

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

We hope students enjoyed their INSET day on Monday, an opportunity for staff to complete training and appraisal meetings. Despite the shorter teaching week, we have still packed a lot in. Tuesday was Mental Health Awareness day and we welcomed Bloom, a national charity who came in to deliver a workshop in school. They spoke to our Year 10 students about mental health and selected Year 11 students about exam stress, resilience and making future decisions. All students and staff were encouraged to wear a yellow accessory to help raise awareness about mental health. Next week sees our first round of mock exams for our Year 11s. We wish them well and hope they can use these exams as an opportunity to focus on areas they may need to pay more attention to. A quick reminder we have half term coming up, week commencing Monday 23rd October.

Headteacher's Commendations

O Kirk, Yr.7 for a fantastic start to Stanborough demonstrating consistent enthusiasm and effort in all areas of school life;

J Owen, Yr.7 outstanding engagement with families at Open Evening in the Geography department;

A Ameen, Yr.8 for generously gifting £170 to charities helping children including one in Afghanistan;

A Hawkins, Yr.9 for delivering an excellent lesson to a year 5 class on Ancient Greek mythology;

Z Lewis, Yr.10 for writing an excellent whole page article for the Stanborough Times;

K Theofanous, Yr.11 for going above and beyond to create an outstanding performance for Open Evening 2023;

N Wright and J Young, Yr13 for a fantastic presentation on globalisation during a finance lesson.



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

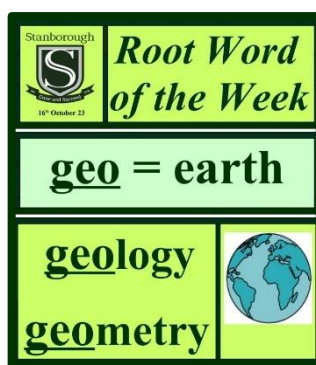
16th – 20th October

Week A

16 th – 20 th	Year 11 Mock Exams
17 th	Open morning Inclusion Information Evening, 5pm for 5.30pm start
18 th	Year 13 Cambridge/Oxford Admission Tests Barn Theatre Visit
19 th	Open Morning Year 13 Cambridge/Oxford Admission Tests

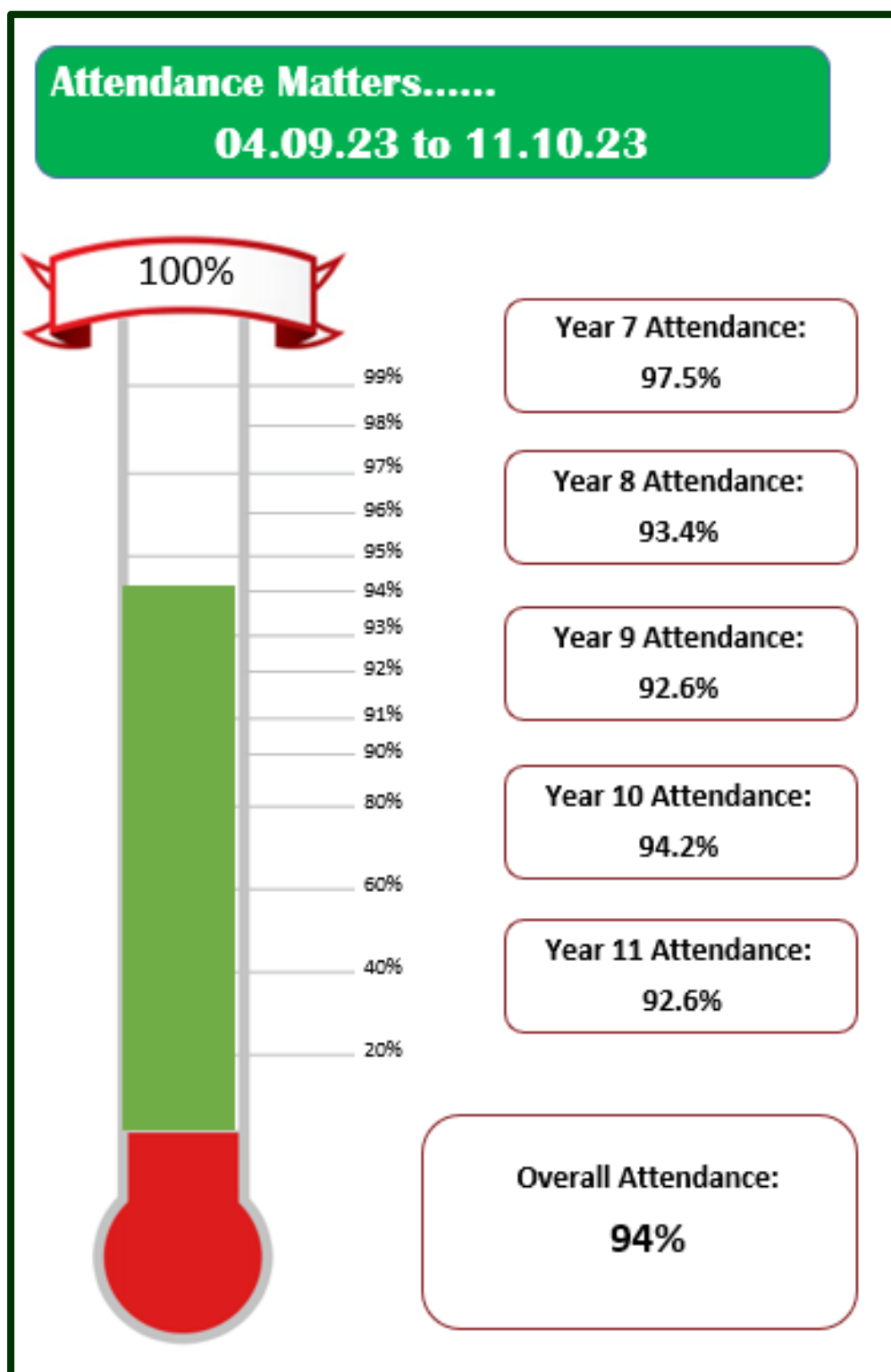
Root word of the week

Geo meaning earth. For example ' in school, we study geography.'



