

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

This week sees the end of our first half term and hasn't the time flown by! Our new Year 7 students have settled in well with the change to secondary school and all that it entails, and it was lovely to celebrate those Year 7s who won the Reading Journey summer homework project this week. Homework for Year 7s will start after half term with core subjects only. These teachers will be setting 30 minutes of homework per week. If you or your child have any questions please contact the subject teacher. Homework club is open to students in all groups on Mondays and Tuesdays and Year 7s have an extra day on Wednesday, all the homework clubs take place from 3-4pm in C3. This week also sees the end to our open mornings, which have been very popular and a huge success. We hope all the families who came to see our school in action enjoyed their time here with us. We wish all parents the best of luck when making their secondary school choices and we hope to see you again in September 2024. We are very proud of our school and the commitment we have between school and home to ensure the best outcomes for all our students. Support is available for all students which was highlighted this week in our Inclusion Evening. Hope all our students, staff and parents enjoy a restful half term break and are ready for the busy run up to Christmas when we return!

Headteacher's Commendations

N Khalil, R Ramdani, S Protic and R Mathew, Yr.7 for an exceptional performance in completing the Geography Summer Bingo Challenge;
T Munday, Yr.7 for representing Hertfordshire County Cricket in the U11 competition and winning both matches;

B Brocklesby-Sum, A Macdonald and M Latimer-Nagar, Yr.8 for an exceptional performance in completing the Geography Summer Bingo Challenge;

K Kirby, Yr.8 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

R Russell, Yr.8 for accumulating 1.5 million points on Memrise;

T Hawkins, Yr.8 for taking part and leading a Welwyn U7s group in the Barnet Rugby Festival;

D Faizul, Yr.8 for winning Gold and Bronze medals at the English Taekwondo Open Championships;

U Kopko, Yr.9 for outstanding kindness when helping new students to settle into Stanborough School;

K Broomfield, D Gambiza, J Williams, P Davison and C Lawrence, Yr.10 for working tirelessly on Open Evening to bake cakes, cookies and scones all evening;

Z Millar, Yr.10 for outstanding work in the community when clearing a wooded area to create a safe children's play zone;

C Isiguzo, Yr.11 for accumulating one million points on Memrise;

L Dolling, Yr.11 for outstanding effort and commitment and amazing attitude to learning in all English lessons;

L Fennell Yr.12 for outstanding write ups on the support given in the Reader Leader sessions;

T Papachristos, Yr.13 for an outstanding summer project for Psychology.



Quote of the week:

“Life is ten percent what happens to me and ninety per cent how I react to it.”

Charles Swindoll

Wish you a restful half term.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

23rd – 27th October : Half Term

30th October – 3rd November 2023, Week B

30th October – 3rd November Year 11 Mock Exams

30th October Year 7 Crucial Crew Event


4th November Year 11 Saturday Tuition, 9-11am

6th & 7th November Flu Vaccinations

9th Year 8 Future Forward Event
Post 16 Choices and Information Evening, 5pm

Root Word of the Week

W/c 30th October 2023




WB 30th October 2023

Root Word of the Week

scope = see

kaleidoscope

microscopic



Chess Club

Chess club starts
Thursday after half
term in the LRC,
3-4pm.

Chess Club!

Run by Ms Wilson, Lily Redding and Nia Joshi



Every Thursday after school
Starting the 2nd of November | 3-4pm
Taking place in the LRC for all year
groups

Please sign in at the LRC Desk!

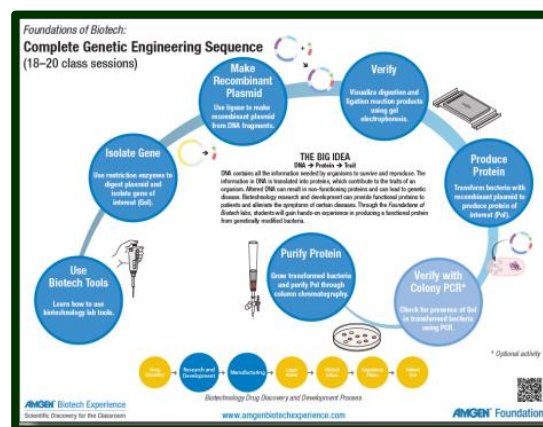


Cutting Edge Biotechnology coming to Stanborough!

