# STANBOROUGH TIMES

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## Message from the Headteacher - Mrs John

This week we have been looking forward to the coronation weekend with particular celebrations taking place in the dining room. Many thanks to Leanne and the kitchen staff for decorating the canteen and for preparing the special menu fit for a king! We are fortunate to all enjoy another long weekend and hope those of you gathering with neighbours and communities have a wonderful time at street parties and get-togethers as part of The Coronation Big Lunch. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, the bank holiday, members of the public are invited to take part in The Big Help Out. This is a nationwide initiative which encourages people to volunteer and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas, in honour of the King's decades of public service. Please remember to send us a photo and brief description if you are taking part in any celebrations or community work over this weekend, we'd love to celebrate with you. As you will have seen from the letter emailed home earlier this week, we are making some changes to our House system groups. After careful consideration, it has been decided to move to a four House system keeping four of our current Houses. These will be Brocket, Hatfield, Knebworth and Sopwell. Details are explained in the letter which can also be found on our website. Despite the changes there is no expectation for students to buy new PE kit if they are moving to a new House as we understand the financial implications this may cause. We are looking forward to this change and the benefits this will have for our students. Wishing you all a happy long weekend.

## **Headteacher's Commendations**

**D Solomon, (Yr.7)** Excellent delivery of a speech in aid of supporting others.

**R Mbokolo, (Yr.7)** Reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader.

**A Hawkins, (Yr.8)** Reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader.

J Roberts, (Yr.8) Outstanding achievement with the Ignite Dance Company and qualifying for the All England Dance regional finals.

**J Henebury, (Yr.9)** Consistent outstanding effort in all English lessons and feeding back answers for recall every week.

**L Holbourns, (Yr.10)** Outstanding commitment to charity work outside of school.

M Beecham, L Byrne, M King, R Moss and M Meribe, (Yr.11) Passing English functional skills Level 1. H Western, S Bates, C Cranham and K Joyce, (Yr.12) Excellent write up of academic reading on Unifrog. C Steel, (Yr.13) Outstanding commitment and effort in preparing the Year 13 Prom.



# **Quote of the week:**

"If you surround yourself with positive people who build you up, the sky is the limit."

Joel Brown

Wish you a restful weekend. Mrs John

# **Headteacher Commendations**



# **Forthcoming Events**

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Week 1

8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday, school closed				
9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 8 Exams				
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 13 Teaching Ends				
	Year 13 Final Day				
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 12 Talent Foundry Workshop				
	Culture Fest 2023				

#### **Breaktime with the Head**

Congratulations to all the Year 9 students who achieved the top 10 highest top attitude to learning scores last term.



P Wadley, M Mbokolo, Z Millar, Y Savasci, W Nazara, G Abajue, I Jarvis, I Harrington, J Moreira, G Frimpong-Mansoh.

#### Stanborough's Chess Champion 2023

Ms Wilson, LRC Manager, writes:

Last week, many aspiring students took part in a mind blowing chess tournament! Students with a passion for chess battled it out for glory and chocolate, Axel, 7OS, became champion, with David, 7BP, in second place. The players fought hard, everyone played well and they all had fun in the process!

Chess Club is for one hour every Thursday after school, so come along to the LRC and experience the joyful challenge that chess presents, organised by Lily, Nia and Ms Wilson.



#### **Student Success**

Jenna, Year 8, recently performed in four group dances at Watford Dance Festival with her dance school Ignite Dance Company, up against some very strong competition.

All four dances were new for this season and had never been performed before, all won gold medals for 1st place, and all have qualified for the All England Dance regional finals next year.



Well done to Matthew and Max, two of our talented Year 11 musicians, for playing their guitars in the Hertfordshire Schools' Gala at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday 30th April.

Thank you for supporting the Hertfordshire School Symphony Orchestra.



The Welwyn under 13 rugby team ended the season by winning the Worthing Rugby Rocks Festival and were sporting no less than seven Stanborough students, four of whom played on the winning team. The team trains at 6.30pm at Welwyn rugby grounds and anyone who wants to come along and enquire about playing is welcome.

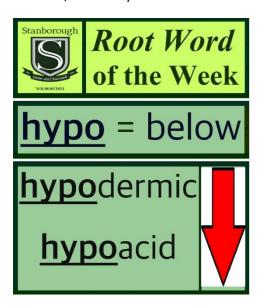
Well done to the Stanborough students: Noah, Oliver, Fraser and Daniel.



