

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

It has been a pleasure to spend the recent break times with the top ten students from each year group who achieved the top attitude to learning scores for the spring term. Congratulations to them all and I hope they keep up the good work. This term's top 10 students will be announced in our end of term newsletter in July when all scores have been collected. They will then be able to join me for morning break in the new school year. Current scores are very close so I would encourage all students to stay focused and achieve the best they can. Public exams are now underway and we wish our Year 13 and Year 11 students the best of luck. You may think that school life slows down a bit now but we still have much to look forward to. We have our Duke of Edinburgh students completing their bronze award with their final expedition, our Year 11 leaver's assembly and introduction to sixth form, our summer presentation evening for Years 7-10 and 12, inclusion review day and SEND days, Year 6 into 7 transition day and sports days for all year groups. Information about all these events will be sent out nearer the time. I would like to thank all our teaching and support staff for the support they give to each other and to our students, especially in the busy run up to and duration of exams.

Headteacher's Commendations

L Bell, (Yr.7) Excellent attitude to learning and exceeding homework expectations in a number of subjects;

O Hope (Yr.8) Winning Players' Player of the Year with the Welwyn U13's Rugby Club;

C Fanning (Yr.8) Winning the Most Improved Player with the Welwyn U13's Rugby Club;

C Perrott, F Gibbs, D Porter and S Morgan, (Yr.8) Outstanding contributions to the Welwyn U13's Rugby Club;

T Burgess, Z Millar, B D'Mello and L Ramdani, (Yr.9) Outstanding citizenship;

G Frimpong-Mansoh, T Pawlik, L Sanderson, F Brocklesby-Sum and R Sanders, (Yr.9) Exceptional work on the Middle East assessments in Geography;

D Wisniewski, (Yr.10) Excellent attitude to work and independent learning on poetry in English lessons;

G Gardner and S Pennell, (Yr.12) Excellent write up of extra-curricular reading.



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



Breaktime with the Head

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



Year 8

E Hickey, C Judge, C McIntosh, E Abajue,
D Antunes, E Neill, F Gibbs,
P Spanoudakis, S Satheeskumar, A Das



Year 11

B Paddick, M Frimpong Kwofie,
S Satheeskumar, P Stoli, O Preston,
L Reding, B Cristea, M Moylan,
N Lim, M Chisholm, D Harrington

Forthcoming Events

22nd – 26th May
Week 1

25 th	Year 9 Vaccinations
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29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term
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Raise Your Child's attendance – Raise Their Chances!

At Stanborough, we believe that attendance is essential in order for students to make good academic progress and to feel that they are active members in the school community. Did you know 97% attendance equates to 5 days off a year?

Regular school attendance helps our young people to learn; progress; establish good habits; be supervised and safe and prepare for the future.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that may be preventing regular attendance or causing lateness, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Please remember that if your child is absent for any reason, parents/carers should call 01707 321755 and press option 1 on each day of absence.

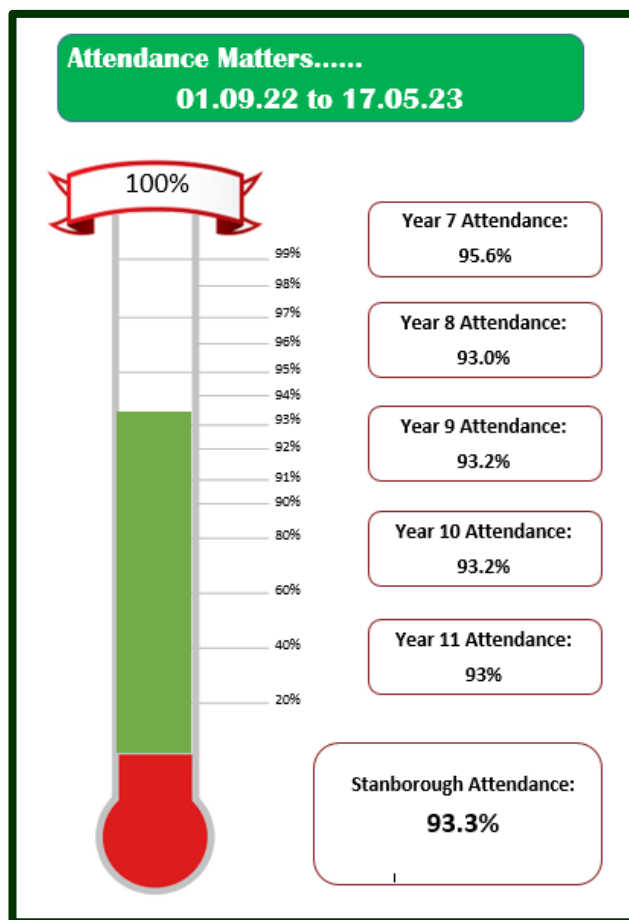
Student Success

Miss Eracleous, Subject Leader: Drama, writes:

Congratulations to Joshua, Year 12, for his performance with Digswell Players. I went to see him in a show on Saturday and he is their youngest cast member, as you have to be at least 18 to join, but due to his sheer talent they took him on for a production of 'The House of Frankenstein'. Josh did an amazing performance! The show ran every night from 10th-13th May at 8pm. He was doing this show late every evening whilst still being on top of his schoolwork! It was excellent to watch, and the crowd found him extremely humorous watching him change from an American to a werewolf!

Stanborough Students Excel in Welwyn Rugby Club!

