

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Another term seems to have quickly come to an end as we see out spring term today. Again, it's been a busy time with many highlights along the way. Thank you for all your support and understanding this term as we have dealt with strike action and an Ofsted visit as well as many trips and visitors for our students. Well done to all our musicians, sound and light crew and behind the scenes team for a wonderful House music concert last night. It was a great show! Congratulations to all our students who achieved the top 10 attitude to learning scores this term.



I look forward to meeting with you at the start of next term for our break time celebration. We are all so proud of our students and it has been a pleasure to hand out so many Headteacher Awards this term. All these achievements and efforts also earn important House points. See over the page for an update on scores and the medal and trophy table. With summer term to go it's still anyone's game! Well done to Brocket who are currently top of the leader board. I hope you all enjoy a peaceful Easter break and take a chance to enjoy the lighter days and, hopefully, better weather. Special thoughts go to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who will be busy studying for their GCSE and GCE exams. Many thanks to our staff members who are running Easter revision sessions over the holiday. I hope this extra support is helpful to the students invited to attend. A quick note for all Year 7 parents/carers that the booking system is open to make appointments to see your child's subject teachers on Wednesday 26th April. All appointments take place via a video call between 3.30 and 6.30pm. Please see the letter emailed home or our website, What's On/Letters, for details. See you all back on Monday 17th April!

Forthcoming Events

17th – 21st April 2023

Week 2

17 th April	Term Starts
17 th – 21 st	Year 9 Exams, Core Subjects
18 th	Year 10 Tate Modern Visit
21 st	Coffee Morning

Quote of the week:

"Great things happen to those who don't stop believing, trying, learning and being grateful."

Roy T Bennett

Wish you a restful Easter break.

Mrs John



Student Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who have received the highest Attitude to Learning scores this term. Students will be invited to spend break time with Mrs John in the new term.

Year 7

Name	Form	Score
Anna Maria Billa	7BM	3.79
Damia Wan Faizul	7BM	3.74
Mahir Joshi	7K	3.71
Kate Kirby	7OS	3.71
Nola Olson	7BP	3.65
Amy Macdonald	7OM	3.62
Jimmy Dykes	7K	3.56
Laila Nelson	7K	3.56
Vanessa Fedorov	7OS	3.53
Robert Clayton	7K	3.50
Calleigh Collins	7BM	3.50
Amelie Couling	7BM	3.50
Helena Dunstan	7S	3.50
Natalie Eckland	7OS	3.50
Daisy Solomon	7BM	3.50
Selsebille Tayaa	7BM	3.50
Iris Williams	7BP	3.50

Year 8

Name	Form	Score
Emelia Hickey	8H	3.75
Cecily Judge	8SM	3.73
Cait McIntosh	8SM	3.68
Elane Abajue	8K	3.63
David Antunes	8B	3.55
Eva Neill	8A	3.50
Fraser Gibbs	8SM	3.50
Phoebe Spanoudakis	8H	3.48
Sabeena Satheeskumar	8B	3.43
Amrita Das	8K	3.40

Year 9

Name	Form	Score
Paige Wadley	9AW	3.78
Moses Mbokolo	9H	3.54
Zara Millar	9H	3.54
Yasemen Savasci	9AW	3.54
Whiston Lee Nazara	9B	3.51
Gabriella Abajue	9B	3.43
Isabel Jarvis	9K	3.43
Isobel Harrington	9S	3.41
Joia Vieira Dias Moreira	9AW	3.38
Gabrielle Frimpong-Mansoh	9B	3.35

Year 10

Name	Form	Score
Reinas Paulionka	10KK	3.72
Jan Strozewski	10O	3.63
Luisa Iliso	10KK	3.56
Ollie Thornton	10B	3.55
Zara Printer	10B	3.53
Martha Flint	10KK	3.52
Oliver Kyriacou	10HM	3.52
Chennai Avery	10O	3.50
Jiya Shah	10KK	3.47
Navil Ahmed	10A	3.46

