

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Welcome back and welcome to the summer term, our last term of this academic year. I hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break and that our Year 11 and Year 13 students, in particular, are refreshed and ready for their important time ahead. It was a pleasure to welcome parents/carers in to school today for our annual coffee morning. I am so proud of our students, staff and the Stanborough community. I hope the morning was informative to those who attended and that they are as confident and pleased as I am of all that we have achieved and have an insight into our principles moving forward. As the weather, hopefully, improves and gets warmer a reminder that we now have Stanborough shorts available to purchase from our uniform suppliers, details can be found on our website. Students are expected to wear their full normal uniform and any exception to this, in the case of extreme hot weather, will be communicated to all parents/carers and students should the need arise. Students are also reminded that they will not be allowed to leave their lessons for drinks; water bottles must be refilled at break or lunch time. Finally, our clubs and activities for this term are in the process of being confirmed and will be published next week.

Headteacher's Commendations

M Latimer-Nagar, (Yr. 7) Passing her level 2 flute exam with a merit;

N Eckland, (Yr.7) Reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

T Beale and A McConnell (Yr. 8) Taking part in the 'Take Charge' Global Challenge for British Science week;

J Sullivan, (Yr.8) Winning 'Goal Keeper of the Year' at her Hockey presentation;

H Paterson, (Yr.8) Winning the Eastern Junior Alliance League with the Colney Heath Under 13's Football club;

K Kinawy, (Yr.8) Being selected to have his mini story published by 'Young Writers';

S Messenger, (Yr.8) Taking part in a Community Litter Pick for the National Great British Spring Clean;

T Settle, (Yr.8) Reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

S Karota and F Pressland (Yr. 9) Creating an exceptional poem for International Discrimination Day;

K Sullivan, (Yr.9) Winning a silver medal for 'Most Improved Player' in her Hockey presentation;

E Ali, (Yr.9) Reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

R Tysoe, (Yr. 10) Excellent attendance, dedication and support for others at Homework Club;

A Kerr, (Yr. 11) Winning the final with the U16 girls Russel Hoops Basket Ball team in Barcelona for the Globasket 2023 Tournament;

N Mason, (Yr. 13) Securing a 'Business Management Degree Apprenticeship' with the BBC.



Quote of the week:

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

24th - 28th April 2023

Week 1

24 th April – 5 th May	Year 10 Mock Exams
25 th April	Year 9 Imperial War Museum Trip
26 th April	Junior Maths Challenge Year 7 Parents' Evening
27 th April	Strike Action Day by NEU Teacher Members
28 th April	Year 12 Talent Foundry Workshop Year 13 Cinema Workshop Trip

Strike Action : Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May

Further to my email earlier this week a letter has now been sent to all parents/carers outlining our arrangements for the forthcoming strike action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Please ensure you read the letter carefully to see how your child is affected.

Year 7 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 26th April

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. 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 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

[Year 7 Parents' Evening letter](#)



Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated a book for our students via their Amazon wish list page.



Trip to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge

Mrs Coldwell, STEM Leader: Mathematics, writes:

On the penultimate day of the spring term, ten Year 12 students were invited to visit our area link college at the University of Cambridge, commonly referred to as Caius (pronounced “keys”). The students heard about applying to Cambridge and other top-flight universities as well as having a tour of the college, lunch in college and the chance to quiz some current undergraduates. In the afternoon, they also had the chance to hear a taster lecture from a Cambridge academic. It was a lovely day and we had the chance to see some of the other sights in Cambridge on the way to and from the college including the mathematical bridge, the Senate House, other colleges and punts on the river.



“The trip showed that Cambridge isn't like what I expected it to be and I also have a better understanding on what universities are like.” Joseph Lansiquot

“I found the trip to be very motivational and inspiring, the students were friendly and answered any questions we had (which were very few as we were told everything we need to know in the lecture) and I’ve been convinced to apply.” Madeleine Bramson

“The day was very informative and I discovered a new degree which I will try to get into. I enjoyed looking around the college. The lunch was also class.” Thomas Linger

“The Taster Lecture, even though it wasn’t in my sector, was very interesting nonetheless!” Philip Tsitlakidis

On the subject of students who might end up at Cambridge or a similarly prestigious university one day, we had six qualifiers for the follow-on rounds to the Intermediate Maths Challenge before the end of term. Of these, four achieved Merits: Zara Millar, Daniel Harrington, Ben Paddick and Aidan Wadley.

Stanborough Students excel in Chemistry Olympiad

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Designed to challenge and inspire, the UK Chemistry Olympiad is a unique opportunity for students to push themselves further and excel in the chemistry field.

Earlier this year, A2 Chemistry pupils were given the opportunity to compete in the 55th Chemistry Olympiad.

The follow pupils were awarded a certificate to mark their achievement, Keira (Silver), Ivan (Bronze) and Jonathan (Bronze).



Student Achievement

Grace Ashton-Jones, 7S, appeared in the Welwyn Hatfield Times this week for participating with the Saracens Foundation to perform a pre-game and half-time show at the Saracens verses Harlequins Showdown in front of 55,000 people. <https://www.whtimes.co.uk/news/23459965.welwyn-garden-city-dancers-perform-tottenham-hotspur-stadium/>



Congratulations to Henry, 8SM & teammates who played for Colney Heath U13 in the Eastern Junior Alliance league. They won their final match to win the league going the whole season unbeaten, winning 16 games and drawing two. A huge achievement for Henry and his teammates – well done!



