

## Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

On Tuesday this week we welcomed our new Year 7 parents/carers for September 2024. We hope the evening was helpful and informative. Useful information is available on our website as a reminder and to refer back to over the coming months. We look forward to meeting all our new students during their transition day in July. Each morning this week students from all year groups have had the opportunity to meet the Year 12 candidates vying to become Heads of School for 2024/25. Students are able to vote for their favourite and the results will be announced before the end of term. We wish all the candidates the best of luck and thank the current Heads of School for all their work and input over this last year. A quick reminder about the House Music concert which is next week on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We have a collection of really talented musicians, so the event is promising to be a wonderful evening. Please purchase your ticket via the Arbor school shop, although tickets will be available on the door. There will also be an interval where refreshments can be purchased. All money raised from the concert will go towards developing resources for the Music department, hope to see you there!

## Headteacher's Commendations

**N Khalil, Yr.7** for writing an exceptional poem for Mrs Ridgeon;  
**L Laurence, Yr.7** for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

**H Dunstan, Yr.8** for raising over £80 with a book sale and donating the money between St Francis Church and a conservation charity;

**D Boville, Yr.8** for volunteering to assist with PE lessons at Green Lanes Primary School on a Stanborough INSET day;

**V Watson, Yr.9** for playing his guitar during a visit to Lakeside School and leading a Q+A session on guitars and helping each student have a turn strumming the strings;

**F Gibbs, Yr.9** for achieving Best in Year in the Intermediate Maths Challenge;

**B Baffour, T Beale, N Cook, A Das, A Hawkins, E Hickey, M Hoss, C Judge, E Kyriacou, E Martin, O Ojo, A Pennell, T Settle and J Sullivan, Yr.9** for helping the School and Family Support Workers team with organising clothing donations to support families in the community;

**A Lowe, Yr.10** for achieving Best in Year in the Intermediate Maths Challenge;

**M Hanson, Yr.11** for securing a place at The National College for Motorsport;

**L Eggleston, Yr.11** for outstanding revision and achieving a Grade 9 in the History mock exam;

**A Blacow and T Payler, Yr.11** for good mock results in History compared against target grades;

**M Flint, Yr.11** for achieving Best in Year in the Intermediate Maths Challenge;

**N Joshi and L Reding, Yr.12** for outstanding support in the LRC during the after school Chess Club.



## Quote of the week:

“Be brave. Take risks. Nothing can substitute experience.” Paulo Coelho

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John





# Headteacher Commendations





## Forthcoming Events

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Week A

18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 8 Geography Field Work, Stanborough Park
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Higher Education Convention, London
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 SEND Review Day
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 Economics Revision Conference, London Year 13 Exam workshop, London
21 <sup>st</sup>	Intermediate Maths Kangaroo & Intermediate Olympiads House Music Concert, 5pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 8 & 9 Saint John Henry Newman Trip Year 12 Cambridge University Researchers

## Friends of Stanborough School

*Miss Ashley, School Business Manager, writes:*

All interested parents/carers are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm

Please email [kashley@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:kashley@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) if you would like to come.

## Easter Hamper Appeal

*Mrs Bodrozic, Lead School Family Worker, writes:*

As Easter approaches, we are launching an Easter hamper shoebox appeal. If you are able to add a few items to your shopping list such as Easter biscuits, Easter eggs/chocolate and store cupboard items such as soup, beans, pasta, rice etc for families in need in our community it would make all the difference to a child's Easter.

Ideally, we are asking for items to be put together in a shoe box and brought to the main office at Stanborough school by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Thank you for your support.

### Friends of Stanborough School

FOSS is a registered charity and is a combination of parents/carers & school staff.



FOSS has been in place for 70 years and over that time has organised numerous social events for parents and staff and events for students, all of which have been enjoyed by many and also raised funds.

*Some members just attend meetings, there are some that cannot always attend meetings but are happy to be part of the group and help out at some events. Members are not expected to attend all events (but are very welcome to do so!) and the more members we have means that people really can pick and choose when they are available and wanting to help out.*

**If you are interested in being involved or would like to find out more about this, please contact Miss Ashley, our School Business Manager, [kashley@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:kashley@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)**



Please donate to our 2024

**EASTER HAMPER**

*Shoebox Appeal*

**We welcome donations of the following items:**

- Easter biscuits
- Easter eggs/chocolate
- Store cupboard items (soup/beans/pasta/rice)

Donation  
deadline:  
**Friday 22nd March**  
to  
Stanborough School  
Main Office

## Student Success

### ONE Welwyn Hatfield Community Award 2024 Winner!

Congratulations to Betty Brocklesby Sum, 8BM, for winning the Young Sports Person of the Year award at the recent ONE Welwyn Hatfield community event.

We are very proud of you, well done!



## Chess Champions 2024!

*Ms Wilson, LRC Manager, writes:*

Congratulations to Kayla, 9SE who became Stanborough's Chess Champion 2024!

