

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Earlier this week Year 9 students participated in a team building workshop run by The Royal Navy. Students completed the workshop over two days which emphasised the importance of teamwork, respect for all and good communication to achieve a shared goal. One activity was focussing on disaster relief, the second activity focussed on team problem solving skills. This gave Year 9 students a taste of tackling challenges as a team outside of a subject lesson. The event aimed to raise student awareness of skills needed to be successful in problem solving in the workplace - most notably active listening. Thank you to Mrs Stamp, Careers Leader, for organising this event. Students in Year 10-13 might be interested in national apprenticeship week which takes place from 5th – 11th February, a link to the 2024 parents' guide is over the page.

Headteacher's Commendations

L Hayward-Bradley, Yr.7 for excellent citizenship when litter picking in the Year 7 quad and encouraging others to do the same;

E Wing, Yr.7 for consistent hard work in all lessons and an excellent attitude to learning;

A Sofat and N Saunders Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

D Sarota, Yr.7 for outstanding progress made with reading and completing the 'That Reading Thing' programme so quickly;

P Smith, Yr.7 for winning this years 'Snow dog' entry across the whole of Year 7;

S Ehioghale Irianele, W Napiorkowski, E Igberaese and G Potter, Yr.8 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

J Zagkas, Yr.8 for sustained effort and dedication to improve his spelling using Wordshark;

R Melinte, Yr.8 for volunteering at the Isobel Hospice Fun Run;

A Knight, Yr.8 for consistently excellent attitude to learning in all Biology lessons;

C Innocent, Yr.10 for excellent attitude to learning across all lessons;

H Parkins, Yr.11 for outstanding leadership in the rehearsals for High School Musical;

S Roper, Yr.12 for passing his grade 8 Piano exam with Merit;

L Grenfell, Yr.13 for outstanding kindness and citizenship when taking the time to help some Year 12 students.



Quote of the week:

"Survival can be summed up in three words – never give up. That's the heart of it really. Just keep trying."

Bear Grylls

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

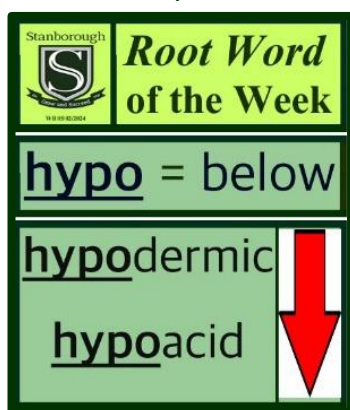
5th – 9th February 2024

Week B

5 th – 9 th	Year 11 Mock Exams
7 th	Year 13 Parents Evening, online
9 th	Year 10 – 13 Generation Careers Fair, invited students only, 10.45am – 12.15pm DofE Bronze Navigation Prep

Root Word of the Week

W/c 5th February



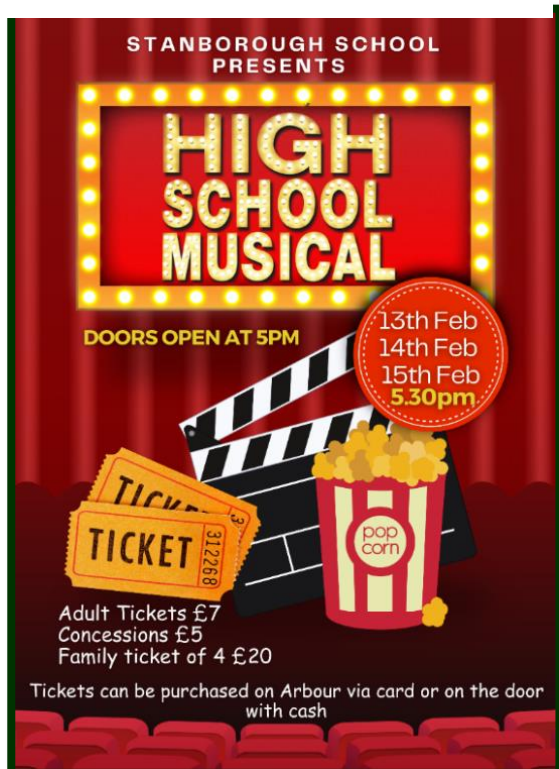
School Production 2024

High School Musical

Get your tickets now

via Arbor

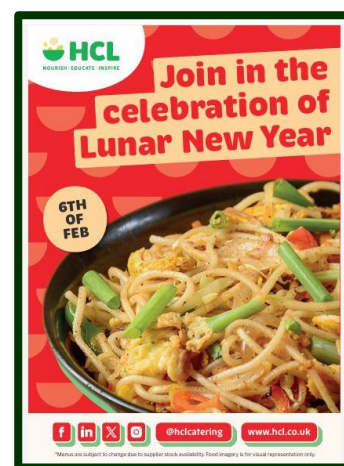
13th - 15th February 5.30pm



Canteen News

Lunar New Year 6th February 2024

Join us in the canteen on Tuesday 6th February for a special lunar new year menu.



