

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and are ready for a busy spring term ahead. During our first full week back we have launched The Stanborough Way - Behaviour for Learning. The importance of this was explained to year groups in their assembly this week and Year 7 will be informed on Monday. Thank you for your support with this to ensure students achieve all they are capable of whilst at Stanborough. On Wednesday this week we held our Year 11 parents' evening, if you were unable to attend and would like to speak to your child's subject teacher please contact them directly.

We wish Year 11 the best of luck as they start their second round of mock exams soon and our Year 13 students who have just completed their mock exams. Please remember help and support is available for all students and they are invited to attend homework and/or study sessions after school. Please see our clubs and activities booklet for the new term for full details on these and all the extra-curricular activities we offer. There is something for everyone including sports, creative writing, art and music.

Headteacher's Commendations

D Jude and W Morris, Yr.7 for achieving over a million points on Memrise;

O Baron, Yr.7 for outstanding work in all Spanish classes last term;

S Muca and E Reding, Yr.7 for excellent attitude to learning and achievements in French;

D Wan Faizul and N Olson, Yr.8 for excellent attitude to learning and achievements in French;

R Sevillano, R Winnie, J Alex and I Latchford, Yr.9 for excellent attitude to learning and achievements in French;

S Mangwende, Yr.9 for achieving over a million words on Memrise;

W Lee Nazara and I Harrington, Yr.10 for excellent attitude to learning and achievements in French;

M Flint, Z Printer, E Mampilly and L Iliso, Yr.11 for excellent attitude to learning and achievements in French.



Quote of the week:

“Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.” Charles Dickens

Wish you a restful weekend.
Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Post 16 Top Attitude to Learning Scores

Congratulations to the Post 16 students who achieved the top ATL scores last term.

Poppy King	12EM
George Jarvis	12EM
Lily Reding	12EM
Mays Tabany	12EM
Olivia Preston	12HGO/CD
Denise Precious Karota	12KM/CKJ
Hannah Litton	12KM/CKJ
Louie Fennell	12KM/CKJ
Olivia Krainska	12KM/CKJ
Ben Paddick	12KM/CKJ
Isabella Cristea	12NZS
Daniel Harrington	12NZS
Sam Barratt	12NZS
Matthew Dunstan	12NZS
Imogen Elsley	12NZS
Eliezer Lagman	13CPM/JO
Stephen Bates	13CPM/JO
Nathan Davies	13CPM/JO
Louise Grenfell	13CPM/JO
Freddie Marshall	13CPM/JO
Kieoni Simkins	13CPM/JO
Aamina Hussain	13KAC
Thomas Linger	13KAC
Nicholas Wright	13KAC
James Flint	13RC
Jayden Man	13RC
William Parnham	13RC
Grace Gardner	13RC
Keira Joyce	13RC
Reece Ogeer-Ali	13RC
Darcey Palmer	13RC

Forthcoming Events

15th – 19th January 2024

Week A

15 th – 19 th	Year 11 MFL Orals Mocks
15 th	Year 12 Geography visit, London
16 th , 17 th & 19 th	Year 8 Police Talk, Anti-Social Behaviour
17 th	Reach Every Generation Talks
18 th	Year 12 university of Hertfordshire Visit
19 th	Post 16 Apprenticeship Workshop, 8.40-10.30am DofE Bronze Navigation Prep, 3-4.30pm

Year 9 Options Evening, Tuesday 23rd January

Mr Green, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

As you will be aware, Stanborough School students begin their Key Stage 4 courses in Year 10.

We are pleased to invite you to an important information evening which will be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 in the School Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss with you the options process and the subjects available for Year 10. You will receive a booklet about the options on offer and will also have the opportunity to meet with curriculum and subject leaders to discuss the courses in more detail.

We look forward to welcoming you on the 23rd January 2024.



Reach Every Generation - Wednesday 17th January 2024

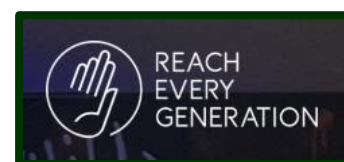
Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

We are fortunate to be able to welcome back 'Reach Every Generation', who are coming in to do talks with all year groups next week.