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

The ABE programme commencing on 3rd November for a fortnight will enable our A Level students to use specialised equipment to clone genes with a full sequence of laboratory-based lessons. This is an opportunity for our scientists to update on cutting edge biotechnology developments and research; the ABE labs parallel some of the important steps that the Pharmaceutical biotechnology industry uses to develop therapeutic drugs to treat various diseases.

The labs focus on techniques so the students understand the role of Biotechnology and the potential impact of this industry on our future. By engaging in the program, the students may be more motivated to understand the science concepts and perhaps even pursue careers in Science.



Walton on the Naze Geography Visit

Miss Hughes and Mrs MacDonald, Teachers of Geography, writes:

On the 26th September the Geography department were delighted to be able to take 115 Year 9 students to Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, as part of the coastal processes topic. Fieldwork is a vital aspect of geography, with learning beyond the classroom helping to bring our subject alive and provide a real-world context for the theory learnt in school. Following the restrictions of the past few years, this marked an exciting start to the department offering more enrichment opportunities across all year groups.

Pupils were tasked with investigating coastal erosion by working out how long it would take for homes and landmarks in the area to be lost to the sea - don't worry, we will be able to continue visiting Walton-on-the-Naze for many more years! Pupils also compared different stretches of the coastline, noting the slumping that was evident where no coastal management is in place. This provided a useful taster of some of the fieldwork skills that will be developed further at GCSE level. We were incredibly lucky with the weather, and pupils enjoyed a sunny day by the seaside. Mr Fraser, Mrs Macdonald and Miss Hughes were impressed with the enthusiasm shown throughout the day and are pleased to have such fantastic geographers within Year 9 – many of you will be our future GCSE and A Level stars! These opportunities can only run with the support of staff outside the department and we would like to thank Mrs Thaker, Mrs Vickers, Miss Cox and Miss Holton for their contributions on the day.



Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with MERIT

Dr Jolly, Eco-School Coordinator, writes:

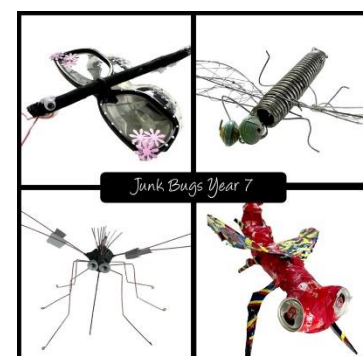
I am very excited to report that we were successful in achieving our accreditation from Eco-Schools in recognition of the wonderful environmental projects undertaken during the last academic year.

I am so proud of all the students involved - from the book swap held on World Book Day to the building of our wonderful giant bug hotel, we have certainly shown that the Stanborough School community can work together for the benefit of us all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank last year's Eco Ambassadors for their contribution to the initial evaluation and planning for each of the projects. The members of the Nature & Eco Club, together with Mr Beevor's 3D design club, were instrumental in the creation of the bug hotel. Thank you to everyone who donated materials! We also enjoyed taking part in the Big Schools Birdwatch and identifying trees, flowers and fungi around the school grounds.

The accreditation also recognises the inclusion of environmental themes across the curriculum, such as the junk bugs in Year 7 Art & Design, and House poetry and cake decorating competitions. It has been lovely to see everyone getting involved.

We are now completing this year's Environmental Review with our new group of Eco Ambassadors and look forward to sharing the results and our future plans with you next month.



Student Success

Hertfordshire County Cricketer!

Over the summer holidays Ted in 7KL was chosen to represent Hertfordshire County Cricket in an U11 competition against Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire. Ted was one of 12 players chosen and played two T20 matches at Dunstable Cricket Club.

Hertfordshire won both matches. Ted scored 21 in the first match and 38 not out in the second.



Singing Star!

Caroline took part in the Oxford Regional Bible Kalotsavam 2023 on Saturday 21st October, a competition hosted by the Catholic Syro Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain. Caroline finished in 3rd position in the solo singing category (ages 11-13). A big congratulations goes to Caroline for doing so well.

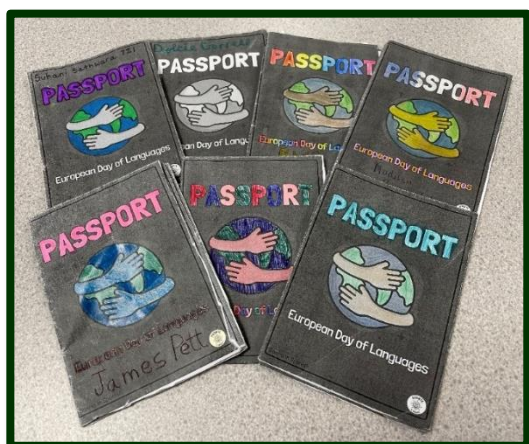


Monologue Performance

Phoebe auditioned and was selected to be part of 'Message in a bottle' Monologues (the theme being mystery and magic) where she performed a monologue at the theatre Deli in Sheffield at the end of August and her own monologue that she wrote was performed by another actor at the end of September. This is an incredible achievement, well done Phoebe!

