

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to all our new students and parents. I hope you and your children enjoy their time at Stanborough and together we can achieve the very best future for each and every child. We have had a busy summer in the school while it has been quiet, with many improvements and decorating being completed. Several new canopies have been installed to provide shelter for students during break and lunchtime, toilet blocks have been refurbished in the 6th form area and the maths corridor and a lick of paint has been applied across the school. We have been especially proud of our GCSE and A Level students who achieved some fantastic results in their exams. Our students have achieved so well thanks to the excellent partnership between home and school. Congratulations to them all and to our staff too who worked so hard to help them achieve the best they could. As we start the new term a reminder to all students to be kind and to offer help if someone is in need. Saying 'hi' or the smallest act of kindness can really make someone's day.

Headteacher's Commendations

P Righetti 7BM for excellent engagement at Transition Day;
M Ray-Knight 7BM for excellent engagement at Transition Day;
L Cornish 7BM for excellent engagement at Transition Day;
R Mathew 7BP for excellent participation on Transition Day;
L Johnson 7BP for amazing attitude on Transition Day;
R Ramdani 7BP for excellent participation on Transition Day;
C Tomey 7HC for excellent effort and conduct on Transition Day;
M Paskell 7HC for excellent participation on Transition Day;
M Banda 7HM for outstanding kindness to others on Transition Day;
A Garrod 7HM for excellent participation on Transition Day;
A Calderwood 7KK for excellent attitude to learning on Transition Day;
A Ramdani 7KK for excellent participation on Transition Day;
H Berridge 7KL for excellent participation on Transition Day;
M Kertesz 7KL excellent effort and focus on Transition Day;
Z Strozewska 7SE for outstanding kindness to others on Transition Day;
A Boland 7SE for excellent participation on Transition Day;
J Cook 7SM for excellent participation on Transition Day;
D Sarota 7SM for excellent participation on Transition Day.



Quote of the week:

"The most effective way to do it, is to do it" Amelia Earhart

Wish you a restful weekend.
Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

11th – 15th September

Week 2

14 th September	Year 13 Parent Welcome Event, Online
18 th – 21 st	CATS & Lucid Tests
19 th	Year 11 Parent Information Evening Year 11 Action Jackson Workshop
22 nd	Year 7 & Year 10 Photographs

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to Stanborough:

Miss Naylor, Curriculum Lead: Music; Ms Gothard, Curriculum Lead: Social Sciences; Miss Abbott, Teacher of MFL; Mrs Thaker, Teacher of Drama & English; Miss Huges, Teacher of Geography; Miss Browne, Teacher of History; Ms Cuber, HLTA; Ms Amarasinghe, HLTA; Mrs Cox, Teaching Assistant; Ms Andrew-Jaja, Teaching Assistant; Mrs Primrose, SEND Administrator; Mrs Harris, Administrative Assistant.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Miss Eracleous and Mr McGovern, who both got married over the summer break. We wish them and their partners much happiness.

Forgotten Items

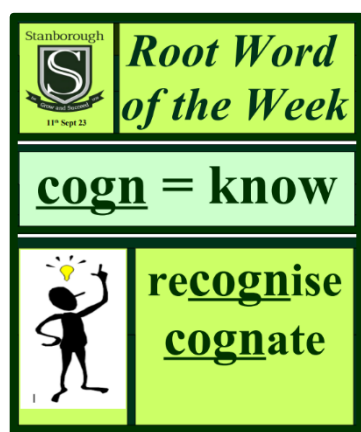
We are not able to take forgotten items such as pencil cases to students. The only exception is medication and glasses.

Please encourage your child to be organised before they leave home.

Thank you for your understanding.

Root Word of the Week

W/c 11th September 2023



Payments for school meals and school trips

We would like to remind parents and guardians that as per our communication during the summer break, Stanborough School has moved our online payment system to the Arbor Parent Portal. Payments can no longer be made on WisePay.

You can make payments and top up accounts for trips and meals by simply logging into the Arbor parent portal with your existing log in details. Please note that you will also be able to view which food items your child has purchased via the Arbor Parent Portal.

