STANBOROUGH TIMES

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## Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Well done to all our staff and students for making it through the first full week at Stanborough. It has been a busy week as students settle into their lessons and get used to their timetable and new teachers. A reminder that now the weather has started to cool down, we have returned to our full uniform expectations which include wearing the school blazer and tie. Blazers can be taken off during lessons. Please ensure your child has everything they need with them for the school day. We are not able to take in forgotten items other than medication or glasses. Missing or incorrect uniform will result in a strike on their card, after five strikes a detention will be set. Thank you for your support in helping the children be ready for the school day. Our extra-curricular clubs and activities booklet is now available on our website and we encourage all students to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity. There really is something for everyone whether they like to take part in sports, learn something new, pursue an interest or just have fun with friends. Homework is set for all students and can be accessed via class charts, although Year 7 are eased in gently with no homework in the first half term except for reading. We encourage all students to read everyday as literacy is such an important skill for now and in their future. Well done to our students for a great first full week!

## **Headteacher's Commendations**

C Adams, Yr.7 for demonstrating great resilience and maturity;

D Boville, Yr.8 for reading a million words last year and becoming a millionaire reader;

**S Bounsall, G Sanderson and E Kang Yr.8** for being nominated for 'Young Artist' at the Art Exhibition last term; **N Merrigan, Yr.8** for excellent organisation of her study area at home;

**M Joshi, F Watson, L Smith, and J Dykes Yr.8** for completing the TedEd Public Speaking Course and presenting to an audience;

G Ashton-Jones and D Adepoju, Yr.8 for completing the TedEd Public Speaking Course;

D Wan Faizul, Yr.8 for taking part in the BuzzFeed UK and Lego video;

T Saunders, Yr.9 for outstanding attitude to learning last year in chemistry;

**M Memishaj, Yr.9** for going above and beyond to complete the 'All About Africa' booklet over the Summer; **V Stokes, Yr.9** for outstanding contribution to charity by raising over £200 during a non-stop hour long Swimathon;

**M Lemare- North, Yr.9** for producing some amazing work on a fashion styling course during the summer holidays;

P Spanoudakis, A Hawkins and D Antunes Yr.9 for being nominated for 'Young Artist' at the Art Exhibition last term;

C McIntosh and E Quinlan, Yr.9 for completing the TedEd Public Speaking Course and presenting to an audience; T Burgess, O Oyedare and G Frimpong-Mansoh Yr.10 for being nominated for 'Young Artist' at the Art Exhibition last term;

**D Manon Jorge, Z Chimalilo, C Kiely and T Payler, Yr.11** for outstanding leadership when refereeing the Year 7 and 8 sports day basketball tournament;

J Shah, O Kos and Z Khan, Yr.11 for winning the Business Studies Dragon's Den competition;

M Bramson Yr.12 for outstanding feedback during work experience;

**E Lagman and J Holloway, Yr13** for excellent leadership in drama workshops with Holwell Primary school and Drama club.

## Quote of the week:

"My powers are ordinary. Only my application brings me success." Isaac Newton Wish you a restful weekend. Mrs John



# Headteacher Commendations







#### **Forthcoming Events**

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September Week A

$18^{th} - 21^{st}$	CATS & Lucid Tests for Year 7
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Action Jackson Assembly
	Year 11 Parents Information Evening, 4.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 13 Oxbridge Workshop, 2-3.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 7 & Year 10 Photographs

#### **ADT Newsletter**

The latest ADT Newsletter is now available to download from our website, https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/ADT-Newsletter-September-issue-1-2023.pdf

#### **Student Success**

#### Swimathon

During the summer break, Violet Stokes, 9KK, raised over £200 swimming non-stop for an hour in the Welwyn Garden City Swimming Club Swimathon to raise funds for Isabel Hospice. The Swimming Club as a whole raised over £500. Well done, Violet!

#### Bubble Rush 5k run

For her birthday this year, Laila, 8KL, decided to take part in the Bubble Rush 5k run in aid of Isabel Hospice. She invited her school friends to join her team - Angel, Kate, Daisy, Helena and Harriet and they raised £300! Laila says they had so much fun and enjoyed a birthday picnic afterwards. Laila is hoping to try and do an event like this every year, as she wants to help others when she can, the money they raised will fund 11 hours of care at the Hospice.