National Cycling Time Trials

Esmee competed in the GHS National 10 mile open road time trail last month in Hull and then the RTTC National 10 mile closed road time trail last week at croft motor circuit in Darlington. In both events she managed to achieve second place for her respective age and gender.



European Day of Languages passports

Mr McGowan, Teacher of MFL, writes:

Congratulations to the following students for their engagement in European Day of Languages 2023 and completing the European Day of Languages passport to a very high quality, earning themselves a Gold Award.

Madison Page 7BP, Eva Stroud 7HM, Lila Child 7SE,
Austin Beverstock 7KL, Poppy Smith 7BP, Dolcie Gorrell 7KK,
Suhani Sathwara 7BP

Year 7 Reading Journey Winners

Miss Davies, Literacy Coordinator, writes:



This week we celebrated our first Year 7 Stanborough Literacy Winners as we rewarded our top five winners and five runners up for their excellent Reading Journey completed over the summer holidays. We were so impressed with the quality and high standard of the Reading Journeys handed in earlier in the term, we had to double the number of winners! Ms Wilson, our Chartered Librarian, awarded the special Gold Coin tokens to our top five winners who enjoyed the challenge of choosing their prize book from the vending machine and Mrs Armitage gave out the certificates. What a lovely way to spend a Wednesday morning! Congratulations to all ten students – you have done Stanborough proud!

The TOP 5!

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who have won:

- A Literacy Gold Award
- A Literacy Badge
- A Headteacher's Commendation
- A Vending Machine Golden Coin

Sofia Protic (7BP)
Corey James (7HC)
Austin Beverstock (7KL)
Sophie Lawson (7HC)
Maddison Payne (7SM)



Runners Up!

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who have won A Literacy Gold Award:

Katie Eason (7HC)
Kaitlin Hawkins (7HC)
Logan Humbles (7KK)
Huxley Lewis (7SM)
Oscar O' Connell (7KK)



Art, Design and Technology Newsletter

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

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/ADT-Newsletter-October-issue-3-2023.pdf>





FEATURED

Mental Health Awareness Day October 2023

This year, mental health awareness day was on the 10th October with the focus being on mental health being a universal human right. This is something we work towards at Stanborough with a focus on positive mental health for all. We support students in tutor time and lessons and through our support services to promote positive mental health. We also encourage students to follow the five ways to wellbeing to help them to manage their own mental health.

In School Support



We have a new school counsellor who works with us every Wednesday. If you feel your child would benefit from this support please speak to their year leader.

Useful Links



This week's

TOP TIPS

A reminder on the five ways to wellbeing.



Connect and give: talk to teachers, friends and family and make plans to meet up



Be active: join a club or sports team to meet people and stay active



Take notice: go for walk, visit a new place, walk to school a different route – notice what's around you



Learn: learn something new – a sport, musical instrument, new language etc. Learn something that interests you outside of school

In THE NEWS

Social media is still an issue for young people and we are understating more and more the effect of social media on young peoples' mental health. Young Minds (<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>) talks about how the images we see on social media sites 'don't reflect how people look in real life. Everybody has imperfections and insecurities and that's what makes us human.' Their advice is to follow accounts that make you feel good about yourself and to give yourself a 'digital detox' by taking time away from social media and spending time with friends and family in real life.

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 01.11.23 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

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

White shapes and black shapes are used in a game.
Some of the shapes are circles.
All the other shapes are squares.

The ratio of the number of white shapes to the number of black shapes is 3:7

The ratio of the number of white circles to the number of white squares is 4:5

The ratio of the number of black circles to the number of black squares is 2:5

Work out what fraction of all the shapes are circles.