If you are having difficulties in accessing Arbor, please email ITManager@stanborough.herts.sch.uk.

More information on the use of the parent payment portal on Arbor can be found at: <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/categories/360003289557-Parent-Portal-and-Arbor-App-as-a-parent>

Road Safety

There are traffic calming and other safety measures on Lemsford Lane. All students and parents should think seriously about safety when travelling to and from school. Please note, there are double yellow lines in Lemsford Lane.

The staff car park and visitors' car park must not be used by parents to drop off or pick up students at the beginning or end of the day. Resident's driveways should not be used or blocked.

Students walking to school should be particularly careful crossing the road and use the proper safe crossing places shown by the raised areas of the road. The staff car park is out of bounds to students and they must not endanger themselves by cutting through to enter or leave the school. Students also must not walk through the front visitor's car park and must go straight through the door opposite the pedestrian gate they have entered through. We are fortunate that we have separate pedestrian entrances, which all students should use. Students travelling by bus should ensure that they keep away from the road when queuing for the bus.

We hope that you will discuss these issues with your children and that they will think seriously about their own safety.

We're looking for Parent Governors

Two of our parent governors' terms of office are due to expire at the end of September, Jane Cranham and Jonathan Hickey, and we are extremely grateful that they have both agreed to stand for another four-year term. If any other parents would like to stand for election alongside Jane and Jonathan please contact Sue Welch, PA to SLT, swelch@stanborough.herts.sch.uk for an application form and return it to Sue no later than Monday 18 September. If there are more applications than slots available a closed ballot will be held. If so, and you can commit to a minimum of 2 evenings per term, plus occasional events, why not apply to become a school governor?



The role of the governing board

The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance.

The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to make sure the governing board delivers effective governance"

For more information on the work that Stanborough Governors do [click here](#)

If you are interested in becoming a Governor please contact the Clerk to Governors, Tracey Norris Tracey.Norris@clerks.hfleducation.org and we will send you an information pack.

Deadline to apply is 18th September 2023

Stanborough School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects staff to share this commitment. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS). The following policies are provided on the vacancies section of our website: Policy for Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment and Retention Policy.

Exam Success

A Level

Stanborough School's Sixth form students descended on the site's Sports Hall to get their eagerly anticipated results on Thursday. The students were welcomed by their teachers and Head of Sixth Form Mr Whelan Hind. Their success is down to their aspirations and hard work supported by a passionate and dedicated team of teachers and support staff.

Headteacher Mrs John commented: "I would like to congratulate every single student for their achievement this year but also thank the staff for their tireless work in the last two years. Teaching is an incredibly rewarding and humbling career where we have an impact on young lives and shape their future. The results are a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of our students and staff but also the excellent partnership with parents and carers. We are very pleased, as so many of our students have secured places on a wide range of courses at universities including the Russell Group as well as higher level apprenticeships. The students are a credit to our community and we wish them the very best as they embark on the next exciting stage of their career whether they are heading for university, apprenticeships, employment or taking a gap year."

Stanborough students have received a set of remarkable A level and vocational results. Several students achieved top grades, earning them places at a wide range of prestigious universities on highly competitive courses.

Cambridge, Warwick, London School of Economics (LSE), Nottingham, Bristol, Reading Universities will welcome Stanborough students from September as well as others who will take places at universities to study a range of courses and degrees including Mathematics, Computer Science, Mathematics & Artificial Intelligence, Neuroscience, Economics, Music production, Musical theatre, Film and Media, Psychology, Teaching, Marketing, Politics and Economics, Geography, Business Finance, Law, Nursing, Finance, and Criminology.

Mr Whelan Hind, the new Head of Sixth form, was also thanked for his support of the year group and for always giving up his time to support them throughout their Year 13 education. Mr Maidment, the previous Head of Sixth form, was also thanked for the support he gave the students in their transition to Year 12.