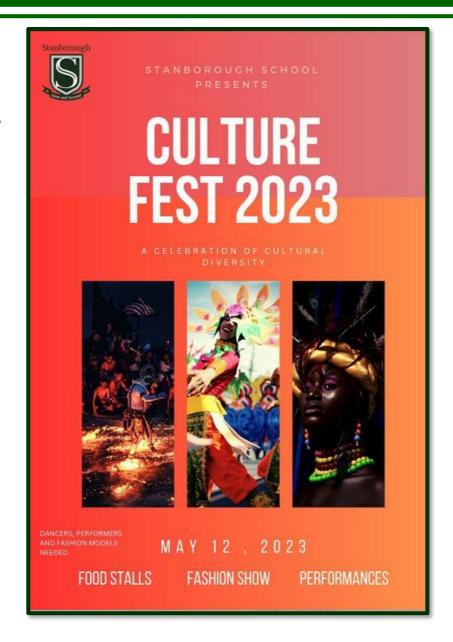
Stanborough Culture Fest 2023, 12<sup>th</sup> May

A celebration of cultural diversity

Word of the Week W/b 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023







#### **GCSE & A Level Art Exhibition**

Mrs Pearson, Curriculum Leader: Art Design and Technology, writes:

GCSE Art and Design/3D Design and A Level Art students and families are invited to our exhibition on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Please see the letter emailed home for more information and about how and when you can collect your portfolio of work later this year.

# **Question of the Week**

#### **Mathematics**

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



#### SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 10.05.23. TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Send your answers with workings by email to <a href="mailto:smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk">smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk</a> or on a piece of paper to the Maths Office.

#### Answers to last week's QOTW

25.9 cm

#### Question

Daria drives from Manchester to Gretna Green.

She drives at an average speed of 50 mph for the first 3 hours of his journey.

She then has 150 miles to drive to get to Gretna Green.

Daria drives these 150 miles at an average speed of 30 mph.

Daria says,

"My average speed from Manchester to Gretna Green was 40 mph."

Is Daria right?

You must show how you get your answer.

# Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership Warm Spaces – Free Drop In Service

A reminder that the Warm Spaces Drop-In services is still running every Thursday until 13<sup>th</sup> July from 10am - 12pm at DeHavilland Family Centre.

A School Family Worker will be available to chat to, plus there's free wifi, tea, coffee and biscuits available.



#### **Girls Fixtures: Summer Term 2023**

DATE	COMPETITION	OPPOSITION	TEAM	VENUE (Home or Away)	START TIME	
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Athletics		8 & 10	A - Stevenage	3.30pm	
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Athletics		8 & 10	A – St Albans	3.30pm	
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Rounders	Mount Grace, Bishops & Chancellors	8 & 10	A - Bishops	3.30pm	
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Rounders	Onslow	8 & 9	H - Stanborough	3.45pm	
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Athletics		8 & 10	A – St Albans	3.30pm	
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Rounders	Yavnah & Sherrardswood	9 & 10	H - Stanborough	3.30pm	
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Athletics	Hosting	8 & 10	A - Stevenage	3.30pm	
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Rounders	Chancellors	7 & 9	A - Chancellors	3.30pm	
Half Term						
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders	Yavnah & Sherrardswood	7 & 8	H - Stanborough	3.30pm	
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders	Hertswood	7 & 8	A - Hertswood	3.45pm	
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Athletics		8 & 10	A - St Albans	3.30pm	
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders	Onslow	7 & 19	A - Onslow	3.45pm	
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Athletics		8 & 10	A – St Albans	3.30pm	
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders	Mount Grace	7 & 9	H - Stanborough	3.30pm	
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders	All Schools Tournament	9 & 10	A – Monks Wallk	3.30pm	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Rounders	Bishops	7 & 9	H - Stanborough	3.30pm	
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders	All Schools Tournament	7 & 8	A – Monks Walk	3.30pm	
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Athletics	District Athletics	8 & 10	A - Stevenage	8am-4pm	

## **School Nursing Summer Newsletter**

The summer term newsletter from the public health nursing team is now available to download, <a href="https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Public-Health-Nursing-5">https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Public-Health-Nursing-5</a> 19-Team-Secondary-Newsletter-Summer-23.pdf

