

## Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

We are thrilled that three of our students were recognised during the 2023 Welwyn Hatfield Youth Awards last week. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners. It was a wonderful evening showcasing the young people in our local community. On Wednesday this week, we celebrated International Women's Day. A special thank you to Mrs Stamp who organised the Year 9 careers event where we welcomed over 50 women to speak to our students about their job role, the decisions they made and how they came to be doing what they do. Thank you to everyone who participated, our students found this invaluable as they start on their GCSE journey next year. As you will have heard the NEU have stated there will be two days of strike action next week on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Please refer to the letter emailed home for details about the impact this has on our school and how it affects your child. Thank you for your understanding.

## Headteacher's Commendations

**K Chauhan, (Yr.7)** Volunteering to help with the Gardening Club at Green Lanes Primary school;

**H Paterson, (Yr. 8)** Leading by example and supporting a new Year 8 student;

**V Stokes, (Yr.8)** Achieving a merit in her Grade 4 Violin exam;

**Z Lewis and O Oyedare, (Yr. 9)** Being such a positive and willing model for the new Stanborough shorts;

**R Datta, (Yr.9)** Being such a positive role model and helping with the photos for the new Stanborough shorts;

**Z Millar, (Yr.9)** Achieving Best in Year in the Intermediate Maths Challenge;

**K Kostiuchenko, (Yr. 10)** Winning the Outstanding Community Contribution category at the Welwyn Hatfield Youth Awards;

**K Chauhan, (Yr.10)** Achieving Best in Year in the Intermediate Maths Challenge;

**B Hatch, (Yr.10)** Coming out of his comfort zone and presenting the bulletin and life skills to the class and mentoring students;

**A Wadley, (Yr. 11)** Achieving Best in Year and Best in School in the Intermediate Maths Challenge;

**M Frimpong Kwofie, (Yr.11)** Making significant improvements and for attending every period 6 and Saturday session for English;

**M Mardel, (Yr. 13)** Winning the Outstanding Community Contribution category at the Welwyn Hatfield Youth Awards.



## Quote of the week:

*"You've got to make choices that make sense for you, because there's always going to be somebody who'll think you should do something differently." Michelle Obama*

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John





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## Forthcoming Events

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March

Week 1

13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 Assessments
13 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning, 10-11am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Parents Evening, Online, 4-7pm Year 6 into 7 Welcome Evening, 5pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 History Conference
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9-11 Intermediate Kangaroo Maths Challenge, 9-10am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Learn with the Lords, 9am-12.20pm



## Year 6 into 7 Welcome to Stanborough Evening

Tuesday 14th March 2023, 5pm

Mrs John, Headteacher and Ms Johnson, Head of Year 7 2023 will outline the programme of support and the key points essential to your child's start in September.

*We look forward to welcoming you !*

## Uniform

*Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:*

Please be aware that students will be allowed, as an option, to wear shorts in the summer term and first half of Autumn term for the first time in 2023. I appreciate the thought of wearing shorts is hard to contemplate in this weather, but we can dream of the heat as we move forward in the school year!

This link shows the sizings available in Smartys Schoolwear, <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Smarty-Schoolwear-Price-List-for-Shorts.pdf>





## The Great Stanborough Bake Off 2023

*Mrs Brittain, Learning Support Teacher, writes:*

Miss Hagan and Mrs Brittain launched a new house competition for Year 7 this spring – The Great Stanborough Bake Off. Students were invited to create a cake designed on the theme of “Our World”. All the entries showed excellent baking and decorative skills as well as creative and thought-provoking themes.



Only one baker from each house could be chosen as a finalist and went on to represent their house in the live bake off final on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. There were some additional students who are to be highly commended for their bakes despite not reaching the final: Grace Matthews, Nina Merrigan and Kate Kirby. Unfortunately, some houses were not represented as they did not make any entries.

The live final was hugely impressive. The finalists were asked to produce cupcakes and could flavour and decorate them as they wished. They had all prepared thoroughly and conceived original concepts. It was a joy to watch them work skilfully and independently.



It was immensely difficult to choose a winner and we can now understand how the judges feel on the television show. The final four had all demonstrated something special but there could only be one star baker. The final results were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	L Nelson	Knebworth
2 <sup>nd</sup>	R Cropp	Brocket
3 <sup>rd</sup>	A Macdonald	Offley
4 <sup>th</sup>	J Yaqub Florez	Hatfield



**Congratulations to everyone who entered the competition.**



## House Update

*Mr Foster, House System Coordinator, writes:*

### House Dodgeball

Last week saw a very exciting House Dodgeball competition for years 11, 12 and 13. After a very close round of fixtures in the group stage, Brocket and Offley progressed to the final. Brocket were the winners overall, well done to Brocket! A special thank you to Matthew Dunstan for organising this event.