Mr Whelan Hind says "First and foremost, it has been an absolute honour to be a part of these students' academic journey. The results they have obtained, having never sat official exams before this point, are a testament to their resilience, hard work and dedication. We leave them to move onto the next exciting step in their lives whether that be a top university, an exciting apprenticeship, employment or a well-deserved gap year full in the knowledge that they are ready. I look forward to hearing about their many successes in their lives beyond Stanborough. I would also like to acknowledge our parents who have nurtured and encouraged their children throughout their school lives. These results show that the combination of excellent teaching, the commitment of students and the support of parents is paramount to success."



At Stanborough, we are particularly pleased for the following students who have secured an impressive set of grades and in some cases made outstanding progress in the last two years.

Bomo Alagoa
Florence Collyer
Keira Fan
Skyla Felton
Miguel Galang
Charlie Greasby
Ellen Green
Jack Hadley

Angela Kovaci
Bradley Loughnane
Mollie Mardel
Neve Mason
Oliver Mills
Chloe Steel
Jonathan Turner

Bradley Loughnane secured top grades, which earns him a place at Cambridge University to study Psychology. Bradley was extremely delighted, proud yet appreciative of the support that he had received from all his teachers. Bradley says 'I am really happy with my results. I know the grade boundaries were harsher this year but I'm delighted that I got the grades to go to Cambridge to study psychology.'

Bomo Alagoa, one of Stanborough's Heads of School also secured his place at Warwick University to study Ancient History after achieving top grades. Bomo says: 'I am so happy with my grades, it just shows that if you keep striving to achieve your goals you will achieve them in the end.'

Mollie Mardel, Stanborough's Deputy Head of School who joined the school for Sixth Form, has not only performed brilliantly but thrived here at Stanborough with the exceptional pastoral care combined with the strong academic drive. Mollie says: 'I wasn't nervous coming in today because of all the leadership opportunities Stanborough has given me during my time here. The grades I achieved however were the cherry on the cake.'

Mrs John was delighted that the majority of students had secured their first choice of university or apprenticeships.

Mrs John adds: "On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish all our Year 13 students the very best as they embark on the next chapter in their lives. We are so proud."



GCSE

The wait was finally over for Stanborough School's Year 11 students as the day dawned to collect their final GCSE and BTEC exam results.

Mrs John said: "Our children, who are at the heart of everything we do, are more than just grades. Grades do not define them but their character does. I am so proud of each and every one of our year 11 students. They are all exceptional, inspiring and talented young people and we couldn't be prouder of them. They have been a credit to the Stanborough community and have been wonderful role models to the rest of the school. We have been delighted with the grades achieved and congratulate the students on their success achieved through their hard work and the excellent support of their dedicated staff and parents. This collaborative effort and strong partnership between school and home has been a major factor in influencing the aspirational culture. What is even more pleasing to see is that in spite of Ofqual, the exams regulator, toughening grade boundaries this year back to normal pre-pandemic levels, our students have performed extremely well with headline figures higher than 2022 results."

Mrs John also acknowledged the commitment of all teachers and support staff, including Head of Year 11 Ms Johnson, described as 'consistent support both academically and pastorally to each and every Year 11 student.' Ms Johnson says: "As Head of Year I am extremely proud of the resilience shown throughout their time at Stanborough School. The entire pastoral team and teachers alike are very proud of the hard work and commitment each of the students have shown to their exams. I wish all of the students the best for the future and I am confident that they will make the most of every opportunity and continue their success story in whatever pathway they choose. Again, a huge well done: "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken" – Oscar Wilde."

Daniel Harrington swept the board achieving 9 grade 9s in his subjects. Daniel said: *"I am really pleased with the results and it feels like all the hard work I had put in has really paid off. I am proud of what I have come out with. Stanborough has been really helpful in helping me get these grades."*

Maggie Moylan, also a high achiever securing 8 Grade 9s and 8s in her GCSEs expressed her relief that the wait was finally over and thanked the staff for the support that she had received. Maggie said: *"I am really happy. Thank you to all my teachers. They were amazing."*

At Stanborough, we are particularly pleased for the following students who have secured an impressive set of grades and in some cases made outstanding progress in the last few challenging years.



