

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

A reminder that our popular Christmas lunch will be served this year on Thursday 7th December, and this will also be our Christmas Jumper Day. All meals must be ordered in advance and will need to be booked by Thursday 30th November, via Arbor. Our usual food service will be available at break time on that day but at lunchtime there will be no food or drinks available other than Christmas lunch for those that have pre-ordered it. Thank you in advance to all our kitchen staff working hard to make this a very enjoyable day. The booking system for Year 9 Parents' Evening is now open for appointments. All appointments take place over video call. All the details are in the letter emailed home to Year 9 parents earlier this week. Hope you all enjoy our occasional day tomorrow, see you all back on Monday!

Headteacher's Commendations

A Beverstock, J Eley, M Curry, L Accurso, E Davidson, H Claridge, H Robinson, H Lewis and H Goddard, Yr.7 for outstanding support at the recent Welwyn Rugby Club Primary Rugby Tournament;
T Hawkins, Yr.8 for outstanding support at the recent Welwyn Rugby Club Primary Rugby Tournament;
H Hunt, Yr.7 for competing in an organised dance competition and securing 4th place;



E Webster and C James, Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;
E Squires, Yr.7 for taking part in the Pancreatic Cancer UK Challenge 24 awareness walk and raising over £200;
R Ramdani, Yr.7 for consistently excellent use of Memrise to learn and revise vocabulary in French and exceeding one million points;
M Jagadish, A Taylor and D Adepoju, Yr.8 for consistently excellent use of Memrise to learn and revise vocabulary in French and exceeding one million points;
R Maxwell, Yr.8 for consistently showing kindness and patience and being inclusive to other students in English and Drama;
B Baffour, Yr.9 for consistently excellent use of Memrise to learn and revise vocabulary in French and exceeding one million points;
S Savasci, Yr.10 for consistently going above and beyond in all Spanish lessons;
S Paalayangoda, Yr.10 for consistently excellent use of Memrise to learn and revise vocabulary in French and exceeding one million points;
J Stinson, Yr.11 for hugely improved attitude to learning since the start of year 11;
M Hedger, Yr.12 for being an amazing ambassador for Finance.

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

27th November - 1st December

Week B

29 th	Year 7 Author Visit Year 7 Parents' Evening, via online video calls, 3.30-6.30pm Stanborough University Challenge, Y12/13, 4-5pm
4 th December	Year 11 Oaklands Assembly, 8.40-9am
6 th	Year 13 A Level English Language Conference, London Consortium University Challenge, Y12/13, 4-5pm
7 th	Christmas Lunch and Festive Wear Day Year 7 History Visit to St Albans Cathedral, 9.45am-12.30pm

Christmas Lunch at Stanborough School

Miss K Ashley, School Business Manager, writes:

Our very popular Christmas lunch will be served this year on Thursday 7th December, and this will also be our Christmas Jumper / Festive Wear Day.

All meals must be ordered in advance and will need to be booked by Thursday 30th November to enable the catering team to order the food. Payments must be made via the Arbor app or link <https://login.arbor.sc/> Payments / School Shop. Should you require a copy of your Arbor login details, please contact IT Support via email at itsupport@stanborough.herts.sch.uk.

Our usual food service will be available at break time on that day but at lunchtime there will be no food or drinks available other than Christmas lunch for those that have pre-ordered it.



Christmas Lunch
Thursday 7th December 2023
£3.50
Tickets available through Arbor
Traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings
or
Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Parcels
and a
Selection of Seasonal Desserts
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Year 9 Parents' Evening, Wednesday 13th December

Year 9 parent's evening takes place on Wednesday 13th December, 3.30-6.30pm. All appointments are via an online video call. Appointments can be made from now until midnight on Tuesday 12th December. Below is a link to the booking system, this can also be found on the letter emailed home earlier this week and on our website under Useful Links,

<https://stanborough.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We hope all Year 9 parents/carers can participate in the evening as it is an ideal opportunity to discuss your child's progress with teachers. If you have any queries please contact

parentsevening@stanborough.herts.sch.uk



Stanborough School
Year 9 Parents
Consultation
Evening
Your chance to discuss your
child's academic progress
Book your appointment today!
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Attendance Matters.....