This group will speak to your child about how to stay safe in the community.

Please click the link below for further information about the organisation.

[Reach Every Generation - Reach Every Generation](#)



Vacancy

Attendance and Behaviour Support Worker

We wish to appoint a highly organised and efficient Attendance and Behaviour Support Worker to join the pastoral team and provide confidential and effective administrative and pastoral support for the year leaders, deputy year leaders and senior leadership team.

Please see our website for details,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/staff-vacancies/>

Stanborough School

Attendance & Behaviour Support Worker

CLOSING DATE:
22ND JANUARY 2024, 9AM

See our website for details

Farewell

Miss Hague, Year Leader Support Officer

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Hague this week.

Miss Hague has been a valued member of staff (after having been a student at Stanborough!), for 11 years, first in the office, then as the Year Leader Support worker.

Miss Hague has worked tirelessly, and with great passion, to help and support our year leaders, and students, in both an administrative, and pastoral way. Students have come to trust her kind listening ear, and Year Leaders value her expert efficiency.

We wish her luck in her new role, as she relocates to South London. Students need not fear - we have successfully recruited a replacement, who Miss Hague is training up as I type, and detentions will run as normal!

Student Success

Saracen's Developing Player Program

Congratulations to three Stanborough Students who were selected by Welwyn RFC to represent Welwyn at Gallagher English Premiership club, Saracen's Developing Player Program. They played at the StoneX Stadium over the Christmas period, impressing the on-looking coaches and spectators and representing their school and club with pride!



Year 10 Maths Enrichment at UH

Mrs Coldwell, Extracurricular Leader: Mathematics, writes:

On Friday 5th January, just as term started again, we filled the minibus with 15 Year 10s for the short journey to the University of Hertfordshire for a day of talks, activities and competitions.

The day started with a short talk about studying maths beyond GCSE, followed by an activity which used logarithms in the context of payday loans, a competition to make the largest pyramid from a piece of A5 card, a Dragon Quiz and finishing off with a talk on video games on different maps (representing different types of space). And even after all of that, we still arrived back at school before 3pm!

“The Maths Enrichment Day was an incredible experience, meeting other students from different schools was a special way to socialise. It gave me a personal insight on post-16 maths options”. **Oreoluwa Oyedare, 10SM**

“The Maths lecture made sure I will never look at Pacman the same way again”.

Waiswa Abdalla, 10HC

“The experience was helpful to me and I enjoyed meeting new people”.

Taylor Villiers, 10SM



Geography Lunch and Learn Session

Mr. H Fraser – Geography Curriculum Leader

On Friday 5th January the geography department put on a lunch and learn session for Year 11 and 12 students with former student Darius Printer. This is the second "Lunch and learn" session the department has run in the last 12 months, with Archie Jennings (who was also in Darius's class) delivering a session on his experience of studying geography at the University of Hertfordshire.

Students were treated to a light lunch, courtesy of Mr. Fraser, whilst learning about all the interesting things Darius is learning at Southampton University whilst studying Human Geography. Interesting areas of geography that were discussed included economic, cultural, political and applied geography. Students were particularly interested to find out about how valued geography is to potential employers, given the fact it teaches a breadth of skills and knowledge essential in the modern workplace.

