

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Thank you to our Year 9 parents/carers for attending the options evening event this week, it was a huge turnout, and we hope the evening was helpful and informative. The presentation and options booklet is available on our website under 'school life/Year 9' should you need a reminder. House assemblies have taken place this week and congratulations to Hatfield who have taken first place for the trophy. All is still to play for as there are many house events coming up where extra big points can be scored. See over the page for details on forthcoming house events and how students can get involved. We are particularly looking forward to the Year 7 Stanborough Bake Off competition which was so successful last year! We encourage all students to take part in something and looking at the events planned there is something for everyone. Good luck to our Year 11s who start their second and final round of mock exams next week.

Headteacher's Commendations

E Vartoomian, Yr.7 for being so resilient and settling into Year 7 so well;

Z Barrett, Yr.7 for outstanding effort and having such a positive attitude when walking around school;

S Muca and E Kane, Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

A Macdonald and T Hammill Fenton, Yr.8 for excellent work in Geography when producing a coral reef poster;

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

S Senaratne, Yr.8 for excellent progress in all lessons with fantastic work produced;

R Cook and E Shaw, Yr.9 for representing Stanborough Music at Applecroft Primary school;

K McCalla and A Johnson, Yr.10 for representing Stanborough Music at Applecroft Primary school;

F Macdonald, Yr.10 for consistent hard work and an excellent mark achieved in the Drama mock exam paper;

S Savasci, Yr.10 for consistently outstanding work ethic and high quality work in all Media lessons;

L Sanderson, Yr.10 for outstanding work produced when hand knitting a scarf with climate stripes to represent annual temperatures;

M Flint, L Ilisoi, E Mampilly, F Ojo and D Manon Jorge, Yr.11 for securing above target grades in all subjects in the November Mock exams;

Z Printer, I Uddin and P Kozel, Yr.11 for securing target grades in all subjects in the November Mock exams;

J Carter, O Kyriacou, M Humbles, M Perry and M Choudhry, Yr.11 for securing target grades in majority of subjects in the November Mock exams;

D Harrington and B Cristea, Yr.12 for a very confident presentation given to the high attaining Year 11 students.



Quote of the week:

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." Harriet Tubman

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations





Top 10 ATL Students, Autumn Term 2023

Well done to our top 10 students who secured the highest “Attitude to learning” score in the autumn term. We hope you enjoyed your break time with the Headteacher this week!

Year 12



I Cristea, D Harrington, D Karota,
P King, H Litton, S Barratt,
M Dunstan, I Elsley, L Fennell,
G Jarvis, O Krainska, B Paddick,
O Preston, L Reding, M Tabany

Year 13



J Flint, A Hussain, E Lagman,
T Linger, S Bates, J Man,
W Parnham, N Davies, G Gardner,
L Grenfell, K Joyce, F Marshall,
R Ogeer-Ali, D Palmer,
K Simkins, N Wright

Forthcoming Events

29th January – 2nd February

Week A

29 th – 2 nd February	Year 12 Assessments
29 th – 9 th February	Year 11 Mock Exams
31 st	Year 9 Navy Workshop Intermediate Maths Challenges
1 st February	Year 9 Navy Workshop
2 nd	DofE Bronze Navigation Prep, 3-4.30pm

Chewing Gum

Chewing gum is not allowed in school. Students caught chewing gum will be asked to spit it out and be issued with a -1. Please ensure your child does not come to school with chewing gum.

Vacancy

LRC Assistant

We wish to appoint a Learning Resource Centre Assistant to assist with a variety of administrative tasks in the school learning resource centre including stock control and cataloguing of books and other resources. Please see our website for details:

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

Stanborough School

JOB VACANCY
Learning Resource Centre Assistant
Part-Time
CLOSING DATE :
2ND FEBRUARY 2024, 9AM
See our website for details

Payments via Arbor

Mrs Golder, Administrator in Finance writes:

When using the new Arbor system for payments you will not receive email confirmation for anything other than for meal top ups.

To check your payments via the Arbor App:

- Click on the 3 lines in the bottom left hand corner
- Select Payments
- Select invoices

To check your payments using a laptop or PC:

- Click on quick actions
- Select Payments
- Select invoices

If you have forgotten your password, please select the forgotten password link or contact

itsupport@stanborough.herts.sch.uk.

Should you have any payment queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Team at

finance@stanborough.herts.sch.uk.



Primary School Music Visit

Emma Shaw, 9KL, writes:

On Monday, Reuben, Karim, Archie and I visited Applecroft primary school to showcase secondary level music to year fives and inspire them to practise and learn new instruments. We each played a piece of music and then were asked several questions such as "what other instruments do we play?". It was such a fun opportunity to be able to play some music for younger students and see how much they enjoyed it. We are really looking forward to visiting the other primary schools and performing for them.

