

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Our house drama performances were a huge success this week and enjoyed by all students. For those families that came to yesterday evening's performances, we hope you enjoyed them too and agreed with the panel of judges. Final scores for house points and leaders for this year's trophy will be announced to students in their end of term house assemblies this week and will be published in our final Stanborough Times for this term on Wednesday 20th December. A reminder that students will be dismissed from 12.20pm on Wednesday. Don't forget we have our Yuletide Soiree Christmas charity event organised by sixth form students this evening at 6.30pm and our Winter Musicale on Monday 18th.

Headteacher's Commendations

J Pett and B Redmond, Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

L Johnson, Yr.7 for showing outstanding kindness and offering support to another student in lessons;

N Mugauri, Yr.8 for a consistently outstanding attitude to learning and showing respect to all classmates;

A Newman, Yr.8 for taking part in the recent Sleeping Beauty pantomime at the Gordon Craig Theatre;

T Beale, Yr.9 for taking part in the recent Sleeping Beauty pantomime at the Gordon Craig Theatre;

C McIntosh, Yr.9 for taking part in the recent Peter Pan pantomime at The Alban Arena;

J Roberts, Yr.9 for taking part in the recent Beauty and the Beast pantomime at the Radlett Centre;

D Fajemiyo and C Mngomba Yr.10 for an outstanding attitude to learning in Child Development lessons, catching up on all work and being so polite and helpful;

A Brasovanu, D Gambiza, Z Millar, T Ahir, G Abajue, R Datta, F Pressland, D Adebambi and S Hirani, Yr.10 for outstanding attitude during all mentoring sessions with younger students;

M Bunker and B Brennan, Yr.11 for outstanding attitude and effort in all Psychology lessons;

E Osagie, Yr.12 for outstanding attitude during all mentoring sessions with younger students;

M Tabany, Yr.12 for excellent organisation and attitude and handing in the EPQ draft early;

R Ogeer-Ali, S Pennell, M Ruck and E Powell, Yr.13 for winning the Consortium University Challenge;

A Singh and S Judge, Yr.13 for outstanding support during the Consortium University Challenge;

T Linger, Yr.13 for organising and preparing the Meet the Sixth for Year 11.



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

18th – 22nd December

Week A

18 th	Winter Musicale
19 th	Presentation Evening for GCSE & A Level 2022/23 Students & Families
20 th	End of Term Students will be dismissed from 12.20pm
4 th January 2024	Spring Terms Starts for all Students

Winter Musicale, Monday 18th December

Join us for a singalong and short festive performances from our talented musicians. Refreshments will be available to purchase with proceeds for the music department.



Presentation Evening for GCSE and A Level 2022/23

We look forward to welcoming our GCSE and A level students and families to our presentation evening on Tuesday 19th December to celebrate the success of this year's exam students.



Vacancies

• Year Leader Support Officer

We wish to appoint a highly organised and efficient Year Leader Support Officer to provide confidential and effective support to the Year Leaders and Deputy Year Leaders.

Please click the link for more information,

<https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/137847/EDV-2023-SS-68990>

Closing date: 5th January 2024, 9am



We currently have the following casual vacancies available and are looking for individuals to join the teams who support our students at lunchtime break and during exam periods.

- **Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants:** <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/137847/EDV-2023-SS-17460>
- **Exam Invigilators:** <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/137847/EDV-2023-SS-59345>

If you or someone you know are interested, please go to the vacancy page on the school website here:

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/staff-vacancies/> or click on the links above.