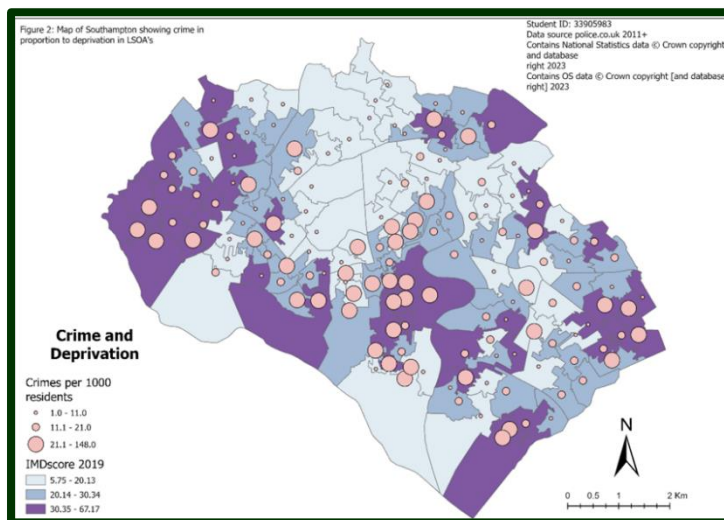
Our visitor also spoke about some of the modules he is undertaking in his second semester at university. This includes population change in low and middle-income countries, international relations, geopolitics, cultural geography (all four of which we touch upon at A-level) and computerised geographical information systems (GIS) which is something students are encouraged to explore as part of their A-level NEA. He even showed us some of the work he had undertaken as part of his GIS module, looking at levels of deprivation around Southampton which was very interesting. Students were also surprised to learn about the overlap of geography with politics, law, economics and history: Darius even told the students that one of his most enjoyable assignments was investigating the Cuban Missile crisis from a geographical angle! We've always said to students that geography and history go well together, so why not consider both at GCSE or A-level?

Darius rounded his talk off by saying how much he is enjoying his time at university and is really excited to go on the various geography trips as part of his course. There is a fieldtrip to Amsterdam coming up, whilst there is the option for students in their final year to go further afield to complete their dissertation. He is currently interviewing for internships over the summer in a wide range of fields including transport planning, GIS and data analysis. It just goes to show how versatile and important geography is as a subject.



We wish Darius well for the future and are excited to hear where his love of the subject takes him!

If you are interested in running a lunch and learn session with our geographers, please let Mr Fraser (geography curriculum leader) know by emailing him at hfraser@stanborough.herts.sch.uk. We are always delighted to welcome former students back to the department and also would welcome any parents with careers in geography related fields.



A map on deprivation in Southampton produced by Darius as part of his module on GIS.

Question of the Week

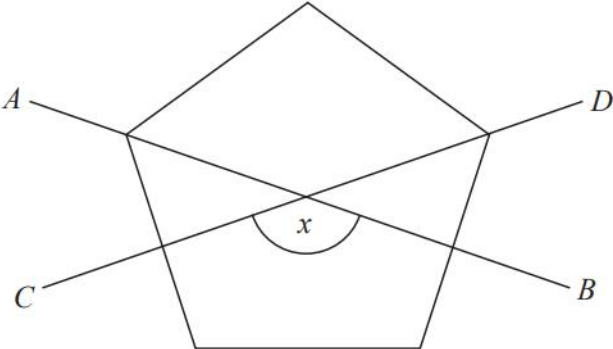
Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 17.01.24 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	
	Diagram NOT accurately drawn
<p>The diagram shows a regular pentagon. AB and CD are two of the lines of symmetry of the pentagon.</p> <p>Work out the size of the angle marked x. You must show all your working.</p>	

Clubs and Activities – Spring Term

Mr T. Braybrook, Deputy Headteacher, writes:



A list of Clubs and Activities for students taking place in the Spring Term is now available to view on our website:
<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/clubs-activities/>

This booklet will allow students and parents to see the wide range of clubs and activities that Stanborough offers outside of lesson times. Please contact the member of staff involved if you require any further information about a particular club/activity.

Students can also find a copy of this on their Tutor Group notice board.

