

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

We are looking forward to this year's school production, High School Musical, which takes place next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Doors open at 5pm for a 5.30pm start. Tickets can be purchased via Arbor or on the door. If you are buying tickets on the door please note this will be cash only. Good luck to all our talented students for taking part and thank you to Mrs Eracleous-Rickard, Miss Thaker, Miss Naylor and Mr Collison! This week is National Apprenticeship Week (5th – 11th February 2024) and selected interested students from Years 10-13 attended Generation Welwyn Hatfield's Careers Fair at the Fielder Centre today, we hope they found this useful in helping them to decide their next steps. If you would like to know more about apprenticeships please see the article in this newsletter from Mrs Stamp. Year 11 have now finished their final round of mock exams. Results will be made available soon and we wish them all the best for their continued studies towards their GCSE exams this summer.

Headteacher's Commendations

S Newton, Yr.7 for excellent use of Memrise to practise French vocabulary and reaching over 1 million points.

M Page, Yr.7 for consistently excellent attitude to learning in French lessons and dedication to an MFL extra-curricular club.

R Johnson Yr.7 for completing the 'That Reading Thing' programme so quickly and making excellent progress in his reading.

E Coles, Yr.7 for being a positive and polite ambassador for the school and always giving her best.

F Azoitei, Yr.8 for consistently outstanding work completed in lessons, especially Science.

R Clayton, Yr.8 for consistently outstanding contributions and work produced in Spanish lessons.

M Lowin and O Refaat, Yr.9 for being a positive ambassador for the school and giving his best.

X Couzens, Yr.10 for an excellent approach to school and supporting friends when they are struggling.

T Smith, Yr.11 for excellent work in Drama, learning his lines and directing others ahead of the exam.

B Morgan, Yr.12 for outstanding work to support a year 7 student.

E Osagie and O Preston, Yr.12 for excellent participation in the 'One Way' video produced for the school.

E Edmonds, J Flint, G Gardner, J Ho, K Joyce, S Kirivasan, E Lagman, L Lichailidis, J Man, M Mikulin, D Palmer, T Papachristos, J Quizzagan, L Rimell, K Simkins and N Vohra, Yr.13 for good mock results compared against target grades.



Quote of the week:

"Do all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as you can."

Hilary Clinton

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

12th – 16th February 2024

Week A

12 th – 16 th	Year 8 Meet the Sixth Form
13 th - 15 th	School Production Performance – High School Musical, 5.30 – 8.30pm Tickets available via Arbor
16 th	DofE Bronze Award Navigation Prep, 3-4.30pm

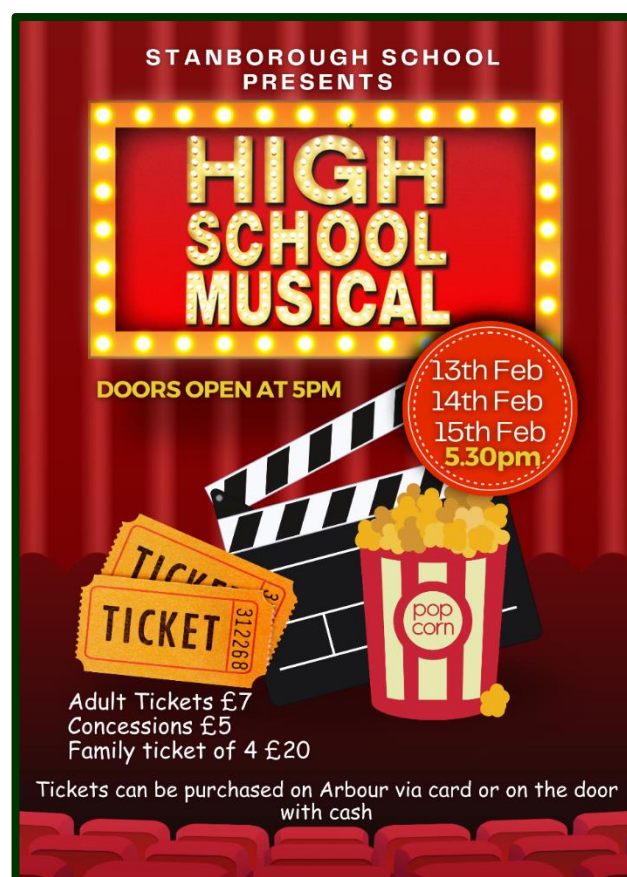
School Production 2024 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

We proudly present this year's school production
High School Musical!

13th – 15th February
5.30pm
Doors open at 5pm


Tickets available via Arbor
Adult - £7
Concessions - £5
Family ticket for 4 - £20

Or on the door (cash only)




Root Word of the Week

W/c 12th February 2024

**Root Word
of the Week**

aqu = water

aqueduct
aquarium
aquanaut



Chewing Gum

Chewing gum is not allowed in school.