### Upcoming events

House Programming - Currently underway.

House Maths challenge - Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March

House Music - 30<sup>th</sup> March

Please speak to Mr Foster if you have any questions about the upcoming events.







# INCLUSION

CONNECTION

## Neurodiversity Week 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Next week Stanborough students are revisiting what **Neurodiversity** means.

As a school we have celebrating neurodiversity week for four years.

Neurodiversity is a term given to a group of learning and mental health differences which are considered to be part of a normal spectrum of brain function. We have labels to describe when a person has significant differences like autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia. However all these labels are simply describing a group of needs or differences in functioning or processing within a neurotypical world.

**What is Normal?** There is no normal. Neurodiversity helps us to see everyone as different, it helps us realise people's potential and see their individual strengths and skills rather than focussing on what they can't do or what they find hard.



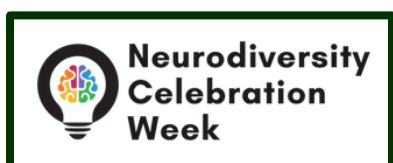
The neurodiversity of our students is very important to us.

We believe in the value and importance of neurodiversity and that individuals should be treated as unique individuals.

We do not treat labels, we look at individual needs and promote their strengths and value their differences.

**Happy Neurodiversity week  
to all the wonderful students, parents and staff at Stanborough School.**

**Let's celebrate our uniqueness and support each other's  
wonderful diversity.**



[Click here for parent resources from the Neurodiversity Celebration Week website](#)



## Question of the Week

### Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



**SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 15.03.23 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD**

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

#### Answers to last week's QOTW

(a) No,  $\frac{40}{360} > \frac{36}{360}$

(b) 75 walk, 35 take the bus, 20 go by car

#### Length of an arc

The diagram shows a pond.

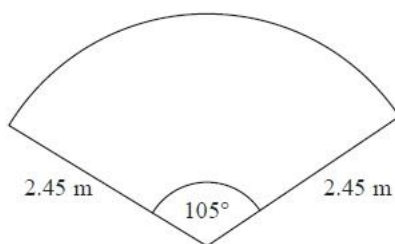


Diagram NOT  
accurately drawn

The pond is in the shape of a sector of a circle.

Tina is going to put edging on the perimeter of the pond.



Edging is sold in lengths of 1.75 metres.

Each length of edging costs £3.49

Work out the total cost of edging Tina needs to buy.

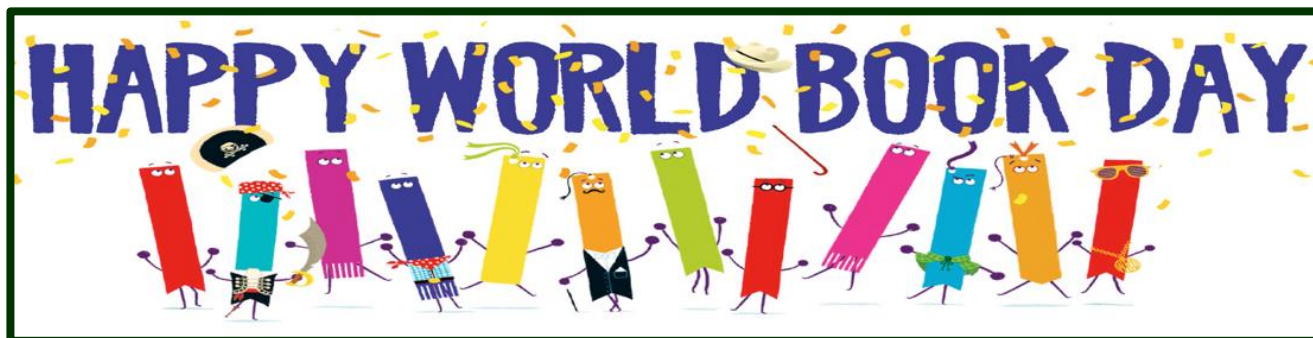
## Word of the Week

W/c 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

	<b>Root Word of the Week</b>
<b><u>kines/kinet</u> = movement</b>	
<b><u>kinetic</u></b>	
<b>photokinesis</b>	

## World Book Day

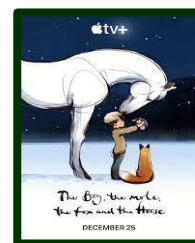
Miss Davies, Literacy Coordinator, writes:



A whirlwind of book-centred activities was promoted across the whole School last Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> as Stanborough celebrated *World Book Day* with gusto.

Both staff and Years 7 and 8 students were invited to dress up as their favourite book characters. It was wonderful to see so many students and staff entering into the spirit of *World Book Day*!

To begin the celebration, students at tutor time were invited to listen to Charles Macksey reading from his illustrated book, *The Boy, The Mole, The Horse and The Fox* which took the world by storm last Christmas.