### Dragon's Den

#### Mrs Ramsamy, subject leader, business & finance writes:

Sixty of our Year 11 Business Students took part in the business department's dragon's den project. Groups of students were competing with their peers to come up with a winning entrepreneurial idea.

There were numerous unique and inspirational ideas from our creative and talented business groups. Students pitched their ideas to a panel of dragons which consisted of myself, Mr Braybrook and Ms Okaeme. The three groups who made it through to the final round had exceptional ideas ranging from translation headphones to a smart mirror.

Congratulations to our winning group, Zaara, Olivia and Jiya with their smart selfcare mirror concept which focuses on body positivity. The idea and the pitch were very well executed. Well done girls!



#### My exprerience of the World Scout Jamboree

#### Zac Lewis, 10BP, writes:

This summer I was lucky enough to participate in the World Scout Jamboree 2023, which was held in South Korea. I went away for three weeks and experienced so many amazing things. I loved every part of the journey.

The World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is an event that happens every four years in a different country organised by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). This year it was held in SaeManGeum in South Korea. 50,000 young people aged 14-18 from 135 countries across the world took part.



Firstly, we had to prepare to get to the Jamboree. I was in a unit of 36 Scouts and Explorers from across Hertfordshire. We called ourselves 'The Rocketmen'. We met up once a month from January 2022 to get to know each other and learn skills to prepare us for the trip. We each had to raise £3,750 in total to get to Korea. I raised money by selling sweets, cakes, gardening and sponsored events.

Once the day arrived and we were ready to go, we flew to Thailand and then to South Korea. The first thing I thought when I got off the plane was, "Blimey it's hot over here!". We took the train to Seoul and had a beautiful view of the mountains and then the city.

We stayed in Seoul for five days before we went to the Jamboree campsite. Our first hotel was Seoul Dragon City, an insane luxury hotel that was 30 floors high and shaped like a dragon. In Seoul we went to lots of instereting places including the N Seoul Tower, which is located in the centre of the city and has a fantastic view of everything. We went to a meerkat café, which was cool because you don't find those sorts of things anywhere else. We also went to the Rainbow Bridge, which shoots out water jets with coloured lights and at night looks beautiful.

My personal favourite trip was visiting the DMZ. We took a bus to the North Korea-South Korea border, which was both scary and humbling. We learnt about the Korean war and Korean history. We even got to go in an abandoned tunnel that went to the border.

When we arrived at the Jamboree campsite, it was jawdropping as there were tents of every colour and size, seemingly going on as far as the eye could see. As we drove along the road in the middle of the campsite I saw scouts from so many countries waving flags and banners.

We set our tents up and set off to the Opening Ceremony. We queued for nearly two hours to get into the arena because there were so many people trying to get in. The best bits were Bear Grylls' speech, the fireworks and the drone show. Nobody was used to the sweltering conditions so I saw many people being taken away by ambulances.

During the Jamboree we went on a few off site excursions, luckily it meant we spent a lot of time in air conditioned buses. We visited a number of temples, a Taekwondo museum and learnt about a Korean fighting style called Ssirum. The aim of Ssirum is to get your opponent's knee, or higher on their body, to the floor. I fought against an Australian, and beat him in 20 seconds!

We were at the Jamboree site for less time than planned as some camps had inadequate facilities and weather conditions meant there was flooding, extreme heat and an impending typhoon! Because of these reasons, the UK Contingent decided that all 4,500 UK young people were going to return to Seoul. I was sad to leave as my experience was great. Our campsite was not flooded and we had prepared leaders so were hardly affected by the conditions. We had lots of opportunity to explore the campsite and make 'trades' of badges and gifts with scouts from other countries. On our last night we cooked dinner and had a party for other units camping near us. There were South Koreans, Italians, Dutch, Japanense, and Nigerians and I traded badges and gifts with them all.

We stayed a few more days in Seoul and got to experience more Korean culture and we went to many Korean restaurants including a Korean barbeque. Due to the typhoon, the Jamboree campsite was fully evacuated. All the participants, however, were brought back together for the Closing Ceremony. This took place in the Seoul World Cup Stadium and it was amazing. It included light shows, fireworks and a lot of K-Pop.

Taking part in the World Scout Jamboree was a once in a life time experience. I have learnt new skills, become more resilient and broadened my knowledge of the world and different cultures.