Year 11

Name	Form	Score
Ben Paddick	11H	3.81
Michael Frimpong Kwofie	11OS	3.76
Sajini Satheeskumar	11S	3.75
Panos Stoli	11OM	3.75
Olivia Preston	11B	3.72
Lily Reding	11S	3.72
Beatrice Cristea	11OS	3.59
Maggie Moylan	11H	3.59
Nicole Lim	11OM	3.59
Maxwell Chisholm	11S	3.56
Daniel Harrington	11A	3.56

Year 12

Name	Form	Score
Nathan Davies	12CPM/MB	3.75
Oliver Fillmore	12RC	3.69
William Parnham	12RC	3.69
Thomas Linger	12KAC	3.67
James Flint	12RC	3.63
Aamina Hussain	12KAC	3.58
Eamon Clark	12KAC	3.50
Grace Gardner	12RC	3.42
Harry Western	12CPM/MB	3.42

Year 13

Name	Form	Score
Bradley Loughnane	13CD/ES	3.94
Caitlin Carr	13CD/ES	3.75
Keira Fan	13CD/ES	3.75
Ellen Green	13CD/ES	3.75
Chloe Steel	13NZS	3.69
Izzy Jack	13NZS	3.67
Holly Clayton	13CD/ES	3.58
Jack Hadley	13KM/KC	3.56
Angela Kovaci	13KM/KC	3.56
Bomo Alagoa	13CD/ES	3.50
Emilia Bish	13CD/ES	3.50
Faizan Choudhry	13NZS	3.50

Year 7 Parents Evening, Wednesday 26th April 2023

Year 7 parent's evening takes place on Wednesday 26th April, 3.30-6.30pm. All appointments are via an online video call. Appointments can be made from now until midnight on Tuesday 25th April. Below is a link to the booking system, this can also be found on the letter emailed home earlier this week and on our website under Useful Links, <https://stanborough.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We hope all Year 7 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



Farewell

Mrs Jackson, Subject Leader: Music

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

We say goodbye to Mrs Jackson, who has given almost 11 years of service to the Stanborough community.

It has been a great joy to attend music concerts over the years, and to watch on as the standard of Music improved under her leadership. Students have enjoyed many opportunities to develop over the years, and have benefitted from her guidance to be involved in a range of performances including whole school shows, choir performances, House Music, recitals and Music concerts.

Students have been exposed to a range of musical genres and opportunities to experience a wide range of instruments, for which they are grateful.

Thank you very much, we wish you luck in your new role in your new school.

Autism Acceptance Week – Cake Competition

Mrs Tillbrook, Autism Lead, writes:

I am so super proud of the students who chose to take part in the cake competition in support of Autism Acceptance Week. All those who entered will receive a bronze award for taking part.

1 st Place	Erica Jones	Gold award, certificate and bundle of fidgets
2 nd Place	Juan Yaqub Florez	Silver award, certificate and bundle of fidgets
3 rd Place	Carys Young	Bronze award, certificate and bundle of fidgets

Bronze awards for taking part :

Jack Holton,
Destene Downswell,
Ollie Thornton,
Amy McDonald
Natalia Marzal.

Payments for Forthcoming Trips, Reminder

Just a reminder that the final payments are due as follows:

- Cantabria, Spain by 17th April
- Opal Coast, France by 31st March
- The Year 7 trip to Boughton Woods by 31st March also.

Thank-you,
Finance Office

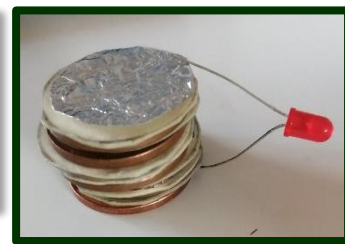
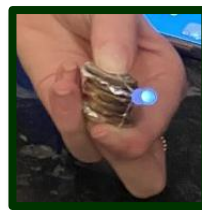


Science at Stanborough

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Update on Coin Batteries!