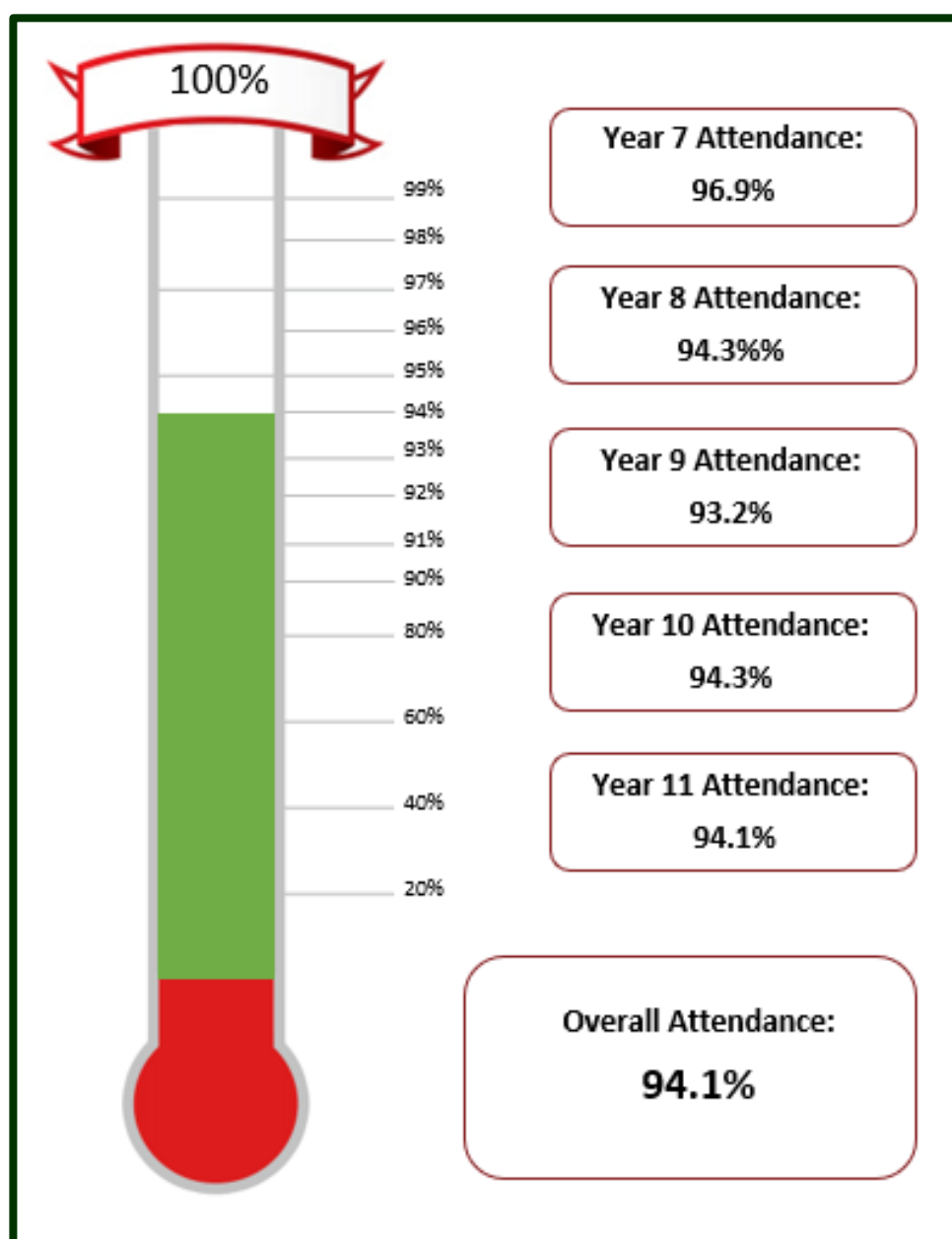
04.09.23 to 22.11.23

Attendance top tips:

A few ideas for parents, knowing school is important to you will help your child attend:

- Offer support with homework and take an interest in their learning
- Use Class Charts to keep up to date with behaviour, rewards, detention and homework
- Attend parents' evenings to discuss your child's progress
- Don't allow your child to stay off school for a minor ailment

Please remember that if your child is absent for any reason, parents/carers should call before 8.30am on 01707 321755 option 1 on each day of absence.



Key Stage 3 Creative Writing Club

Mr Bishop, KS3 Lead for English, writes:

The Creative Writing Club has been meeting since September and has already built up a loyal and talented following. Last week, we were thinking about remembrance, using Paul Nash's stunning 1918 painting 'The Menin Road' to inspire us. Below is a small sample of the club's work.

Smoke filled the sky, blocking the sunlight from reaching the Earth's surface. All that was left of the trees were their trunks, jagged edges dotted here and there where they had been hit. Random bits of debris covered the landscape, slowly sinking into the mud beneath them. Utter destruction. (Edward Kane, Year 7)

I walked through the squelching muds of the battlefield carefully placing each foot once in front of the other to avoid the scattered scrap metal that covered the ground like ashes. The trees that wearily stood on the field sobbed from their wounds, branches missing, bark peeling, stripped of all form of life. (Cecily Judge, Year 9)

I stumbled through the barren wasteland. Tripping over discarded weaponry and having to haul my wounded body over the scrap metal and wade through puddles of squelchy mud and dirty water. I looked around and was met with burnt lifeless trees. (Erin Quinlan, Year 9)

Creative Writing Club meets every Friday lunchtime in F7, and is open to pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. If you're interested in developing your writing, come along!



Eco-Schools News

Feeling Good Week 2024

Feeling Good Week is a Hertfordshire-wide event that encourages the community to promote children and young people's emotional wellbeing by raising awareness of mental health, and showing where support can be accessed within the community.

The theme this year is Regrown.

Thank you to Dr Jolly for successfully obtaining the grant from Hertfordshire County Council and spearheading this event at Stanborough to promote the positive effects on our mental health from being outside and experiencing nature.