#### **Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 2023**

A list of Clubs and Activities for students taking place in the Autumn Term is now available to view on our website under the heading "School Life/Clubs & Activities". This booklet will allow students and parents to see the wide range of clubs and activities that Stanborough offers outside of lesson times. Please contact the member of staff involved if you require any further information about a particular club/activity. Students can also find a copy of this on their Tutor Group notice board.

## **Geography Department Question Challenge: Win class charts points!**

"What is St Elmo's Fire and in what kind of weather is it mostly seen?"

- Research and explain in a paragraph
- Add drawings and or pictures as an example
- Hand in to the Geography department by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

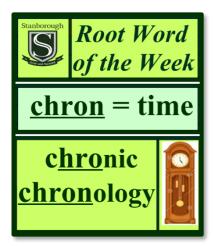
### **Student Timetables**

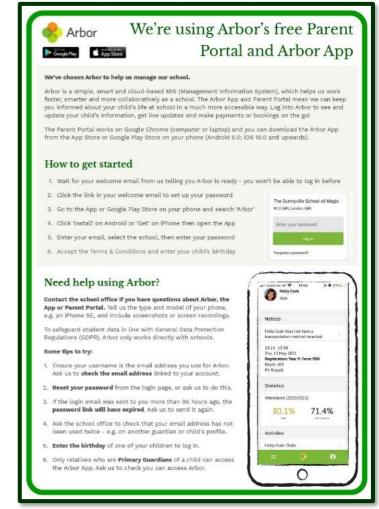
You can access your child's timetable in a number of ways:

- Via the class charts app
- Via the Arbor app or link <a href="https://login.arbor.sc/">https://login.arbor.sc/</a>
- Your child can also access their timetable on their calendar on their email via Outlook

### **Root Word of the Week**

W/c 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023





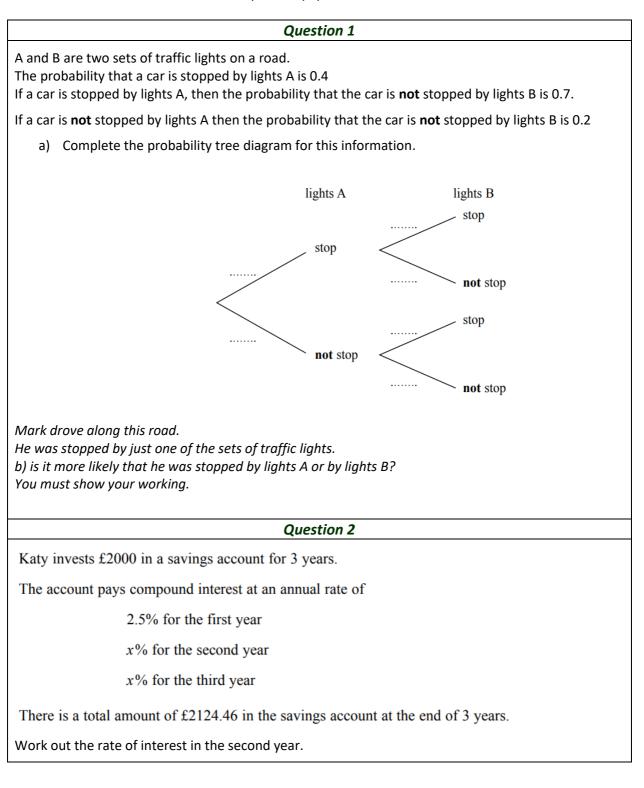
## **Question of the Week**

## Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:

#### SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 20.09.23 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD Choose one of the two questions.

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



### News from The Kitchen

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September is European Day of Languages. Come and try out something new for lunch!

We run a cashless system so remember to top up your account on Arbor.







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## Open Evening Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

We look forward to welcoming families to our open evening.

You do not need to book a place but will need to do so if you are attending the open mornings.

#### DSPL 5 events coming up

You are invited to come and join us to celebrate the launch of our Herts Haven Cafés between 2pm and 5pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

These cafés are a haven of support for children and young people in the county aged 10 to 18, offering free-of-charge, emotional wellbeing support without the requirement of a referral.

We would love you to join us for our official opening at Watford Palace Theatre, one of the café venues, to see how the service can support children and young people, and families in Hertfordshire.

If you think that you may drop-in, please RSVP to cyp@hertfordshiremind.org to help us plan refreshments.

From the team at Hertfordshire Mind Network



# Emotional Based School Avoidance Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am - Holwell Primary School