From Monday 26th February chewing gum will go from a -1 to a Level 3 -5 which will incur a detention. If you are seen chewing gum you will be asked to remove it and issued with a Level 3 after school detention.

Feeling Good Week 2024

Mrs Daplyn, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

This week is children's mental health week and in Hertfordshire this is celebrated through Feeling Good Week. This year the focus is on regrown:

Reuse
Ecosystem
Green
Recycle
Outdoors
Wildlife
Nature.



Time spent outdoors reaps enormous rewards for our mental health and emotional wellbeing, so this year, educational settings and organisations working with or supporting children and young people are invited to deliver ideas that promote and educate others to **care for the environment, support biodiversity, address climate change, and show kindness to our natural world.** At Stanborough we were lucky to be successful in our bid for £500 to support the work of the eco group, run by Dr Jolly, in particular in developing our natural areas through purchasing seeds and tools.

Students were shown a presentation in tutor time about the importance of the outdoors on our mental health and they were challenged to do something proactive outside to support the natural environment. Students can also earn a Gold award for doing something proactive in nature. Students need to send photographic evidence of them taking part in this year's Feeling Good Week to Dr Jolly. This can be a picture of them recycling, reusing, being outdoors, working with nature etc.

Eco Update

Dr S Jolly, Eco-Schools Co-ordinator, writes:

Butterfly Garden Competition

We received lots of lovely entries to name our new butterfly-friendly garden. Thank you to everyone who took part. The Nature & Eco Club reviewed all the entries and after much deliberation have chosen 'Kaleidoscope Garden', suggested by Edward in 7BM. A Gold Award to Edward and winning House points to Bocket. The reason behind Edward's suggestion is that Kaleidoscope is one of the names given to a group of flying butterflies due to the beautiful array of colours and patterns that the many fluttering wings create. Other suggestions included words for butterflies in Spanish and Latin, which were our runners-up. Well done!

First place: Kaleidoscope Garden	Edward 7BM	Brocket 200 points
Second place: Mariposa	Honor-Rose & Charlotte 8HC	Hatfield 180 points
Third place: Papilio Garden	Jack and Kiran 8HC	Hatfield 160 points

Feeling Good Week 5-9 February 2024

REGROWN: Reuse.Ecosystem.Green.Recycle.Outdoors.Wildlife.Nature.

This week, we have been encouraging students to engage with their natural environment, both at school and at home. Just taking the time to look closely at NATURE around us, as we make our journey to and from school, can support our mental health. Have you started to notice the signs of Spring start to appear in gardens and hedgerows?





These snowdrops were spotted last weekend on the edge of Sherrardspark Wood. There are a number of nature places worth a visit within the borough of Welwyn Hatfield. Why not try somewhere new? More information can be found here: [Woodlands and nature reserves – Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council \(welhat.gov.uk\)](https://welhat.gov.uk/woodlands-and-nature-reserves)

Nearby, it is worth visiting [Benington Lordship Gardens](https://welhat.gov.uk/benington-lordship-gardens), open during February for the snowdrops and aconites that fill the grounds.

Alternatively, consider the impact of your actions on the environment around you. Feel good by taking responsibility for sorting the RECYCLING at home or identifying items for REUSE. Why not explore your creative side and upgrade a shoe box or plastic container to store and organise all your revision flashcards?

Photographic evidence of anything you have observed or completed as part of Feeling Good Week can be submitted at sjolly@stanborough.herts.sch.uk for a Gold Award!

Stanborough's Good to Grow.

Our gardening equipment has started to arrive and we have put together a mini-greenhouse in the Art quad.

A reminder that we are happy to receive any second-hand items if you have spares at home or half-used packets of seeds or bulbs. Students are welcome to bring small items to me in S5; please contact me by email for arranging delivery of large or heavy items.

Gardening tools and equipment: Spade, fork, small hand tools, watering cans, gardening gloves (small and medium sizes), seed trays, potato sacks, plant pots, peat-free compost and grow-bags.

'Easy to grow' vegetable or herb seeds, seed potatoes, strawberry plant runners.

Butterfly garden plants, bulbs or seeds, such as: Verbena bonariensis, Dianthus (Sweet William), Cardamine pratensis (cuckoo flower), sunflower seeds, Buddleia (butterfly bush), single-flower daffodils, Grape hyacinth, Red Campion, Everlasting pea, Evening primrose, Red Valerian, honeysuckle, flowering ivy, thyme, Cornflower, Cosmos, Aquilegia (Granny's bonnet), Lavender, Phlox and anything else that attracts the butterflies.

Thank you so much for your support!