Chess Tournament!

Run by Ms Wilson, Lily Reding and Nia Joshi



The Tournament will be taking place after school

On the 8th February 3-4pm

All year groups and staff welcome

Please sign in at the LRC Desk!



Will you be Stanborough's Chess Champion 2024?

Attendance Matters.....

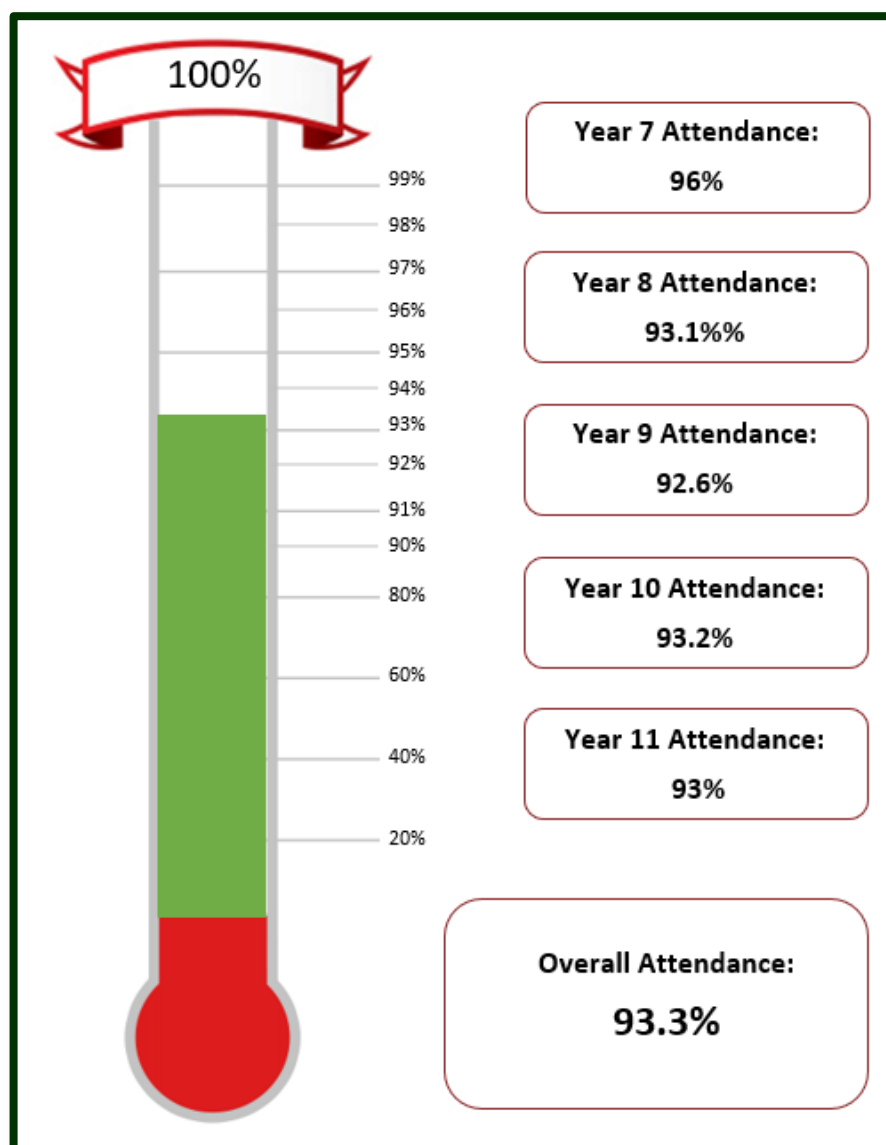
04.09.23 to 30.01.24

What does the law say?

- All parents of children aged 5 – 16 who are registered pupils at a school have a legal duty to make sure that their child attends regularly and on time. You must make sure your child is at school when they should be and that they arrive on time for both morning and afternoon sessions.
- If you don't do this and there are no legitimate reasons, such as illness for the non-attendance, a Local Authority Attendance Officer may become involved.

Please remember that you can contact your child's tutor and year leader if you would like support on how to improve your child's attendance and punctuality to school.

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.



Student Success

Grade 8 Piano Merit

In December, Sam took his Grade 8 piano exam (the final and highest grade possible) and recently found out that he passed with Merit. This is a fantastic achievement that has required hard work, dedication and determination, and we are really proud of him. He has also shown amazing self-motivation in reaching this standard and has already begun working towards his next goal - a diploma in music performance.