What a week Alisha, 11K, has had playing basketball in Barcelona with the U16 girls team Russell Hoops in the Globasket 2023 Tournament. Alisha played against teams from Belgium, Spain, Beirut, and Basketball England and won the final on Friday. Great job – well done!



Kate, 7OS, and her family enjoyed a holiday in Scotland over the Easter break and walked up to the top of Ben Nevis to enjoy the amazing 360 degree view. A great achievement, Kate, well done!





INCLUSION

Autism Awareness week at Stanborough

We've had cake competitions, cake sales, and a colour of the spectrum accessories day all to raise awareness of autism.

Thank you to Mrs Tillbrook for organising these activities and to all the students who took part.

It has been a very tasty and colourful week.



How do I deal with ASD personally? By Hubert Lee-Larke

- In 2021, I received diagnoses for ASD, ADHD, and Tourettes. I went 16 years without a diagnosis and without realising the problems I was having. After being diagnosed, a lot of things made sense to me. The School has done an amazing job of tailoring my education to fit my learning preferences.
- I don't tend to mention these to many people, but I think it's incredibly important to be aware of these things. While others view these as disorders, I view them as a sort of 'superpower'. They allow me to be who I am, and that's all I need.
- If you've been diagnosed, or just want to know more, feel free to come talk with me about it! I'd be more than happy to share my stories.

CONGRATULATIONS

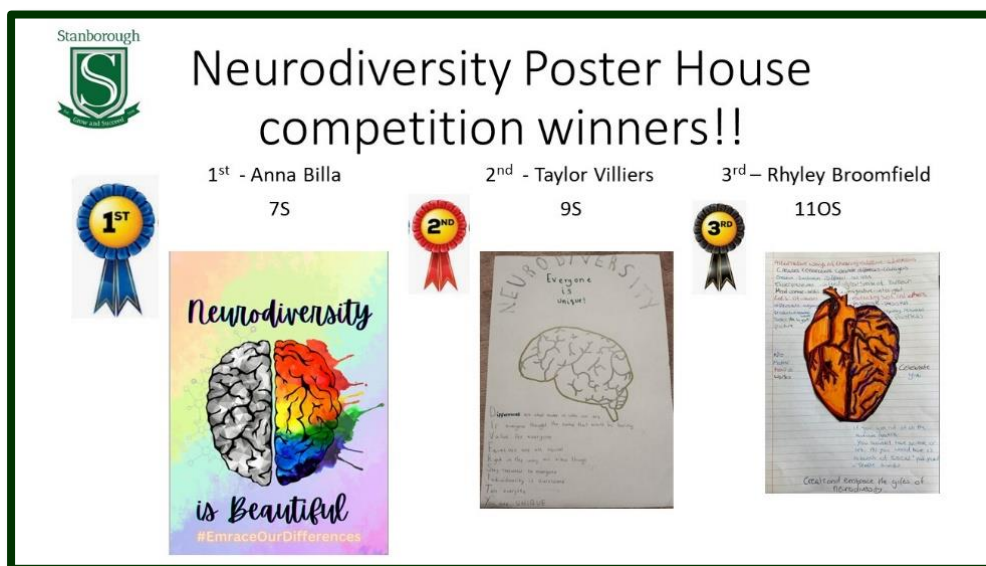


Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Mrs Jones, SENDCO, writes:

Students were asked to create a poster to highlight the importance of acceptance and understanding of Neurodiversity and neurodiverse individuals to support Neurodiversity celebration week. We had some very strong entries but these were our top three winners.

Thank you to everyone who entered a poster – we will be making up some of the winning posters to go up around school during the next Neurodiversity celebration.



Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 26.04.23 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.

Answers to last week's QOTW

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Question

Tom and Adam have a total of 240 stamps.
 The ratio of the number of Tom's stamps to the number of Adam's stamps is 3 : 7
 Tom buys some stamps from Adam.
 The ratio of the number of Tom's stamps to the number of Adam's stamps is now 3 : 5
 How many stamps does Tom buy from Adam?
 You must show all your working.

Accelerated Reader Success

We are very excited to share with you, the great achievement of our Key Stage 3 students at Stanborough School.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students take part in the Accelerated Reader reading scheme. Accelerated Reader is a digital program that helps students and teachers manage and monitor independent reading.

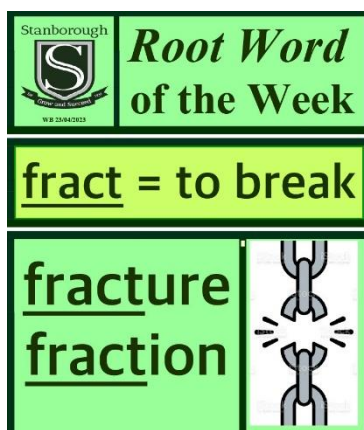
Stanborough have been nominated as the Top School for 2023 due to our students' high scoring in quizzes and words read.

We are very proud of how hard they have worked.



Word of the Week

W/c 24th April 2023



Guide to Mental Health Support in Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire County Council have developed a mental health resource booklet providing information about services available in the community, making it easier to access support. So whether you are looking for self-help resources to boost your mental health, need a listening ear or emotional support, or are in crisis and need urgent help, they're there to assist.

Hertfordshire County Council Happiness, wellbeing and mental health website page,

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/health-in-herts/happiness-wellbeing-and-mental-health.aspx>

Advice and support booklet,

https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Mental_Health_Resource_Mar23.pdf