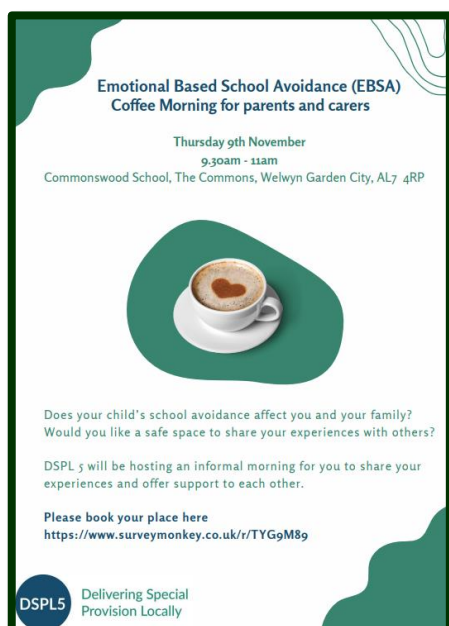
DSPL5 October Newsletter

The October newsletter for parents and carers from DSPL5 is now available to download from our website, <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/DSPL-5-Newsletter-for-Parents-and-Carers-October-2023.pdf>

Emotional Based School Avoidance Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers

DSPL5 are putting on another coffee morning for parents/carers with children currently avoiding school or on a reduced timetable due to their anxiety.

Thursday 9th November, 9.30am at Commonswood School.



Welwyn & Hatfield Schools Partnership

ADHD in Girls Workshop

Free online course for parents/carers

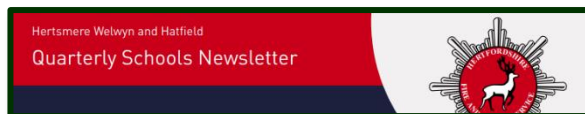
Wednesday 22nd November
9.30am



Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Quarterly Newsletter

The Hertsmere and Welwyn Hatfield Autumn Newsletter is available to download from our website, <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Hertsmere-and-Welwyn-Hatfield-Autumn-2023-Newsletter.pdf>

Please read for advice on ways to keep you and your family safe.



Community Protection Directorate



The Residents of Hertfordshire



Welwyn Garden City Fire Station
Bridge Road East
Welwyn Garden City
Hertfordshire
AL7 1LP

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

Tel: 01707 343500

Email: Welwyngardencity.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk

The fire and rescue service wants your views on its future.

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) has opened a new survey so that people who live and work in the county can have their say on its future.

Responses to the survey will help the service understand how prepared people who live and work in the county are to deal with emergencies, build a picture of the barriers there are to people joining the fire and rescue service, and learn how it can better engage with the community.

All feedback will be incorporated into the service's **plan for a safe and resilient Hertfordshire** which details the key risks and challenges facing the county, as well as how HFRS will use its resources to respond.

Ideas to prepare for the future include embracing new research and technology, creating more sustainable services, and working more closely with our communities and partners.

The plan won't be complete without your input. The survey is open from 25 September to 19 November, and it takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

Read our plan for a safe and resilient Hertfordshire and take the survey on our website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/CRMP or alternatively scan the QR code above.

County of opportunity

***Interested in becoming an On Call Firefighter?
Scan the QR code to find out more.***

Lesley Catchpole
Support Officer | Community Protection
Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service
Hertfordshire County Council



Oaklands College Open Days

Mrs Stamp, Careers Leader, writes:

For an alternative to A Levels see what's on offer at Oaklands College.
Check what courses each site offers and book your place.

Parents and students will have the opportunity to explore the campus and visit all curriculum areas and talk to teachers.

[Click here to book your place via the Oaklands College website](#)



What can you study at Welwyn Garden City? (Open Day 11th Nov)

- APPLIED SCIENCE
- BUSINESS
- COMPUTING & IT
- CHILDCARE & EARLY YEARS
- CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & CIVIL ENGINEERING
- ENGINEERING
- ESOL
- GCSEs
- HAIR & BEAUTY
- HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
- MEDIA
- MUSIC
- PERFORMING ARTS
- TRAVEL & TOURISM
- T LEVELS

Ensure you book the right campus open day to see the course you are interested in.

What can you study at St Albans? (Open Day 4th Nov)

- ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & AGRICULTURE
- ART, FASHION & DESIGN
- BRICKWORK & MULTI-TRADES
- BUSINESS
- CARPENTRY & JOINERY
- COMPUTING & IT
- ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
- ESOL
- EQUINE
- GCSEs
- HORTICULTURE
- HOSPITALITY & CATERING
- MOTOR VEHICLE
- PLUMBING
- PUBLIC SERVICES
- SPORTS STUDIES
- TEACHER TRAINING