

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

This week we held the first of our parents' evenings which was for Year 7. The event was very well attended and many of our teachers were fully booked. If you have anything specific you would like to discuss with a member of staff please email them directly. All staff email addresses are available on our website. The booking system is now open for Year 9 to make their appointments, again these are filling up quickly so please ensure you book yours in as soon as possible. Year 7 were very excited this week to welcome author Matt Dickinson for a special literacy workshop. He signed student copies of his books. The Autumn term is speeding along and we still have so much to look forward to in the last few weeks of term. Our Christmas lunch is next Thursday and staff and students are encouraged to dust off their Christmas jumpers and festive attire for that day. A donation of £2 is suggested and all funds will go to our charity for this year, Teenage Cancer Trust. We also have our winter musicale, house drama performances, yuletide soiree and our special presentation evening for our GCSE and A Level students from last year. This year the term will end with house assemblies and we look forward to finding out which house will be at the top of the leader board!

Headteacher's Commendations

B Mizon, R McMaster, S Lawson and A Adekanye, Yr.7 for an outstanding solo performance at the recent Rock and Pop concert;

T Jackson, Yr.8 for outstanding work ethic across a number of lessons;

C Judge, E Quinlan, C McIntosh and E Miu, Yr.9 for taking part in the GCHQ National Language competition;

F Pressland, Yr.10 for consistently high work ethic in all lessons;

H Parkins, Yr.11 for outstanding contributions and support for the school production;

J Evans, Yr.12 for outstanding commitment to independent study in the sixth form centre;

L Saunders, Yr.13 for outstanding commitment to independent study in the sixth form centre.



Quote of the week:

"We can endure much more than we think we can." Frida Kahlo

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

4th – 8th December

Week A

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| 4 th | Year 11 Oaklands Assembly, 8.40-9am |
| 6 th | Year 13 A Level English Language Conference, London Consortium University Challenge, Year 12/13, 4.15-5.15pm |
| 7 th | Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Year 7 History visit to St Albans Cathedral, 9.40am-12.15pm |

Christmas Lunch & Festive Jumper Day Thursday 7th December

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.

Students and staff are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumper/accessories/colours for £2 on the day, to help us celebrate and raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust.



House Drama Performances

Join us for an evening of entertainment from our four house groups on Thursday 14th December.

Tickets available on Arbor.

Who'll be your favourite?



Winter Musicale

Monday 18th December

Get in the Christmas spirit with us for a singalong and musical performances from our talented musicians!

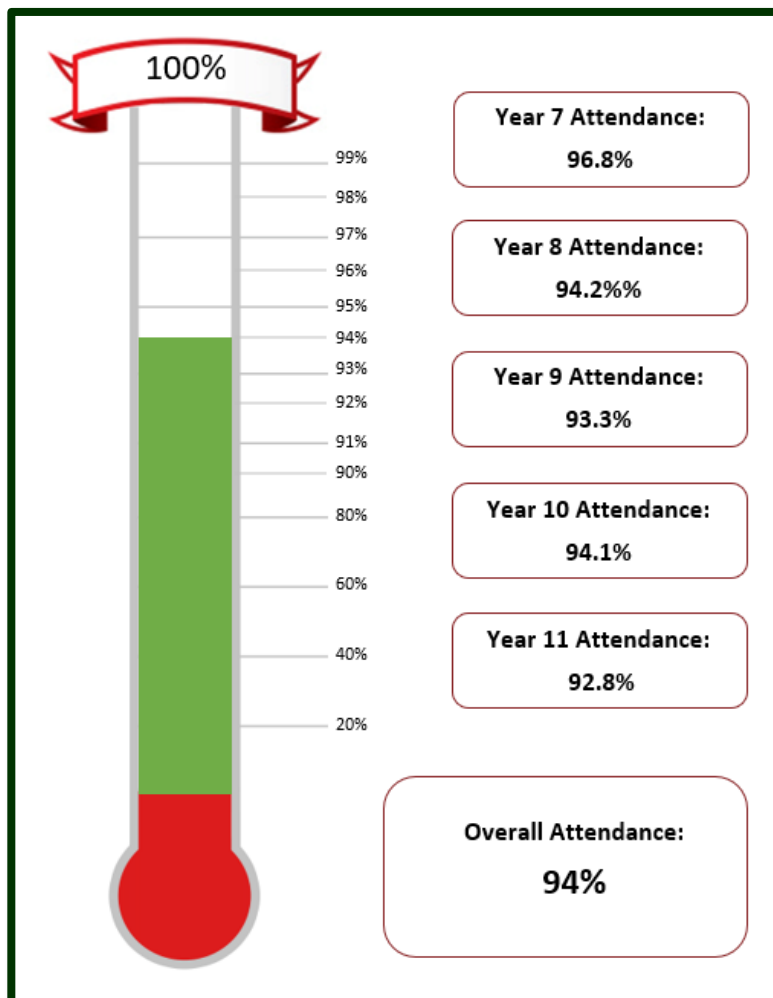


Attendance Matters.....