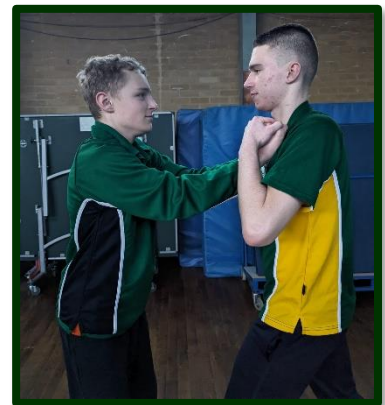


Stanborough Students get to grips with learning self-defence!



Mr Fanning, Subject Lead: Biology, writes:

25 students have signed up to a self-defence class every Monday at Stanborough School! The students are learning de-escalation and defensive strategies while working on coordination, core strength, fitness, and all while enjoying themselves!

I would like to thank Mr Whelan-Hind, Dr Jolly and Ms Nelson who have joined in and supported the club.



Root Word of the Week
W/c 29th January 2024

 <p>Stanborough For Growth and Success WB 29/01/2024</p>	<h2>Root Word of the Week</h2>
<h1><u>duc</u> = to lead</h1>	
<p>conduct produce educate</p>	

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 07.02.24 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.

Answer to last week's question:

65 hours

Question

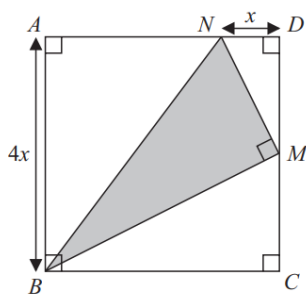


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

$ABCD$ is a square with a side length of $4x$

M is the midpoint of DC .

N is the point on AD where $ND = x$

BMN is a right-angled triangle.

Find an expression, in terms of x , for the area of triangle BMN .

Give your expression in its simplest form.

This week's teaser is a collection of words from Islam

Mr McCarthy, writes:

Match up the events with what they celebrate.



Eid ul-Fitr

Muhammed's birthday

Eid ul-Adha

Noah leaving the arc

Lailat ul-Qadr

Festival of Sacrifice

Ashura

the end of fasting

12th Rabi ul-Awwal

the night of power

Thank you and well done to last week's silver winners:

E and O Adesanya

Meenakshi J

Arwen JM

Ibukunoluwa F

Remember to email me your answers at dmccarthy@stanborough.sch.uk and include your name on your message.

House System 2023/2024







Mr J Foster, House System Coordinator.

House Drama

Medals towards Medal Competition		Points towards Trophy
1st	 KNEBWORTH 	1000
2nd	 BROCKET 	750
3rd	 SOPWELL 	500
4th	 HATFIELD 	250



		House Medal Cup 2023/24			
					
1st	BROCKET 	4	2	0	
2nd	HATFIELD 	2	4	3	
3rd	SOPWELL 	2	1	2	
4th	KNEBWORTH 	1	2	3	

		Stanborough House Trophy 2023/24		
				
1st	5275	HATFIELD 		
2nd	4415	BROCKET 		
3rd	4280	SOPWELL 		
4th	4130	KNEBWORTH 		

Coming Up.....

House Music

Thursday 21st March

An evening performance to students and parents. Each House will perform three pieces:

- Choral
- Instrumental
- Free Choice

Knebworth House Music Rehearsals are on Thursday in the music block, 3-4pm – Everyone is welcome!

Ensure you bring your instruments,

if you don't have one let the house captains know and we'll provide you with one.

House Captains: Ilham Ibrahim, Sam Roper, Emmanuel Osagie.

ECO-SCHOOLS HOUSE COMPETITION

One of our Eco goals this year is to continue to improve biodiversity on the Stanborough site by creating a **butterfly-friendly** garden.

We have already planted a new hedge to provide shelter and are planning to add flowering shrubs and other plants to attract the butterflies.



Fenced area near the Humanities block.

Now we need a name for our garden!
Please send your suggestions to Dr Jolly by **Monday 5th February**, with your name and form.
Reward points will be given to entrants.
The winning house and runners-up will receive **House Points**.



The Great Stanborough Bake OFF

Year 7 House Competition
Entries to be received by 5pm on Friday 2nd February 2024



Design a cake using the theme of **YOUR** house team.



You can use the colour, initial letter, a feature of the house/estate, a famous person or story from your house.



Be creative and imaginative. Anything is possible.



You must bake the cake and decorate it yourself at home.



Take two photos of your cake. One to show the whole cake and one to show a cross/section slice.



Email the photos to Mrs Brittain by 5pm on Friday 2nd February 2024.

Who will be your house's star baker?

Enter by Friday 2nd February 2024

Email/Ask Mrs Brittain (The Hive teacher) if you have any questions.

Good luck!



One person will be chosen from each house to come to school after school and take part in a live bake off.



You will be given a letter if you are chosen as a finalist to give you the details.

**READY,
SET,
BAKE!**

Upcoming Events – Dates to be confirmed.