Attendance Matters

Please make sure that all non-urgent medical appointments are made out of school hours. Where this isn't possible, please be aware that whole days will not be authorised for appointments unless there are extenuating circumstances. Where possible, students are expected to attend school before and after appointments. Please remember that if your child is absent for any reason, parents/carers should call 01707 321755 option 1 on each day of absence.



House Celebration Day

Mr Foster, House Leader, writes:

On Friday 6th October, we had our House Celebration day! Students and staff were proudly wearing their house colours as part of non uniform day. The day had three key events, the House run 4 Stanborough, the whole school walk and the House fayre.

Run 4 Stanborough

Students from year 7 to the sixth form competed in the house run around the Stanborough north lake. It was brilliant to see students competing in their house colours, some even wore fancy dress as spiderman! After totalling the scores, Sopwell were our winners for this year!

Whole school walk

Students who were not competing in the run completed a walk around both Stanborough lakes. Luckily the weather was on our side and it was a lovely occasion for students and staff to walk together in their houses.

House fayre

After the run and walk, students returned to school to find the House fayre. There were lots of activities for students to participate in with music in the background. The fayre ended with our gunging ceremony, where Mr Torindo and Miss Nelson were the lucky members of staff to be gunged!

It was brilliant to see the enjoyment students and staff had in celebrating their House identity through this day. A huge thank you to all involved, a great way to start the year!



Calling all Year 9s!

Mrs Magee, Teacher of MFL, writes:

GCHQ, one of the UK's intelligence agencies, is running a National Language Competition from the 6th – 10th November 2023 aimed at Year 9 students from across the UK. Over the course of five days, teams of four will score points by tackling a variety of fun, language-themed challenges hosted on an online platform.

All students will be able to take part, no prior knowledge is required, only a keenness for languages and problem solving. The team with the most points at the end of the competition will be invited to GCHQ's headquarters in Cheltenham and will be presented with a trophy by the GCHQ Director!

If you would like to compete, then assemble your team and register your interest by speaking to Mrs Magee in G18 by Friday 20th October at the latest.



Community Work

Well done to Zara who helped a small group of people to clear the wooded area at Green Lanes School. She helped to clear the path and lay woodchip so that the children have a safe outside wood to play and learn in. Great work!



Teacher for a day!

On the INSET day on Monday, Aidan went into his mum's school and delivered a lesson to the Year 5 class on Ancient Greek mythology as part of their History unit of work. This is an area of learning that Aidan's very passionate about and he really shared his knowledge well, planning and preparing a PowerPoint about a range of different mythical beasts and he then set the children a task of creating their own mythical beasts in the form of a Pokémon card. This will form the basis of their unit of writing on poetry. He did so well, organising all of this and speaking confidently and knowledgeably to the children and supporting them in the activity as they worked independently.



A Level Drama Student Performs at Barn Theatre

Mrs Eracleous-Rickard, Head of Drama, writes:

Our Drama A Level student, Joshua Holloway, will be performing at The Barn Theatre from 13th October in King Charles III. Our Year 10s and A Level students will be going on a trip to see his performance on Wednesday 18th October.



WGCH LSP Oct 2023 – newsletter

The latest parent post newsletter is now available to download from our website,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WGCH-LSP-Oct-2023-newsletter-compressed.pdf>



Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



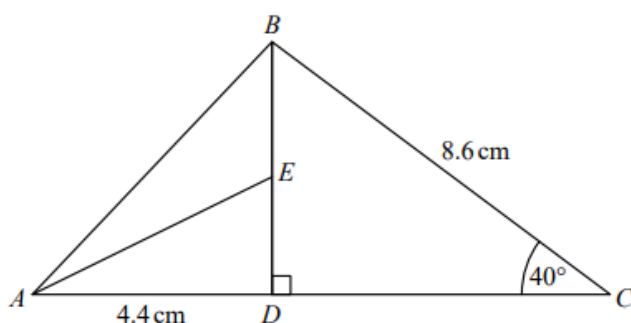
SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 18.10.23 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

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

The diagram shows triangle ABC .



ADC and DEB are straight lines.

$AD = 4.4 \text{ cm}$

$BC = 8.6 \text{ cm}$

E is the midpoint of DB .

Angle $CDB = 90^\circ$

Angle $DCB = 40^\circ$

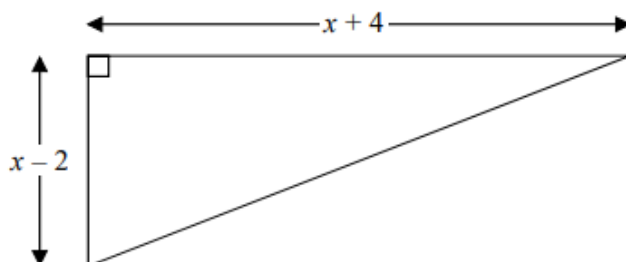
Work out the size of angle EAD .

Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

You must show all your working.

Question 2

The diagram shows a right-angled triangle.



All the measurements are in centimetres.

The area of the triangle is 27.5 cm^2

Work out the length of the shortest side of the triangle.

You must show all your working.