Well done to the runner up Gabriel, 10KL.

A huge thanks goes to all students who participated in the event. Thank you to Lily and Nia our sixth form students for supporting in our chess club and supervising the event in the LRC.

Twenty of our pupils from all year groups took part in the tournament, which comprised of many long and competitive games. I am delighted to say that the sportsmanship was excellent! Well done to all competitors.

*Lily and Nia write:*

"The chess competition was super enjoyable to coordinate. All the players were really enthusiastic and determined to win. It was great to see how competitive everyone was.

The games themselves were very challenging and everyone gave it their best go. Overall, organising the event was a great experience that we and the players both enjoyed."



Congratulations to everyone who participated, especially Kayla!

## Ex Student Visits Year 11

*Mr S Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:*

Rob Coldwell, ex-Stanborough student, who went to Nottingham University and is now working as a Chartered Accountant after working for a well renowned multinational company, came into school today to deliver an inspirational talk to Year 11 students. Rob gave insight into the importance of having mathematical competency in jobs and qualifications students might require to apply for a higher level apprenticeship.



## Revision Support for Students by NHS Doctors

i-Medics are offering Year 10-13 GCSE and A Level students revision classes for biology, chemistry, maths and physics.

This is an excellent opportunity to improve grades, especially those applying for medicine.

Click either of the two links below to enrol for free:

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/i-medics-31792384695?aff=odeimcmalchimp&mc\\_cid=438c98e7f2&mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/i-medics-31792384695?aff=odeimcmalchimp&mc_cid=438c98e7f2&mc_eid=UNIQID)

[https://linktr.ee/imedics?mc\\_cid=438c98e7f2&mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://linktr.ee/imedics?mc_cid=438c98e7f2&mc_eid=UNIQID)



## Vacancy

### Cover and Staff Absence Assistant

We wish to appoint a highly organised and efficient Cover and Staff Absence Assistant to undertake the day to day management of cover arrangements and recording of staff absence.

Please see our website for more information,

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

Closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 9am.

**Stanborough School**



**JOB VACANCY**

Cover and Staff Absence Assistant

CLOSING DATE:  
22ND MARCH 2024, 9AM

See our website for details

## Young Carers Awareness Day

Mrs Stratton, Assistant SENDCO, writes:

This week we highlighted Young Carers Awareness Day which was on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

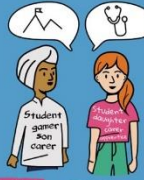
If you know a young carer that is struggling, or you are a young carer and need some support please come along to the young carers lunch club on Mondays in G6 or contact Mrs Stratton.

Click the link below to find out what it's like to be a young carer,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwgXqvC8LeI>

**YOUNG CARERS ACTION DAY**  
WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2024

**Fair Futures for Young Carers**



Find out more and get involved:  
[Carers.org/ycad](https://carers.org/ycad)  
#YoungCarersActionDay

**Young Carers Awareness Day 13<sup>th</sup> March**

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In 2024 we have heard young carers tell us that small steps can make a huge impact on their lives.

Fair futures for young carers is the theme this year focusing on why caring should not be a barrier to learning, earning or being able to get on in life - but for many, it is. Young carers need to know there is a brighter future for them.

## ADT Newsletter

The latest Art, Design & Technology newsletter is now available to download from our website,  
<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/ADT-Newsletter-March-issue-7-2024.pdf>



**YOUNG CARERS SCHOOLS**  
CARERS TRUST & The Children's Society

**Lots of pupils look after someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction.**

**They may help by:**

- Shopping, cooking, cleaning
- Managing medicines or money
- Providing personal care
- Helping get people out the house
- Feeding an animal
- Providing emotional support

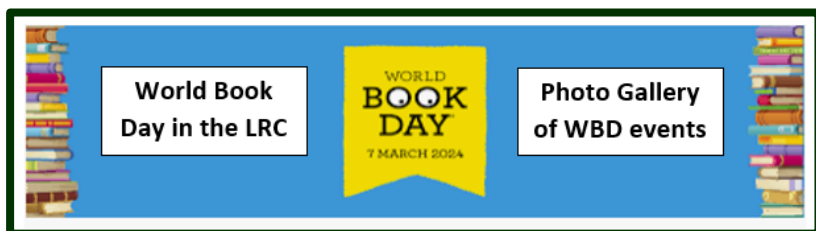
**Whether you are looking for advice, support, or just someone to talk to, we can help you.**

**1 in 3 young carers struggle to balance caring with education, this can have a big impact on whether they can get on at school, go to university, or get a job or an apprenticeship.**

**This can limit opportunities for young carers to learn, earn and have a fulfilling life. We can all support young carers in school by encouraging them to plan for their futures and follow their dreams.**

If you know a young carer that is struggling or you are a young carer and need some support please come along to the young carers lunch club on Mondays in G6 or contact Mrs Stratton  
[ssatton@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ssatton@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)