Students selected an illustration from the book to colour in and decorate to begin the day mindfully and reflectively.

Staff read to their classes to start some of the lessons – this write up from Mr Modi explores the impact of this lesson starter:

*"I gave some background to the Tintin books and also read Tintin in America for 10 minutes. It seems they loved it. We also had a conversation about history since the first Tintin book was called Land of the Soviets and this led to interesting discussion in relation to the Soviet Union/USSR and when it collapsed, etc. So yes, really interesting 15 minutes at the start of my lesson!"* **Mr Modi**



Year 7 students consider the  
*Guess The Teacher's Character* list

### LRC Secret Book Raffle by Ms Wilson, Chartered Librarian

20 new resources were wrapped in secret, for students to win if they quizzed and passed their books. Over 250 raffle tickets were issued in the last week. The lucky 20 students whose raffle tickets were drawn out, were presented with their prize in form time.



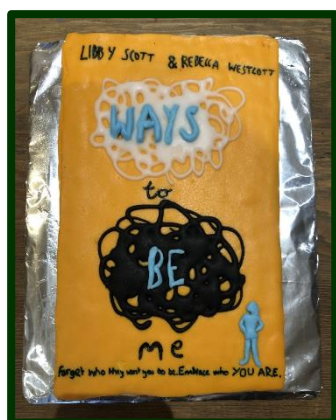
*Books were beautifully wrapped and tagged for the Secret Raffle .... and thrilled winners delighted in the prizes!*



## World Book Day, continued.....



Some of our dressed up student characters enjoying the day!



Entries for Bake your Book were simply stunning



Every visitor to the LRC chose a lucky book dip ticket



Winning ticket holders helped themselves to a free book!



Dr. Jolly, Eco Leader, invited students to a book swap.

## Mental Health First Aid Training

Free one-day Mental Health First Aid course for those with children aged between 8-18.

### BOOKING LINKS:

[17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 - Hobbs Hill Wood School, Dacorum - On Site Parking](#)

[21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 - Robertson House, Stevenage - On Site Parking](#)

For further information please contact  
[hweicbhv.schoolsmh@nhs.net](mailto:hweicbhv.schoolsmh@nhs.net)

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

**1 DAY CHAMPION COURSE  
FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF  
8 TO 18-YEAR-OLDS  
FREE TRAINING  
09:30AM - 16:00PM**



### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- AN UNDERSTANDING OF COMMON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND HOW THEY CAN AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE
- ABILITY TO SPOT SIGNS OF MENTAL ILL HEALTH IN YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUIDE THEM TO A PLACE OF SUPPORT
- KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE TO ADVOCATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
- SKILLS TO SUPPORT POSITIVE WELLBEING

### COURSE STRUCTURE

- SESSION 1- ABOUT, WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL ILL HEALTH, STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION, DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE.
- SESSION 2 MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS: ANXIETY, SELF-HARM, EATING DISORDERS, PSYCHOSIS, RECOVERY, RESILIENCE

For further information please contact:  
[hweicbhv.schoolsmh@nhs.net](mailto:hweicbhv.schoolsmh@nhs.net)



### Telephone/Zoom Surgery

Thurs 30th March:  
09:30 - 11:30

\* A chance to discuss your concerns with one of our School Family Workers

\* 15 minute time-slot allocated

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<https://forms.office.com/e/AeACnKaAnf>

or click on the QR code on this page



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## Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership

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This is a chance to discuss any concerns you may have with one of the School Family Workers.

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Or click the QR code on the poster to book your 15 minute slot.






## Talking Teens

Supporting Links are running a six session face-to-face Talking Teens course running in June/July at Ridgeway Academy, Welwyn Garden City, that is free for parents to attend as it is funded by Herts County Council.

If your child is in Year 7 upwards who might be struggling with anxiety, an additional need, struggle to get into school or where there is continued conflict and poor communication within the family for various reasons, then our face to face courses are an ideal opportunity for parents to meet, share experiences, get support and learn skills that will help to rebuild connection with their young person and improve behaviour and engagement

# TALKING TEENS





### WEDNESDAYS

**7th June to 12th July 2023**  
**7.00 - 9.00pm**

**Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 12-19 will cover:**

- The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate during a conflict situation.

**'Very well delivered and engaging sessions'**

**Ridgeway Academy**  
**Herns Lane,**  
**Welwyn Garden City**  
**AL7 2AF**

**'I have already changed my attitude towards my 13 year old daughter by understanding her behaviour rather than getting annoyed by it. The results have been quite remarkable.'**

**Pre-booking essential**  
**To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on:**  
**07512 709556**  
**[bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk](mailto:bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk)**  
**[www.supportinglinks.co.uk](http://www.supportinglinks.co.uk)**  
**QUOTING REFERENCE SL 582**



These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund

Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.