Our Year 8s proudly present their Coin Batteries that they made while studying the topic of Electricity. Each LED was brightly lit up using household liquids. This was in conjunction with celebrating the British Science Week in the 'Take Charge' Global Challenge.

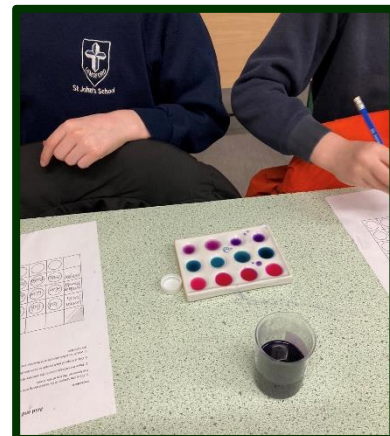
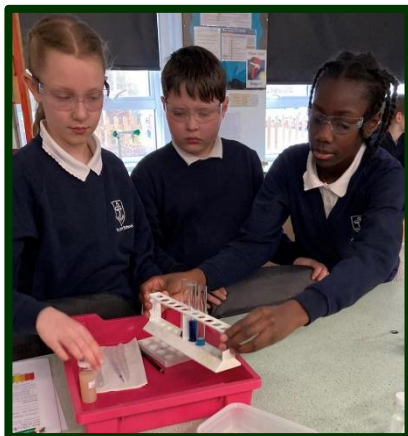
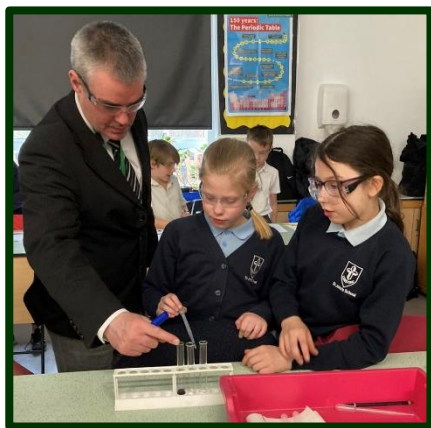


A Big Welcome to St John's CoE Primary School

The Stanborough Science department welcomed the Year 5 and 6 students from St John's Church of England Primary School on Tuesday 28th March.

The Stanborough Year 12 Biology students had great fun helping the St John's students to identifying salts from the flames they burned with and doing some neutralisation reactions.

The St John's students were so well behaved, they were awarded Science Safety Certificates and everyone enjoyed the experience.



Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 19.04.23 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

42 degrees

Surface Area

Caroline grows plants in a container.
Each of the 5 faces of the container is made of glass.

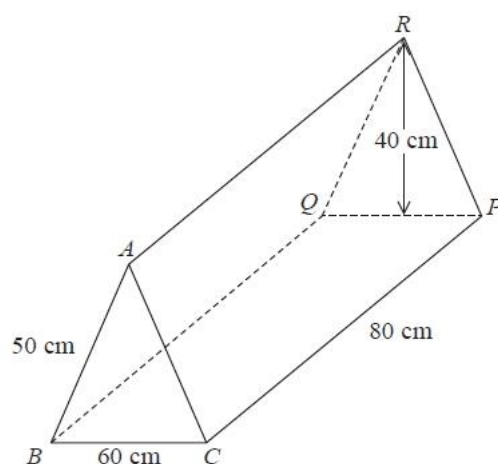


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

The container is in the shape of a prism.
The cross section of the prism is an isosceles triangle with height 40 cm.

$BC = 60 \text{ cm}$
 $AB = AC = 50 \text{ cm}$
 $CP = 80 \text{ cm}$

Work out the total area of glass needed to make the container.

Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership

March Newsletter

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/WGCH-Newsletter-March-2023-New-1.pdf>



Heads of School

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Following our announcement of our new Heads of School last week, I can update you that the outgoing and incoming heads of school met this week for a handover. They were able to share top tips, and ask questions, to prepare for their start after Easter.

Thanks again to our outgoing team, who have served our school community so well. Here are some of their reflections, as they leave their posts to focus fully on their upcoming exams:

Bomo Alagoa : The role of headboy, has been for me, in summarisation, evolutionary. I have been able to develop as a person in a way that I'd never have envisioned for myself from delivering public speeches to organising and holding events it's all truly been a blessing complimented by lessons you learn as well as skills you pick up along the way. My proudest achievement would undoubtedly be my fulfilment of celebrating diversity here at Stanborough through my culture fest, which is a concept I envisioned long before my term served as head of school. Moreover, the other roles you take on as head of school also allow you to develop a sense of duty to you community and take pride in contributing towards the schools running. The most significant way in which this was truly cultivated for was through the open evening speech I delivered to hundreds of parents and fresh impressionable primary school students. I'm glad I was able to deliver a satisfactory message to the students as making an early and impactful impression was of the utmost importance for the school. Overall, it has been a delight to serve as head of school and I look forward to the skills I have learnt to be applied in my future endeavours past the parameters of sixth form.

Laura Wells : As I look back on my time as Head of school at Stanborough, I am overcome with such a wave of emotions. I remember beginning the role thinking my main objective would be to make changes to the school and leave my mark through active events. As much as I have created positive changes in the school, it is the extremely personal connections I have made with younger students which has made this role an honour. There is nothing more rewarding than having students turn to you as they struggle and being trusted to give them your care and support. On the flip side, students coming to you buzzing with excitement about an achievement not only increases my pride in Stanborough but ensures me I have done a good job in allowing the students to feel safe around me as I have their best interests at heart. My LGBT+ club has been a true highlight as I have been able to support younger students struggling like I used to and show them that if I can get through it, so can they! School is exceptionally challenging and it often feels as though we don't belong. That's why I made it my aim to try and make every single student feel welcomed, supported and listened to. I have great sadness that I am leaving this role but I have the upmost confidence that the next head of school team will continue to make these bonds with the younger students! You're in good hands.

Mollie Mardel : My focus as a member of the Heads of School Team has been on promoting our chosen charity this year, Cruse Bereavement Care. I've had the opportunity to speak to representatives and reflect on Cruse's values. I have taken great pride in informing students across the school, through delivering presentations, about the important work that Cruse do, and why as a community we're lucky to be able to support them. In December, I orchestrated the Yuletide Soiree accompanied by the Heads of School, a dedicated team of Prefects and a talented group of students. I'm proud of our achievement in raising around £600 for Cruse. Alongside fundraising, it's been rewarding for me to represent our school community in other ways. It's been an honour to work as Deputy Head of School during the school's heavily anticipated recent Ofsted inspection, and to speak with the inspectors with complete honesty and enthusiasm about Stanborough's inclusivity and successes. My biggest surprise in my role was how welcome I feel at Stanborough, especially within Sixth Form. Within my first, and last, two years at Stanborough the opportunities I've been given have been immeasurable, and I'm very grateful. I have done my best to support all of our younger students in reaching their potential, and aiming to be the best, and happiest, versions of themselves possible through their academic journey. Being Deputy Head of School, has improved my leadership and communication skills, my adaptability and creativity, and most valuably, has given me a flavour of what challenges the working world after school may present me with and the confidence to stay resilient. For the student leadership team that will follow in our footsteps, I wish you the very best.