- House Volleyball
- Chess Competition
- Easter Egg Hunt
- House Programming
- House Dodgeball
- Poetry competition
- Art competitions

**You also have the chance to let us know what competitions you would like to see this term.
Fill in the survey sent to you via Class Charts to have your say!**

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>

Suicide Bereavement Service leaflet



We are here to help

If you have lost someone you love to suicide and would like to find out more about how the CHUMS Suicide Bereavement Service can support you, please visit our website <https://chums.uk.com/hertfordshire-suicide-bereavement-service/>. You can self-refer to our service via the website referral form.

You can also contact us by telephone on 01279 212170 or hsbs@chums.uk.com for residents of Hertfordshire and West Essex.



The CHUMS Suicide Bereavement Service is an early intervention service which provides emotional and practical support to those bereaved by suicide or suspected suicide death.

Our aim is to provide early support to all those bereaved. The service delivers personalised emotional and practical help, available from the first traumatic weeks when helping to navigate this complex bereavement and then for the months that follow.

Our support is available to anyone residing in Hertfordshire and West Essex affected by a suspected suicide: family, friend or anyone who has sadly witnessed a death. We support both adults and children. Our service is free of charge and includes a range of offers to suit individual needs.

Other Support

CHUMS is not a crisis service and if you feel that you urgently need someone to talk to or someone in your family does, please contact someone from the list below.

Papyrus: www.papyrus-uk.org 0800 068 4141
Samaritans: www.samaritans.org 116 123
SOBS: www.uk-sobs.org.uk 0300 111 5065
CRUSE: www.cruse.org.uk 0808 808 1677

For urgent support with physical or mental health issues: Contact your GP or use First Response dialling 111 and selecting Option 2.

There is also information on mental health and wellbeing at www.kooth.com



Scan the QR code to watch our video.



HERTS & WEST ESSEX SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Telephone 01279 212170
Email: hsbs@chums.uk.com (Herts & West Essex)



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chums.uk.com/hertfordshire-suicide-bereavement-service/



WHAT WE OFFER

Support for Adults

Emotional Support

Suicide bereavement is unique, and it is often helpful to express your thoughts and feelings with someone who understands. CHUMS SBS offers early emotional support in the aftermath of a suspected suicide either at your home or at our offices in West Park.

Practical Support

A death by suicide is also unique due to practical issues. As well as emotional support, we can help you deal with the police, coroner, GP, schools and financial services.

Support for Children and Young People

When someone dies by suicide, adults often struggle to know what to say to children and young people. We provide information and guidance to parents and schools, as well as individual bereavement support to help the child or young person understand what has happened to their loved one.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Adult - These are available to any adult aged 18 or over, who have been bereaved by suicide. We offer both virtual groups which you can access online from your own home, and in person groups taking place in the community. Groups run in the evenings.

Young Adult - These are available to young adults aged between 18 and 30, who have been bereaved by suicide. They take place online.

Children and Teenagers - These are available to children and young people aged between 6 and 17, who have been bereaved by suicide. They take place in face to face community venues.

Please contact us for more information about groups in your area.

BEFRIENDERS

People bereaved by suicide often struggle with loneliness and a sense of social stigma related to how their loved one died. Our befriending service reduces this sense of isolation by providing emotional support and companionship.

Welwyn Hatfield Schools Partnership Donation Drives

Mrs Bodrozic, Lead School Family Worker, writes:

Clothing Drive

We are collecting pre-loved clothing for children and young people aged between 5-16 years old to help the families in most need in our community.

Donations can include t-shirts, tops, jumpers, cardigans, leggings, trousers, coats and jackets. We do ask that any underwear or socks are brand new.

If your child has outgrown any clothing or you have items lying around that they just don't wear which are clean and in a good condition. please bring them to the main office at Stanborough school **by Friday 9th February**. After this date, the items will be sorted and distributed within our community.





Please donate to our 2024

Clothing Drive

We are collecting pre-loved clothing for infants & children in our community aged between 5-16

T-shirts, tops, jumpers, cardigans, leggings, trousers, coats, jackets

Brand new underwear & socks only

Clean, good condition clothing

Please bring your donations to Stanborough School Main Office by Friday 9th February

Hygiene Products Drive

There are many families in our community that are in need of help with what we see as the most basic things in life. With this in mind we are collecting hygiene products for children, young people and families.

Families are in need of personal hygiene items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioners, deodorants, face wash, moisturisers, shower gels as well as the most basic day to day items such as toilet roll, baby wipes, washing up liquid, washing powder, cleaning sprays etc.

If you are able to donate any items such as those listed above please bring them to the main office at Stanborough school **by Friday 9th February**. All items will then be distributed to the children, young people and families in the most need.



Please donate to our 2024

Hygiene Products Drive

We are collecting hygiene products for children, young people & families in our community

- Toothpastes, toothbrushes, shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, face wash, moisturisers (facial & body), shower gels
- Multipurpose cleaning sprays
- Toilet paper
- Baby wipes
- Washing up liquid
- Washing powder

Unopened and unused hygiene products only please

Please bring your donations to Stanborough School Main Office by Friday 9th February

On behalf of the Welwyn & Hatfield school's partnership team and the families in our community we thank you for your support.