Daniel Harrington
Ben Paddick
Samuel Jeffrey
Beatrice Cristea
Matthew Dunstan
Maggie Moylan
Aidan Wadley
Olivia Preston
Lily Reding
Olivia Krainska

Nia Joshi
Poppy King
Austin Ashby
Frimpong Kwofie, Michael
Ryan Hale
Mays Tabany
George Jarvis
Joel Evans
Tanbir Rahman
Sajan Satheeskumar

Maxwell Chisholm
Hannah Litton
Samuel Roper
Maya Hirani
Miriam Mbokolo
Panos Stoli
Isabella Cristea
Joshua Jeffrey
Samuel Ward
Jeremiah Samaila

Mrs John said she will look forward to welcoming back a high proportion of students, who will continue their studies into the Sixth Form at Stanborough. A number of students will also follow up their GCSE success with college placements and Level 2 Apprenticeship courses. "On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish all our Year 11 students the very best as they embark on the next exciting chapter in their educational journey." Mrs John added.



Year 7 Summer School 2023

Mrs Daplyn, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

The penultimate week of the summer holidays saw 90 new Year 7 students descend on Stanborough for a week of activities to help them transition to secondary school. The staff put on an amazing selection of activities for the students which helped them to get to know the school, the staff and other students.

Mrs Pearson, our head of Art and Design, spent a week helping students explore a range of art techniques. Students designed their own trainer and painted rocks and enjoyed getting to use a range of equipment in the department. Mr Bell, another member of the ADT department, also gave students an introduction to technology.

Students also got to experience a range of sport from table tennis with Mr Maidment to football and Danish longball with Mr Foster.

Mrs Shah, our senior science technician, got students to try out different science experiments. We had rockets being launched and students also had fun with chromatography.

Mrs Stratton, our assistant SENDCo, helped students to create worry worms and talk about things that worried them about starting at Stanborough. Students also got to know each other by playing board games.

Mrs Parr gave students a taster in German and got them to try out a few new phrases and Mrs Wilson, our school librarian, got students thinking about books and stories by creating their own superhero and designing their own bookmark.

Students enjoyed the good weather on the field at lunch and break and got to spend time with friends old and new.

The week culminated in a ceremony for all students and parents where students received a badge and certificate.

Well done to all who attended Summer School 2023. We hope you enjoyed your time and it helped you to transition to Stanborough. A special thank you to all the staff who gave up days in their holidays to come in and work with our new students.



Question of the Week

Mathematics

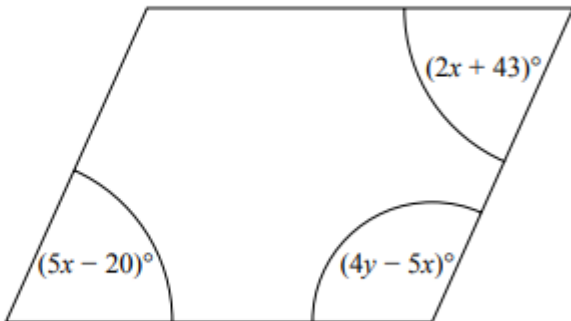
Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 13.09.23 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Choose one of the two questions.

Send your answer with detailed workings by email to smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk or on a piece of paper to the Maths Office.

Question 1
In a company, the ratio of the number of men to the number of women is 3 : 2 40% of the men are under the age of 25 10% of the women are under the age of 25 What percentage of all the people in the company are under the age of 25?
Question 2
Here is a parallelogram.  Work out the value of x and the value of y .

Vacancy

Administrator in Finance

We are looking to appoint an administrator to join our Finance team. The successful candidate will provide support to the finance department as well as the whole school staff, students and parents and therefore a friendly and efficient attitude is essential. This is a varied role within a busy office where no two working days are the same. Previous experience of working in a school or finance office would be an advantage but it is not essential as training and support will be provided, however the successful candidate must possess a willingness to learn and confidence in Microsoft Word and Excel.

Closing date : Friday 15th September, 9am

Please see our website for more information, <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/staff-vacancies/>