Jonathan Turner : I would like to thank Stanborough School for providing me with the honour of being part of the Heads of School team. I have found this experience incredibly valuable. It has allowed me to grow in ways I did not expect, with useful lessons that I will bring forward with me into university and my career. An especially rewarding aspect of the role was the friendship I built along the way with my fellow Deputy Head, Mollie. After not knowing her at all beforehand, through this role we quickly became close friends which made the challenges of Heads of School much easier, and has been a highlight for me of this journey over the past year. I particularly enjoyed the social interactions with younger students in the school. The simple "hello, how you doing?" little chats, and even occasionally getting recognised out and about outside school, often made my day and gave me a smile as I walked on. This has prompted me to work with younger students in the future and has given me more confidence to teach and mentor later in my career. I am grateful for the decision to support the charity Cruse Bereavement Care as they helped me greatly in my own life. So the money we managed to raise through our Christmas Yuletide Soiree evening and other charity events is very much appreciated. Also the experiences in helping out at parents' evenings and presenting to form classes have been other highlights of the year, as these have provided me further confidence in public speaking, which I am sure I will find very helpful in the future. All in all, the Heads of School experience has helped me grow as a person, through a range of experiences that would not have been available otherwise, such as formal meetings with governors and Ofsted, public speaking, and the opportunity of reaching out to younger students. All of which I am incredibly grateful for. So thank you. After meeting with the new Heads of School, I am confident that they will do a great job and help Stanborough develop even further in the next year. I wish them the best of luck!



Heads of School 2022-2023



Bomo Alagoa
Head of School



Laura Wells
Head of School



Mollie Mardel
Deputy Head of School








Jonathan Turner
Deputy Head of School

**Thank you to our Heads of School 2022/23
for their service this academic year**

High Expectations - Mutual Respect - Quality Learning - Success for All

House System Update – March 2023

		House Medal Cup 2022/23			
					
1st	BROCKET	7	2	2	→
2nd	HATFIELD	4	2	2	→
3rd	SOPWELL	2	3	3	↑
4th	OFFLEY	2	3	2	↓
5th	KNEBWORTH	3	0	1	→
6th	ASHRIDGE	0	3	3	→
					
Grow and Succeed High Expectations Mutual Respect Quality Learning Success for All					

		Stanborough House Trophy 2022/23			
	1st	8,910	BROCKET 	↑	
	2nd	8,580	OFFLEY 	↓	
	3rd	8,350	HATFIELD 	↑	
	4th	8,140	KNEBWORTH 	↓	
	5th	7,870	ASHRIDGE 	→	
	6th	6,680	SOPWELL 	→	
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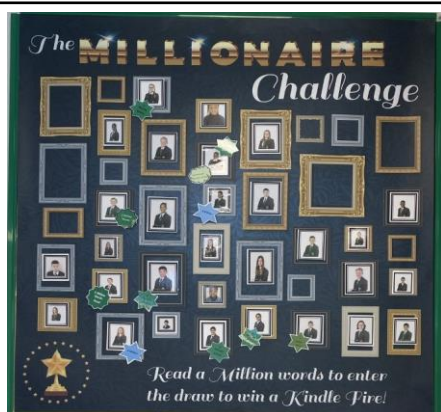


Stanborough School

Library Newsletter



Competitions



Millionaire Readers!

Well done to those students on their outstanding reading and quizzing since September!!!

Author of the Month



Information

LRC Opening Times

Monday 8am-4pm

Tuesday 8am-4pm

Wednesday

8am-4pm

Thursday 8am-4pm

Friday 8am-3.30pm

Competitions

Congratulations to the winning students of The World Book Day Secret Raffle!

20 students received the prize of a secret book by quizzing resources to enter the raffle!



Stanborough LRC

The LRC would like to say an enormous thank you for all the Amazon wish list donations that have been made this year. Also a big thank you to all the student Librarian's and volunteers that work together in the library to create a wonderful space for students to work in.

Join the School Chess Club on Thursday's 3-4pm in the LRC, spaces now available!



Events



World Book Day in the LRC
Students enjoyed the afternoon taking part in the activities! 😊

"I think books are like people, in the sense that they'll turn up in your life when you most need them." –

Emma Thompson