*Ms Wilson, LRC Manager and Miss Davies, Literacy Co-ordinator, writes:*

**Thank you to everyone who supported World Book Day!**

Competitions included

- Year 7 and 8 book characters
- Cake baking
- 150 students quizzed their book on World Book Day
- ECO book swap
- Crafts



## Question of the Week

### Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:

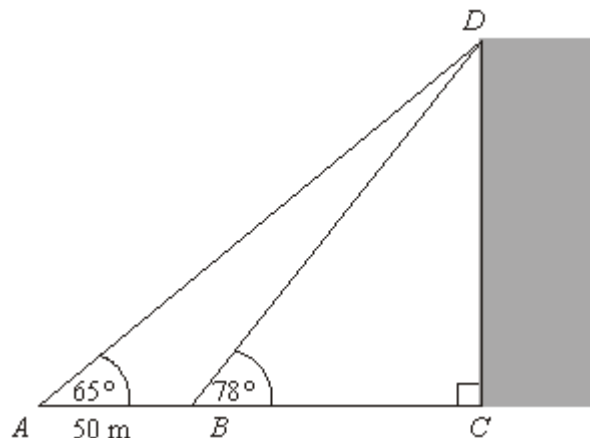


**SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 20.03.24 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD**

Choose one of the two questions. Send your answer with detailed workings by email to [smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) or on a piece of paper to the Maths Office.

#### Question 1

Diagram **NOT**  
accurately drawn



Steve is working out the height of a tall vertical building  $CD$ .  
The building is standing on horizontal ground.

Steve measures the angle of elevation of the top,  $D$ , of the building from two different points  $A$  and  $B$ .

The angle of elevation of  $D$  from  $A$  is  $65^\circ$ .  
The angle of elevation of  $D$  from  $B$  is  $78^\circ$ .  
 $AB = 50$  m.  
 $ABC$  is a straight line.

Calculate the height of the building. Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

#### Question 2

On a farm

The number of cows and the number of sheep are in the ratio 6 : 5

The number of sheep and the number of pigs are in the ratio 2 : 1

The total number of cows, sheep and pigs on the farm is 189

How many sheep are there on the farm?

## Poetry Competitions

Miss Davies, Literacy Co-ordinator, writes:

### COMPETITION 1

The challenge is to write a poem on the theme of

The Power of Small

You could write about the impact of a .....

- ❖ Small positive change you've made
- ❖ Small thing you've done to help someone
- ❖ Small improvement you've made in lessons

Complete your poem of at least eight lines and post in the LRC Literacy post box before our Easter holidays!

See Miss Davies in G6 for more details – Good luck!

Find out more at [www.justtalkherts.org/powerofsmallchanges](http://www.justtalkherts.org/powerofsmallchanges)

### COMPETITION 2

Do you....

- Enjoy being on the stage?
- Enjoy learning by heart?
- Fancy winning a trip to London?

Then this poetry by Heart competition could be just for you!

There are three categories, you could perform

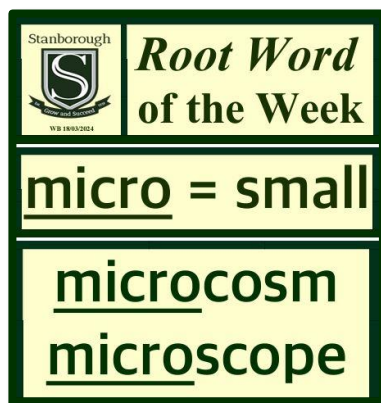
- ❖ Two solo poems from the Poetry by Heart website
- ❖ One poem from the Poetry by Heart website in a group
- ❖ Any poem (could be your own!) as a solo/group

See Miss Davies in G6 or google Poetry by Heart, <https://poetrybyheart.org.uk/>



## Root Word of the Week

W/c 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024





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# HOUSE MUSIC 2024



**THURSDAY 21ST MARCH, 5PM**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR**  
**ADULTS £4**  
**CONCESSIONS £2**






## House Music Concert, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 5pm

Tickets can be purchased via the Arbor School Shop or with cash on the door.

There will also be an interval where refreshments may be purchased.

All money raised from the concert will go towards developing resources for the Music department.

See you there!

## Family Lives Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Spaces are still available on the below two online workshops.

### Reducing Conflict

**Thursday 14 March 9.30am – 11.30am**


AND


**Wednesday 20 March 7.00pm – 9.00pm via MS Teams**

Conflicts are regular occurrence within families. It's often a normal part of everyday life. However, conflict that is frequent, intense, and poorly resolved, has a significant negative impact on children's mental health and long-term life chances. This 2-hour 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 that parents can take to help improve their family relationships.

Please click here [referral form](#) for an online referral form

You can also email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8701 for more information.





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**For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk)**

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## 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 <sup>th</sup> 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/>