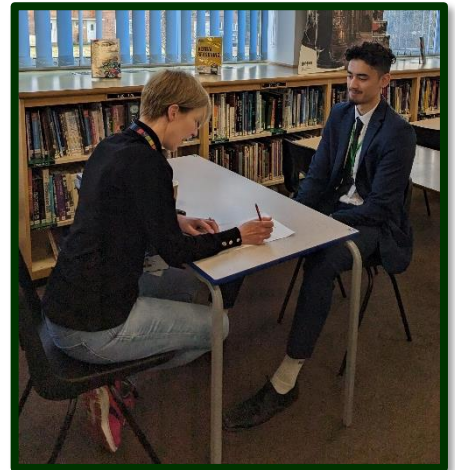
Students found the workshop useful and it was great to see C.V.'s being amended on Unifrog that weekend in light of the feedback given.

"I appreciated the advice I received for improving my C.V. and interview techniques." **Sebastian Hourigan**

"My interviewer gave me lots of feedback on my C.V. and suggested areas I could improve. She asked me typical interview questions. Overall it was a very useful experience." **Jack Moran**

The employers had some very positive feedback for our students who presented themselves well.

Good luck Year 13s!



Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 01.03.23 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Choose one of the two Maths GCSE questions.

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

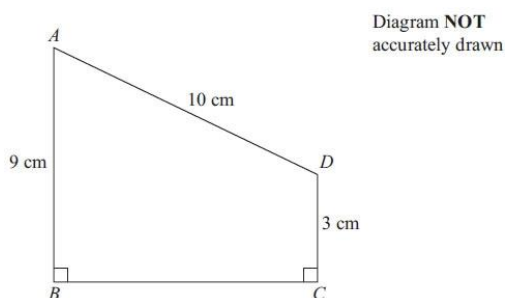
Answers to last week's QOTW

Question 1: 116.25 minutes

Question 2: $\frac{502}{870}$ or any other equivalent answer

Question 1

$ABCD$ is a trapezium.



$AD = 10$ cm

$AB = 9$ cm

$DC = 3$ cm

Angle $ABC = \text{angle } BCD = 90^\circ$

Calculate the length of AC . Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

Question 2

ADB and AEC are straight lines.

DE is parallel to BC .

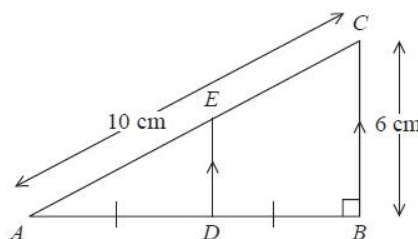
Angle $ABC = 90^\circ$

$AC = 10$ cm.

$BC = 6$ cm.


D is the midpoint of AB .

Work out the area of trapezium $BCED$.

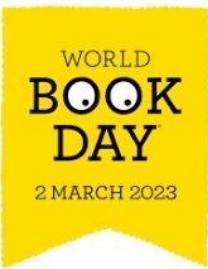



World Book Day 2023 – Thursday 2nd March 2023

There are lots of ways students can take part in World Book Day this year, here at Stanborough!



HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY



WORLD BOOK DAY
2 MARCH 2023

Thursday 2nd March 2023

To celebrate World Book Day next Thursday 2nd March at lunchtime in the LRC we have HOUSE COMPETITIONS including:

- Design World Book Day bunting + bookmarks + bookmasks.
- Lucky Book Dip : free entry! Choose a ticket, win a book!
- Secret Book Raffle : quiz a book, win a secret book!
- Share A Story, win a certificate in the Share a Story corner.

You will also be able to ..

- Meet your ECO Ambassadors and swap Eco-friendly books
- Take a peek at the free book your Q Code can get you!

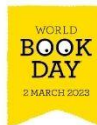
Other competitions include :

- Bake Your Book!
- Best Dressed Yr 7/8 Book Character. Fancy dress must be a recognisable book character. NO jeans/trackies/hoodies!
- Best Dressed Staff Member
- Integer Short Story students receive certificates / bookmarks

LET'S GET EXCITED FOR WORLD BOOK DAY 2023!



HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY

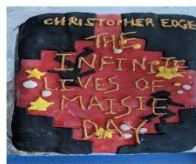


Bake your book cake off!

We're giving YOU the chance to ..

Last Year's Winners

- WIN the book you bake
- Earn POINTS for your House
- Gain DOUBLE SILVER awards
- Scoop up a REAL CHOCOLATE book!



All you need to do :

- Bake your cake
- Decorate it to represent ANY book
- Deliver it to Miss D in F8 at tutor time
ANY TIME NEXT WEEK



What you waiting for? Get BOOK BAKING!

Word of the week

W/c 27th February 2023

Stanborough



WB 27/02/2023

***Root Word
of the Week***

Narc = sleep

**narcotic
narcosis**