Well done, Sam!



Volunteer Work

Robbie volunteered again last weekend for Isabel hospice. This time at a Fun Run organised by Essendon country club. He met the mayor of Welwyn and Hatfield who was very impressed that Robbie was volunteering at such a young age.

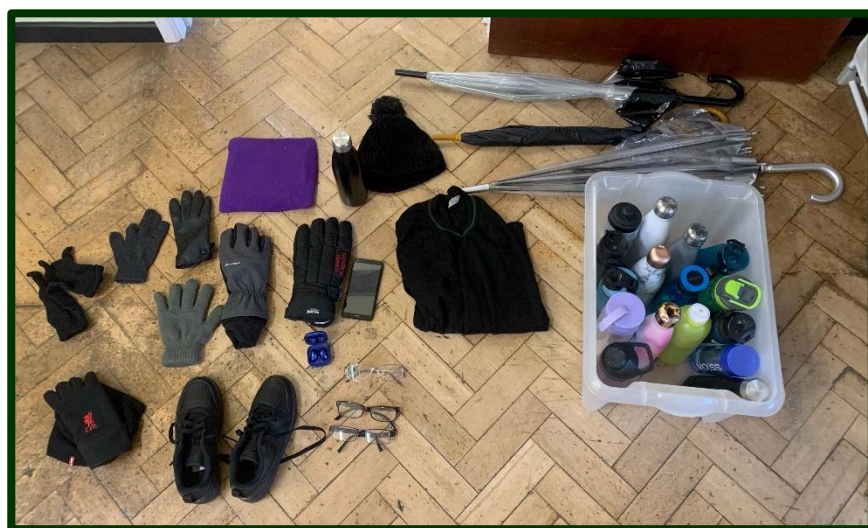
Keep up the good work, Robbie!



Lost Property

Miss Yates, Year Leader Support Officer, writes:

Lost property will be kept until Friday 16th February. Please ensure students come and check for any lost property as soon as possible, this is based in the assistant Headteacher's office on the first floor next to F5. All PE items will be sent to the sports hall after this date. Any items not claimed by 16th February will be given to charity.



Welwyn Hatfield Schools Partnership Donation Drives

Mrs Bodrozic, Lead School Family Worker, writes:

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

Please bring any donations to Stanborough School main office by Friday 9th February.



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Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield
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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

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Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield
Schools Partnership

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



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Autism Empowerment Webinar

This one-hour lunchtime webinar is a brief exploration of how autism can present, the history of autism, diagnosis as well as differences in communication and social interactions. We will also be looking at how the environment can impact someone with sensory processing challenges.



The main aim of this webinar is to focus on the many strengths autistic individuals have and how we can increase understanding and neuro-inclusivity through education and raising awareness.

Webinars are held on Zoom on the following dates:

Thursday 29th February, 12.30 – 13.20

Friday 29th March, 12.30 – 13.30

Friday 26th April, 12.30 – 13.30

At the end of the webinar, you will receive a certificate of attendance that will be emailed to your given email address.

The cost of this one-hour webinar is only £5.50!

To book your place on the webinar please either scan the QR code or go to www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training



"For every person who understands autism better, another autistic person will be happier"
Libby Scott, Autistic Author (at aged 11)

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North Hertfordshire College is pleased to announce our open afternoon at Springboard Letchworth which will be held on Thursday 15th February from 2.30pm – 5.30pm at our prestigious premises. This is an opportunity for professionals, parents, and prospective students to meet the team and find out more about the Springboard programme.

Please note our address for this event will be:

Springboard
Letchworth Town Hall,
Broadway,
Letchworth Garden City,
Hertfordshire,
SG6 3BX

If you are not already aware of Springboard it is a full-time personalised course which provides students with the support, knowledge, skills and confidence to become more independent, make informed decisions and ultimately to progress into mainstream college and work. The course is delivered in self-contained teaching centres in Watford and Letchworth.

Springboard is for young people aged 16-24 who require additional support before progressing to a cross college vocational course or employment. Many of our students have a diagnosis or traits of autism. Many have associated emotional and mental health needs that require specialist and bespoke support before they can move on and make a successful transition to adulthood.

Students need to meet our assessment criteria in order to access the provision although individual needs are always considered and decisions are made on a case by case basis and subject to funding being approved by the Local Authority.