Root Word of the Week

W/b 15th January 2024

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log = word	
apologise logic	



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2. Reasonable Adjustments
3. Meltdowns
4. Living with ADHD
5. Screen Time
6. Sensory Needs
7. SEN Support
8. What is an EHCP?
9. Living with ADHD - part 2
10. Living with ADHD - part 3
11. Accessing Healthcare
12. What makes a good EHCP
13. Social Care Levels Explained
14. Christmas for Autistic/ADHD kids
15. Direct Payments and short breaks
16. Visual Supports
17. PDA - Pathological Demand Avoidance

A new episode is released each week please email:
podcast@angelssupportgroup.org.uk to suggest topics

How to access our support





- Parents/carers need to complete an online membership form via the QR code on our leaflets/posters
- Members will be emailed weekly with details of the weekly support they can access.
- Members will be invited to join our closed FB Group
- All our support is FREE of charge and is for those with a diagnosis and awaiting diagnosis



AUTISM & ADHD SUPPORT for parents/carers of children with ADHD and/or on the Autistic Spectrum

Angels provide individualised, professional expertise and advice for the families of autistic children and children with ADHD (and those awaiting diagnosis). Come along to our meetings to chat with other parents, share ideas and experiences and gain information, advice and strategies.

We provide:

- Parent support group meetings and workshops in Stevenage, Letchworth and Online.
- Online evening support group meetings
- One-to-one service to support you in a personalised way with any issue around your child/young person's conditions, including support with meetings and forms.
- A private moderated Facebook group just for members.



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If you are a professional working with families and would like to learn more about Angels, then please contact The Angels Team on info@angelssupportgroup.org.uk

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NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDED

Tue - via Zoom 10am-12noon	Wed - Letchworth 10am-12noon at The Pod, Northfields Infant and Nursery School, Burley, Letchworth SG6 4PT	Thu - Stevenage 10am-12noon at The Phoenix Group, 2-6 The Hyde, Shephall, Stevenage SG2 9SE	Thu - via Zoom 7.30pm- 8.30pm
9th Jan Q&A Education Issues: EHCP's, Graduated Response, Panels, Appeals, Mediation and Tribunals	10th Jan Meet Up and Chat <i>In partnership with the Letchworth Family Support Team</i>	11th Jan Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	
16th Jan Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones		18th Jan Meet Up and Chat	18th Jan Evening Parent/Carer Support Group
23rd Jan Understanding and responding to your child's behaviour		25th Jan Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	
30th Jan Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	31st Jan Meet Up and Chat <i>In partnership with the Letchworth Family Support Team</i>	1st Feb Meet Up and Chat	
6th Feb Workshop: Emotionally Based School Avoidance		8th Feb Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	8th Feb Evening Parent/Carer Support Group
13th Feb Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones		15th Feb Meet Up and Chat	

February Half Term

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27th Feb Workshop: PDA(Pathological Demand Avoidance)	28th Feb Meet Up and Chat <i>In partnership with the Letchworth Family Support Team</i>	29th Feb Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	
5th March Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones		7th March Meet Up and Chat	7th March Evening Parent/Carer Support Group
12th March Workshop: How to support your child's Sensory Needs		14th March Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	
19th March Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	20th March Meet Up and Chat <i>In partnership with the Letchworth Family Support Team</i>	21st March Meet Up and Chat	
26th March Workshop: What makes a good EHCP		28th March Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	28th March Evening Parent/Carer Support Group

Easter Break

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ADT News Letter

The latest Art, design & technology newsletter is available to download from our website, <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/ADT-Newsletter-January-issue-5-2024.pdf>



WGC and Hatfield's Schools partnership video

Take a look at the WGC and Hatfield's Schools partnership video and see how their service and referral process could be useful you. Please click [this link](#)



Stanborough School Production 2024

High School Musical
13th, 14th & 15th February 2024 5.30pm
Tickets available on Arbor



PE Extra-Curricular Clubs, January 2024

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 Harris
	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	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
	CNAT P6	Year 11	TBC	Mr Minion
	Dance	All Years	Gym	Miss Novelli
Tuesday	Rugby	Year 7	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	Netball	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mrs Harris
	Netball	Year 9 & 10	Sports Hall	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
Wednesday	Volleyball	Year 11 & 6 th form	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
	GCSE PE P6	Year 11	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
Thursday	Girls' Football	All Years	Sports Hall & Field	Miss Novelli
	Basketball	Year 8	Sports Hall	Mr Minion
Friday	No Clubs			

This term's sports fixtures are available to download from our website,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-Fixture-List-2024.pdf>