Joint effort pays off!

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

We are grateful to Mr Bell and Mr Beevor in our Art, Design & Technology department who assisted the Science department in creating our own combs for DNA Manipulation. Electrophoresis combs are used to create the wells in gels and use the electrical charges of molecules to separate and analyse DNA fragments.

This apparatus was created using a laser cutter and a 3D Printer and having this piece of equipment enables our Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 year groups to acquire a hands-on experience within the school through-out the year. This idea arose after we completed the two week intensive labs with our Year 13 Biologists.

Thank you to the Art, Design and Technology Department!



Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 29.11.23 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Choose either Question 1 or Question 2.

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

Katie invests £200 in a savings account for 2 years.

The account pays compound interest at an annual rate of

3.3% for the first year

1.5% for the second year

(a) Work out the total amount of money in Katie's account at the end of 2 years.

Katie travels to work by train.

The cost of her weekly train ticket increases by 12.5% to £225

Katie's weekly pay increases by 5% to £535.50

(b) Compare the increase in the amount of money Katie has to pay for her weekly train ticket with the increase in her weekly pay.

Question 2

Solve the equations

$$x^2 + y^2 = 36$$



$$x = 2y + 6$$

You must solve these algebraically.

Art, Design & Technology Newsletter

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

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/ADT-Newsletter-November-issue-4-2023.pdf>

 Stanborough W/c 27th November 2023	Root Word of the Week
<u>syn</u> = together	
<u>Syn</u>onym	
<u>Syn</u>thesis	

Root word of the week

W/c 27th November 2023

PE Report w/c 20th November

Miss Novelli, PE Teacher, writes:

Following our sporting successes last academic year, this term so far has been no different. We have had a wide range of sports that have been in competition, ranging from netball, to football and cross country fixtures.

We have had a very positive start with our netball season, beginning with our Year 10 girls confidently beating Chancellors, our Year 8 and 7 girls following suit also winning their first matches this year against Bishops. Our Year 9 netball team also kept a clean slate by drawing their very close and competitive match against Bishops too. Players of the match were awarded to Selma Mangwende, Solace Ehioghae Irianele and Imara Fanning for their tenacity, teamwork and strong performances.

Our girls also showed confidence in our first u16 girls football tournament at Hertswood. The girls competed within a 13 team tournament, firstly winning their group after five tough games, the girls then got through to the semi-finals, but then unfortunately lost their match by one unfortunate goal to the runners up of the tournament Monk's Walk. The girls worked so hard, showing great teamwork, communication and support for one another that they definitely deserved to achieve their rightly earned 3rd place on the podium. Players' Player was awarded to captain Tyra Mpofu for her multiple goals that she scored throughout the games, and Manager's Player was awarded to Emily Smith for her solid stint at centre back, blocking many through balls from opposition to Delia in goal. Similarly, our u12 and u14s had their first football tournament of the year, this time hosted by Monk's Walk. Our u14s won one match and lost two matches, their best match against Onslow winning 2-0! While our u12s remained undefeated winning two matches beating both Onslow and Monk's Walk and drew against Ridgeway. Players of the tournament were Isabella Dart and Eden Martin for showing confidence, skill and solid distribution of passes, well done girls!

Our long distance runners also had a very successful turnout for the annual cross country at Queenswood this half term. This year we had over 50 runners representing Stanborough across Years 7 through to sixth form. We had some awesome standout performances including Paige Wadley, Charlie Stylianou, the Year 7 boys' team, and the Year 10 boys' team. Overall the boys placed 2nd among all 12 schools in the district, and with the girls help placed Stanborough as a team placed 5th overall with all individual places and achievements combined. What a fantastic group effort!

Finally, our Year 9 and 10 boys have participated in multiple basketball rallies, and Year 7, 8, and 9 football matches, with the Year 7 and 9 teams both making it to the final 16 in the county cup. Some outstanding performances boys, well done and good luck for future fixtures!



PE Extra-Curricular Clubs

Lunch time, 1.20 – 1.55pm		Year	Location	Teacher
Monday	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Minion
Tuesday	Basketball (free practice)	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
Wednesday	Basketball (free practice)	Year 9, 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Fraser
	Dance	Year 7, 8 & 9	Gym	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
Thursday	Volleyball	Year 9 & 10	Sports Hall	Mr Fraser
Friday	Volleyball	Year 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Minion

After School, 3 – 4.15pm		Year	Location	Teacher
Monday	Football	Year 7	Sports Hall	Mr Fraser
	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris & Mr Minion
	Netball	Year 7 & 11	Sports Hall	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
Tuesday	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris & Mr Fraser
	Football	Year 8	Sports Hall	Mr Minion
	Netball	Year 8, 9 & 10	Sports Hall	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
Wednesday	Volleyball	Year 11 & 6 th form	Sports Hall	Mr Fraser & Mr Harris
Thursday	Girls' Football	All Years	Sports Hall & Field	Miss Novelli
Friday	No Clubs			

Please see our website for all extra-curricular clubs and activities

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/clubs-activities/>