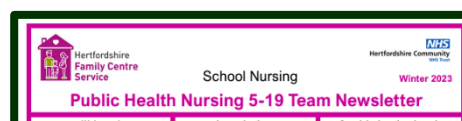
ADT Newsletter

The latest ADT newsletter is available to download from our website. <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ADT-Newsletter-February-issue-6-2024.pdf>



School Nursing Team Newsletter

Here's a link to the Winter newsletter from the school nursing team, <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/PHN-Newsletter-teen-Winter-2023-2024-Final.pdf>



National Apprenticeship Week 2024, 5th – 11th February

Mrs Stamp, Careers Leader, writes:

As we end National Apprenticeship Week (5th – 11th February 2024) selected interested students from Years 10-13 attended Generation Welwyn Hatfield's Careers Fair at the Fielder Centre today, Friday 9th February. The event took the form of a traditional Careers Fair aimed to help inspire and inform students about future job prospects, apprenticeship roles and even part-time and seasonal work by giving students the opportunity to network with potential employers.



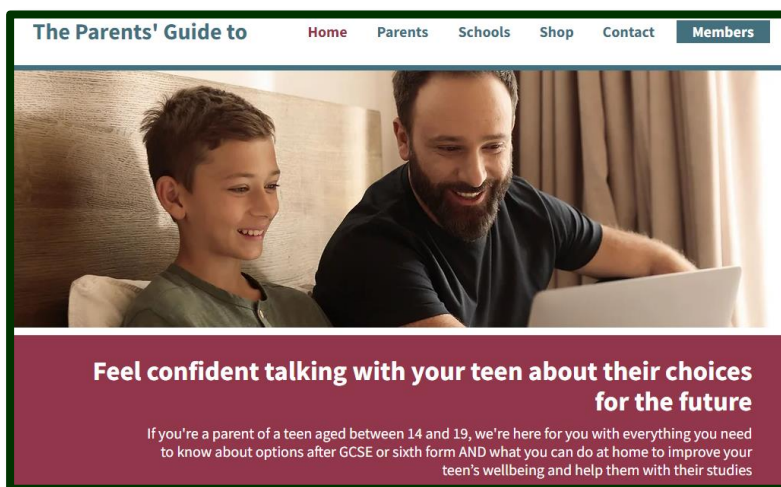
If you would like to know more about apprenticeships, there is lots of information for parents and students online. I recommend downloading the National Apprenticeship Week Parents Guide 2024 here,

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/>

This contains information on the different levels of apprenticeship roles and how to find and apply for roles.

Students have been doing activities in their Careers Tutor time slots (Y11 will catch up on these next week due to their mocks). Find plenty more fun and informative games and videos here.

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



Post 16 Apprenticeship workshop

Year 12 and Y13s were fortunate to be visited by Claire Scarisbrick from Hertfordshire's LEP on 19th January who gave a really informative presentation on how to apply for apprenticeship roles and be successful. This workshop was packed full of helpful hints and tips. For example, Claire explained the importance of using the key words from the job advert in your C.V. Some companies use AI for the first round scan of applicants which will select out the C.V.s that contain the skills and attributes being sought.

The six employers from the Paypoint Team made huge impact in giving all willing Year 12s and Y13s a lengthy mock interview with their C.V. and then giving some feedback. Our Post 16 students rose to the challenge and created a positive impression. We were really grateful for the talk and advice given by successful apprentice and ex Stanborough student Emma Hudson who was able to share her gruelling experience of applying to a number of roles before finding the right one.

As so many companies launch their apprenticeship roles during National Apprenticeship Week - interested students/parents should focus on searching - you could use the national website

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) to see what is on offer.

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 14.02.24 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:

$$5x^2$$

Question

5 schools sent some students to a conference.

One of the schools sent both boys and girls.

This school sent 16 boys.

The ratio of the number of boys it sent to the number of girls it sent was 1 : 2

The other 4 schools sent only girls.

Each of the 5 schools sent the same number of students.

Work out the total number of students sent to the conference by these 5 schools.

RPE, CSE Question of the Week

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

This week I would like you to look at the Ten Commandments.

These were given to Moses by God as a moral code for people to live by.

Your challenge is to write your own commandment that you think would best help us to live in a better way.

Please remember to include your full name and year on your answers.

Thank you for taking part.

The answer to last week's teaser was:

Putting on the ihram

Going seven times round the kab'ah

Walking between the two hills

Spending the two days at arafat

Stoning the pillars at mina city

Sacrificing the animal

A silver goes to:

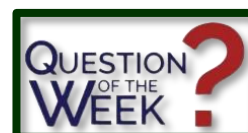
O and E Adesanya

M Naveed

S Sathwara

I Fajemiyo

Well done to you all.



PE Extra-Curricular Clubs

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/2024/02/2024-Fixture-List-Feb24.pdf>

All our clubs and activities are listed on our website,
<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/clubs-activities/>