Congratulations to Oliver and Cáolan who both received awards at Welwyn Rugby Club end-of-year awards ceremony. Oliver won the Players' Player of the Year award and Cáolan won the Most Improved Player. Two of the three awards were won by Stanborough students. Well done also to Charlie, Fraser, Daniel and Seth who all contributed significantly over the course of the season along with several other Stanborough students. Their passion and determination have led to Welwyn under 13s having one of their most successful seasons ever!



CultureFest 2023

Mrs J Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Last Friday saw our second annual CultureFest. Students wore their culture dress or clothing linked to their cultural identity. Period 4 was stopped early for all students to view a presentation created by our very own BAME group.

We had a festival on the field at our extended lunch, with live music played by students (and Mr Torindo). Elane read a poem, Kat sang in Ukrainian, we had an Indian dance (complete with shades), Thando danced to Afrobeats, and we had a number of other acts!

This year we had a fashion show, where students 'strutted' their stuff to the cheers of support from their peers.

Students did Henna, and shared an array of cultural foods on the stalls by the 'main stage'.

Year 10 prefects were security, and had a successful first outing in their green high vis jackets!

Thanks also to the canteen, who decorated the canteen with lots of flags, and also cooked up a menu of foods representing some of the countries of our diverse community.

A real team effort.

Special thanks to our SALT (Sound and Light) and BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) groups.

I'm pretty sure we're all looking forward to next year - rain or shine, it clearly doesn't matter!!



Year 13 Leavers Day

Last Friday we spent a wonderful morning spent goodbye to our amazing year 13s.

'The end is not sad, it's just the start of the next incredible thing.'



Science at Stanborough

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Every Chemistry lesson has a silver lining!

Our A-level Chemists were elated at producing a silver mirror using distillation techniques to produce Ethanal from Ethanol.



Sports Report

Miss Novelli, PE Teacher, writes:

It's been an exciting time for the PE department as we are celebrating a wealth of sporting successes this summer term!

To reflect on the footballing season that has just passed, some of our talented students who play for Welwyn Garden City U13 Cyclones won the league with a staggering 14 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss! Well done boys!



Last week we hosted a fantastic Year 4 Mixed Summer Sports event at Stanborough hosting over 240 primary school pupils! The event was even organised by our very own CSLA sports leaders and lead by our Sports Leaders!



Our Year 9 girls kicked off our first rounders matches of the year this week against Onslow with a very convincing win! Great start to the league girls!

During our county league athletics meets lately there has been an array of talented individuals, and we have now gained a few champions in our midst! Namely Freya Lindsay in the U16 discus, Erin Kang in the U14 long jump, Oliver Hope in the U14 hurdles, and Shermari McKenzie in the U16 Hurdles.





INCLUSION

CORNER

WHY REVISE?

- Helps you remember what you've covered.
- Helps you increase your confidence and feel less anxious – you'll feel more prepared.

Make a revision timetable:

It will help you to make sure that you cover all of the important topics and will help you decide which subjects you need to spend time revising. But – keep it simple and achievable.

Use mind maps and diagrams to help you remember things:

They help you to be able to connect ideas together so it will be easier to remember them. Make them colourful!

Revision Tips

Work with friends or classmates:

You don't always have to study on your own; it's often more productive to work with others and share ideas or just support each other in your learning.

You can use different ways of studying for different subjects:

For example, if you are revising a language, flash cards and audio clips might be helpful.

Keep calm and don't panic.

Take each day at a time and don't panic if one day you are struggling to focus. Leave the revision and do something else; you can always start again later.



Please visit www.twitter.com/stanb_send

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 24.05.23 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

Bottles = 0.544 £/litre and Cans = 0.595 £/litre

Bottles provide better value for money

Question

There are some small cubes and some large cubes in a bag.

The cubes are red or the cubes are yellow.

The ratio of the number of small cubes to the number of large cubes is 4 : 7

The ratio of the number of red cubes to the number of yellow cubes is 3 : 5

(a) Explain why the least possible number of cubes in the bag is 88

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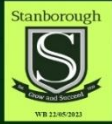
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All the small cubes are yellow.

(b) Work out the least possible number of large yellow cubes in the bag.


Word of the Week

W/c 22nd May 2023

**Root Word
of the Week**

para = beside

parallel
parasite
paramedic



Portuguese Club

Portuguese club starts on Wednesday 7th June in G17 every lunchtime. It's open to all year groups so hope to see you there!

**PORTUGUESE CLUB**
with Ms Santarém



STARTING: WEDNESDAY, 7TH JUNE
Lunch time
G17
ALL YEARS WELCOME!



Eco update

Why we're planting wild flowers

By Jess Sullivan, 8 Offley

As part of Nature and Eco Club's contribution to the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award we're planting wild flowers in the Art quad to increase the wildlife around the school. So far, we've weeded a section of the Art quad and sown some wild flower seeds, provided by Herts County Council.

Next, we're making a Bug Hotel using logs, branches and bricks inside a frame of wooden pallets. We are hoping to attract: bees, butterflies, ladybirds, snails, beetles, shield bugs, spiders, slugs, centipedes and worms and possibly even toads and hedgehogs!



Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership

Fit, Fed & Read - May half-term.

Open to all children eligible for free school meals. Please contact the school for the code.





FREE 5 hour Holiday Camp (with food)

Peartree Primary School
Welwyn AL7 3XW

30th May - 2nd June

8 - 11yr olds

Places fully funded



Scan to book now:



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