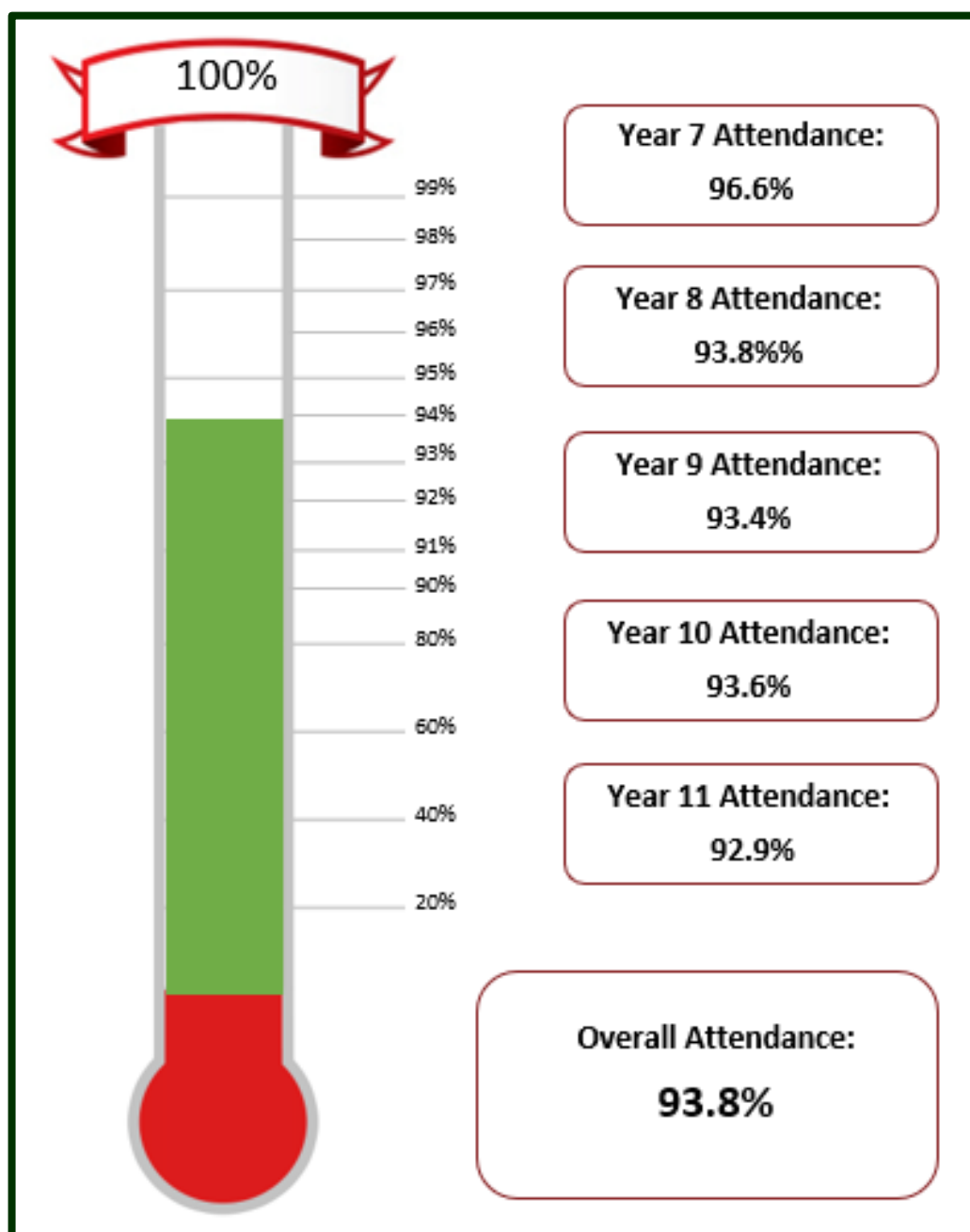
Attendance Matters.....

04.09.23 to 29.11.23

Attendance Matters!

Did you know one school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of learning time MISSED! Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year = one GCSE grade DROP in achievement. (DfE)

Please help us and your child by ensuring their attendance remains above 95%, allowing them to achieve their potential.



Young Carers in Schools Award

Stanborough is delighted to have secured the bronze award for being a school that recognises and supports young carers. Thank you to Mrs Stratton for being a great support to our young carers, being their ambassador and for going above and beyond to nurture and care for them.



Farewell

Mrs Bolt, Assistant Business Manager

Miss Ashley, Business Manager, writes:

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Bolt, our Assistant Business Manager, who has managed our Finance Office since April 2017.

During the six and half years Mrs Bolt has been here, she has been a huge support to students, parents and to all of her colleagues. She has ensured that all financial matters have been dealt with promptly and efficiently and has supported and trained her team of staff to the highest levels. She has always focussed on our students as a priority and ensured that lunches and FSM vouchers are organised and oversees the administration and finances for trips to ensure that all runs smoothly.

Thank you for all of your support to all at Stanborough School over the years. You will be missed, and we all wish you the very best in your new venture.

Student Success

Pantomime Performances

Tilly, 9HC and Ava, 8HC are performing in the Sleeping Beauty pantomime at Gordon Craig theatre Stevenage.

Jenna is performing in Beauty and the Beast at The Radlett Centre.

Cait is performing in Peter Pan at St Albans



GCHQ National Language Competition

Mrs Magee, Teacher of MFL, writes

A huge congratulations to all the Year 9 students who took part in the GCHQ National Language Competition in November.

We entered six teams who worked so hard over the week of the competition, coming in before school, at break and lunch time and also working into the evening to solve a range of fiendish language-based puzzles. Our top placed team came in 36th position out of approximately 3,000 teams across the country, which is an amazing achievement. So special congratulations go to: Cecily Judge, Cait McIntosh, Emma Miu and Erin Quinlan.