<https://www.nhc.ac.uk/study/16-18-learners/springboard/>



National Apprenticeship Week 2024, 5th – 11th February

Mrs Stamp, Careers Leader, writes:

It's National Apprenticeship Week from 5th – 11th of February 2024, an annual, week-long celebration of apprenticeships and anyone involved with them. The week brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy. The theme for this year is 'Skills for Life', reflecting on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career. There is lots of information for parents and students online, <https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/naw/>

[Click here for the Parents Guide to National Apprenticeship Week 2024](#)



RPE, CSE Question of the Week

Mr McCarthy, writes:

This week's teaser is again from the religion of Islam.

Put these events from the Hajj in the order in which they happen:

- Stoning the pillars at Mina
- Putting on ihram
- sacrificing an animal
- spending the day at Arafat
- Walking between the two hills
- Going seven times round the Ka'bah



Last week's answers are:

- Eid ul-Fitr - the end of fasting
- Muhammed's Birthday - 12th Rabi ul-Awwal
- Eid ul-Adha - Festival of Sacrifice
- Noah leaving the arc - Ashura
- Lailat ul-Qadr - the night of power

A silver goes to the following correct answers:

D Fajemiyo
M Jagadish
E Adesanya
O Adesanya
E Stroud

Remember to include your full name on your answers.

Thanks for taking part.

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

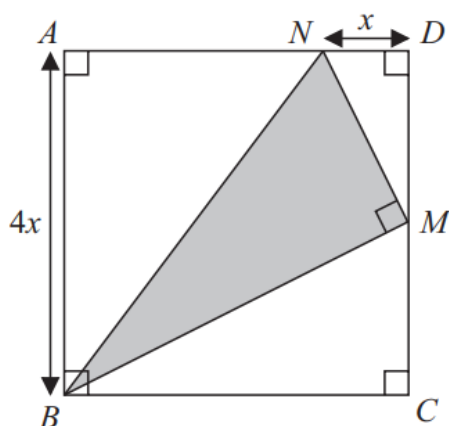


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

$ABCD$ 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.

House Competition

Reading as a Family is Fun!

Miss Davies, Literacy
Co-ordinator, writes:



House Competition

Reading As A Family Is Fun!

Win a £50 book token!!

- We are extending our *Reading Together At Christmas Is Fun!* Competition for the rest of the school's academic year.
- To be in with a chance of winning, simply take a photo of your family reading together. The more unusual and imaginative, the better!
- At least ONE of the family members must be a *Stanborough* student.
- Send your **PHOTO** together with the **NAMES** of the readers; the **RELATIONSHIP** to the Stanborough student (i.e. mum/step-dad/nana/ ..) and the **TITLE** of the book.
- Send to : cdavies@stanborough.herts.sch.uk
- Win POINTS for your HOUSE!
- Entries by Friday 28th June 2024. Good luck!



PE Extra-Curricular Clubs, January/February 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>

Places still available - Family Lives Spring Programme 2024

There are still a few spaces on the below groups and workshops funded by Herts County Council, in the Spring term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire.

All programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential as well as access to the wraparound support provided by our helpline, live chat and website.

To book a place on any of the above groups or workshops please click here [referral form](#) for the online referral form.

Measles

Public Health Director, Hertfordshire County Council, writes:

Measles cases in the UK have been rising since November 2023. While Hertfordshire has no outbreaks at the moment, we are close to London and the West Midlands where there has been a large rise in cases. The UK Health Security Agency has declared the increase in cases of measles a national incident (19 January 2024). There is the potential for cases and outbreaks in Hertfordshire as uptake of the Measles Vaccination (MMR) in the county is lower than recommended.

Measles is spread through coughing and sneezing, close personal contact or direct contact with infected nasal or throat secretions.

For more information about measles and the symptoms, see Measles - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Spring 2024 groups and workshops

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group
Full, taking bookings on a waiting list
If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group
Full, taking bookings on a waiting list
Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Getting on with your Pre Teen / Teen (6 weeks) Online group
Tuesday 6 February 19 March 9.30am - 11.30am
Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Join our free online 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group
Tuesday 6 February 19 March 7pm - 9pm
Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group
Wednesday 7 Feb - 20 March 9.30am - 11.30am
Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Online
Wednesday 28 February 7pm - 9pm
This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

Reducing Conflict Workshops - Online
Thursday 14 March 9.30 - 11.30 AND Wednesday 20 March 7pm - 9pm
This workshop explores different types of conflict between couples and families. Provides support in understanding the causes and impact of parental and family conflict on children and gives practical steps and strategies.

Family Lives is registered as a company limited by guarantee in England and Wales No. 3817762. Registered charity No.1077722. Registered address: 15-17 The Broadway, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL9 5HZ.

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measles

It's not just a kids problem and it can be serious.

immunisation
Helping to protect everyone, at every age

It's never too late to have your MMR vaccine. Protect yourself and those around you from measles, mumps and rubella.

Call your GP surgery to book your two doses of MMR vaccine.