04.09.23 to 29.11.23

Let young people know that good attendance is important:

- Attendance is a parent and pupil responsibility.
- Let your child know that you think attending school daily is important. Show them you are interested in their school activities and tell them that you want them to do well in school.
- Know your child's attendance target. Keep a check on how they are doing.
- Good attendance habits start at an early age. Make sure your child goes to school regularly and on time.
- This helps them develop a positive view of school and the importance of attendance.



Year 9 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 13th December

A reminder that Year 9 parents' 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 last week and is 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!

High Expectations | Mutual Respect | Quality Learning | Success for All

Maths Inspiration Show in London

Mrs Coldwell, STEM Leader: Mathematics, writes:

The small group of Stanborough students making their way into Central London on Monday 20th November were a credit to the school as always. Chennai Avery (11SE), Jan Strozewski (11SE), Joshua Carter (11KK), Olivia Scott (11BP), Mohammad Naveed (11HC), Aeron Senaratne (11HC), Chidera Isiguzo (11SE), Panos Stoli (12HGOC), Jiya Shah (11KK) and Jamie Merrill (11KL) put in a few thousand steps as well as traveling by train and tube to get to the Cambridge Theatre in Covent Garden, which is currently showing Matilda most days. But we were there for a series of talks from well-known mathematical communicators. We heard Rob Eastaway, author of numerous recreational maths books, answer the question “Are you Smarter than AI?” (Spoiler: yes, at least for the moment.) Dr Aoife Hunt, a mathematical consultant, explained some of the maths that goes into planning for the movement of crowds of people, such as at festivals and sporting events. The afternoon finished with a sampler of interesting maths linked to a piece of music, all performed by Ben Sparks. After a quick pause to get some of our calculators signed, we returned to Welwyn Hatfield with our mathematical horizons expanded.

"I enjoyed seeing maths presented in the context of a real life and exciting world. It has inspired me to appreciate maths more and to explore its work in different fields." **Mohammad Naveed, 11HC**

"The best way to become an expert in something, is to learn to find the joy and satisfaction in it." **Aeron Senaratne, 11HC**



Amazon Wish List

Ms Wilson, Librarian, writes:

To enable all our students to enjoy reading their favourite books we have created a list of the book titles they have asked to be available to read from our school library. Their wish list is available on Amazon and parents/carers can purchase a book from this list to be donated to our library.



If you would like to donate a book from this wish list, please follow this link, <https://amzn.eu/3ubu6AY>

This will direct you to our booklist where you can choose your donation, which will be sent directly to Stanborough School. Please ensure to choose 'School Library Book Wish List's Gift Registry Address' as the delivery address, this address will appear in their 'Other addresses' list.

Thank you in advance for your donation from the student's wish list.

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 06.12.23 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

The diagram shows a circle with centre O

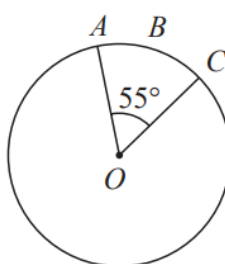


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

A , B and C are points on the circle so that the length of the arc ABC is 5 cm.

Given that angle $AOC = 55^\circ$

work out the area of the circle.

Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

Question 2

Sonia invests 200 000 yen for 3 years in a savings account which pays compound interest.

The rate of interest is 1.8% for the first year and $x\%$ for each of the second year and the third year.



The value of the investment at the end of the third year is 209 754 yen.

Work out the value of x

Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

Root Word of the Week

W/c 4th December 2023

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|  W/B December 4 th 2023 | Root Word of the Week |
| photo = light | |
| photograph |  |
| photosynthesis | |

PE Extra-Curricular Clubs, Update

| 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 Foster |
| | Dance | Year 7, 8 & 9 | Gym | Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris |
| Thursday | Volleyball | Year 9 & 10 | Sports Hall | Mr Foster |
| Friday | Volleyball | Year 10 & 11 | Sports Hall | Mr Minion |

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

Vacancy

Science Technician

We are seeking to appoint a full or part time Science Technician to support the learning of science by ensuring that all practical, demonstration and assessment requirements are met on time and safely.

Please see our website for more information,
<https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/137847/EDV-2023-SS-03289>






JOB VACANCY

Science Technician

CLOSING DATE :
11TH DECEMBER 2023, MIDNIGHT

See our website for details

Stanborough Yuletide Soiree

We, the heads of school team, would like to invite all parents, staff and Post 16 students to our annual Yuletide Soiree. You are promised an evening of Christmas spirit, music and refreshments. You will be able to purchase some wonderful artwork, as gifts, all proceeds go to our school charity - Teenage Cancer Trust.

Please purchase tickets on Arbor - Only £5!!