Calling all Year 8s - keep your eyes open for next year when it will be your turn to take part!

Year 7 Sing along at St Andrew's Care Home

Kira Theophanous, 11SM, Year 11 Music Leader writes:

Through the years, Stanborough School has done a number of wonderful things, but I must say, getting to sing to all of those wonderful people at St Andrew's care home was one of the greatest. All of the younger students were so positive and well behaved and when we got the chance to speak to the residents they managed to uphold and promote all of the values Stanborough stands for. The residents were all so lovely and I am so glad that I got to meet them.



Year 7 Trip to St. Albans Abbey

Mrs Stamp, Joint Subject Leader, History, writes:

A number of Year 7 students were invited to participate in a pilot educational trip by St. Albans Abbey to learn some local History. We spent a really engaging morning at St Albans Cathedral learning about what happened there during the Great Revolt of 1380-1381. It was fascinating to stand in the very spot rebels had gathered well over 600 years earlier and reflect on their thoughts and actions. The students were encouraged to consider what they would have done with some excellent role play led by the Cathedral's Education Officers. We were so impressed with the workshop we hope to offer this trip to Year 7 students, who have not had the chance to go, in late February when they will be covering this topic in lessons.



"I enjoyed going around the Cathedral and the role play of events in 1381." Alban 7X2

"I enjoyed learning about all of the History of the Abbey and I loved doing the role play about the events in 1381." Isabella 7X2



True or False?

Mr McCarthy, Teacher of RPE, CSE and Finance, writes:

This week it's a true or false quiz.

First 3 correct answers receive a silver award whilst all other entries will get a bronze.

Answers to include your full name to dmccarthy@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

1. True or false: God is the real father of Jesus
2. True or false: The bible tells us that 3 kings riding on camels visited Jesus
3. True or false: The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas comes from the wise men presenting gifts
4. True or false: 25 December was originally the date of a Roman festival

WGCH Local Schools Partnership newsletter

The latest newsletter from Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership is now available, <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/WGCH-Newsletter-Dec-2023.pdf>



Introducing Year 7 Geography

Mrs Macdonald, Geography Teacher, writes:

A murder mystery!

Yr7 pupils started their geographical journey in September with a 'Map Skills Murder Mystery', using their newly acquired skills in direction, scale, distance and grid references to investigate a range of clues. We saw a fantastic level of enthusiasm and teamwork (as well some healthy competition) as pupils raced to identify the imaginary killer from a list of 32 suspects – thankfully, they discovered that their own teachers were not guilty! The rest of the term has been dedicated to helping pupils understand what geography is, exploring key themes including our global connections, migration, landscape and sustainability. Pupils have embraced opportunities to be creative in their learning, particularly when using play-doh to model landscapes. Most importantly, we hope this unit has inspired pupils to be curious about the world around them – please see the suggestions below for opportunities to further encourage this at home.



"I really enjoyed learning about how the shape of the land is formed by rocks and the different structures of the rocks." Ethan

"The map skills murder mystery was very intriguing and fun!" Alexia

"I really enjoyed the 'what is geography' topic and looking at all the different gorgeous landscapes." Lila

"I have enjoyed the Murder Mystery topic at the start of Geography because not only were we having fun we also learnt a lot." Parth



Good Geographers Ask Questions!

The best way to support pupils with geography outside the classroom is to encourage them to ask questions about the world around them (***even if you don't have the answers – pupils can ask us in lesson or research themselves***). Here are just a few suggestions:

- If you are going for a walk, question how the landscape was formed, notice changes to the environment at different times of the year or consider how the area is used by people and animals.
- Follow what is going on in the news and discuss, for example, how winter storms affect people in different parts of the UK or how the new volcanoes being born off the coast of Japan might look in the future.
- Look at the packaging on your next supermarket shop and think about why we get certain foods from particular places (*extra challenge – try to calculate the total distance your Christmas dinner has travelled before arriving on your plate!*).

Coming Next.... After Christmas we will be studying the physical geography of the UK, including relief, rocks & scenery, water supply and rivers – lots to look forward to!

Congratulations to all of year 7 for a very successful first term in geography – Merry Christmas!

Mr Fraser, Mrs Macdonald and Ms Hughes

Yuletide Soiree

TONIGHT – Friday 15th December, 6.30pm

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Stanborough Yuletide

Soirée

6:30PM-8:30PM
TICKET PRICE

DRINKS £5 FOOD

ARTWORK | BAKES | RAFFLES

We welcome all Sixth Formers, Parents, Staff
Bring a friend too!