

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

The Stanborough Times is back this week packed with all the news and events from the last couple of weeks. Remember you can always keep up to date with our activities via our social media channels: facebook, Instagram and X. GCSE exams have now begun with drama yesterday and biology today. We wish all our Year 11 students the very best over the next few weeks. Teaching ended on Thursday for our Year 13s and today they had their farewell assembly before they embark on their GCE and BTEC exams. We also wish them the all the best for their exams and look forward to seeing them all to celebrate their success at our presentation evening in December. As the weather is looking promising in the days ahead we are now moving to our summer dress code. Please see over the page for details. Uniform cards will need to be kept safely in students' pencil cases.

Breaktime with the Headteacher

H Berridge, Z Strozewska, I Fanning, S Newton,
A Wadley, N Khalil, S Muca, M Page, K Eason,
M Waeland, Year 7

J Dykes, H Dunstan, A Macdonald, B Brocklesby
Sum, A Michael, L Nelson, D Wan Faizul, L Srinithi
Kumaragurubaran, W Napiorkowski, D Boville,
Year 8

B Baffour, D Antunes, E Hickey, C McIntosh,
M Hoss, A Das, F Gibbs, K Owusu, L Dines, C Judge,
L Hartley, Year 9

F Macdonald, R Sanders, P Wadley, A Lowe, O Oyedare, S Karota, S Savasci, J Vieira Dias Moreira,
M Mbokolo, T Burgess, Year 10

M Flint, Z Printer, R Paulionka, L Iliso, A Senaratne, H Parkins, E Mampilly, I Uddin, C Avery, J Shah,
J Carter, L Holbourns, Year 11

D Harrington, L Fennell, M Dunstan, O Krainska, O Preston, P King, S Satheeskumar, S Jeffrey, B Paddick,
I Ibrahim, L Reding, S Ward, Year 12

E Lagman, G Gardner, J Flint, K Joyce, T Linger, A Hussain, F Marshall, K Simkins, L Grenfell, E Clark,
E Edmonds, J Man, O Fillmore, W Parnham, Year 13



Quote of the week:

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt

Wish you a restful weekend.
Mrs John



Top 10 ATL Students, Spring Term 2024

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 7



H Berridge, Z Strozewska, I Fanning,
S Newton, A Wadley, N Khalil, S Muca,
M Page, K Eason, M Waeland

Year 8



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O Fillmore, W Parnham

Forthcoming Events

13th – 17th May 2024

Week A

13th – 24th Year 7 Exams, in classes

14th Lives not Knives Talk

Summer Dress Code

As the weather is looking promising in the days ahead we are moving to our summer dress code. Students do not need to wear blazers, ties or have their top buttons done. Students are able to choose to wear a shirt and tie or simply a school shirt. Shirts must remain tucked in. If choosing to wear a tie, students must ensure that their top button remains fastened. If they do not choose to wear their tie, they are permitted to undo their top button.

Their uniform card will need to be kept safely in their pencil case.

Root Word of the Week

W/c 13th May 2024

Stanborough
**Root Word
of the Week**

hyper = above

hypertension
hyperactive
hyperthermia

Wishing all our Year 11s and Year 13s the all the best for their exams.

The first GCSE exams – drama and biology - have started this week.

Teaching for Year 13 finished on Thursday and their final assembly took place today.



Vacancy

Teaching Assistant / HLTA

We are looking to appoint a permanent Teaching Assistant/HLTA to work with students with learning needs in our successful comprehensive school from September

2024. Please see our website for more information,

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Closing date : 17th May 2024, 9am

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Teaching Assistant / HLTA

CLOSING DATE:
17TH MAY 2024, 9AM

See our website for details

Chess Club!

Run by Ms Wilson, Lily Reding and Nia Joshi

Every Thursday
After school in the LRC
3-4pm

All year groups and staff welcome
Please sign in at the LRC Desk!

Farewell

Mr. Mason, Teacher of Mathematics (ex-Deputy Head)

Mr. Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics writes:

Mr. Mason served the Stanborough community for a whopping 32 years! He joined Stanborough School as the Head of Mathematics Faculty in 1992. A few years later, in 1999, he was promoted to the position of Assistant Head and then he served as a Deputy Head from 2004 to 2019. Over his long service, Mr. Mason line managed various year groups and faculties. His other roles and responsibilities included managing staff cover, timetabling, data and assessment, performance appraisal and the smooth running of public exams for the school. For those of you who do not know, Mr. Mason played a key role in bidding for the Mathematics and Computing Specialism for our school. Throughout his career, Mr. Mason was a great inspiration to many teachers and students. His witty sense of humour kept both staff and students on their toes, and his dynamic and energetic teaching style guaranteed to enthuse one and all. For Mathematics teachers, Mr. Mason was the 'expert' in the team, especially in relation to solving complex problems in Further Mathematics.

Being trained to teach PE as well, Mr. Mason ran a club for basketball enthusiasts for many years. One of the memories which will be cherished by those who worked with him is his conducting of the 'gunging' ritual during the 'Run for Stanborough' events. Outside of school, Mr. Mason is an avid bee-keeper. Teachers in the Mathematics Faculty have now been educated on a variety of interesting facts about bees, from telling the difference between a bee and a wasp to the mystery of the bees' waggle dance.

Mr. Mason was an incredible colleague and a mentor. He will truly be missed by all. We wish him a lovely time with his bees, with his travels in his motor home and with being a professional grandad! Happy retirement!!!

Cloning Genius at Stanborough School!

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Two months on from our initial attempt to clone cauliflower, one might be forgiven for thinking that our year 13 students have become entirely distracted with their exam preparation, well, not quite!

In the last few weeks, as well as finishing the syllabus, practising exam questions and successfully completing their practical endorsement, the next generation of biologists have been making sure their cloned cauliflowers continue to thrive, thanks to Mr Fanning. Well done to our year 13s and we are all **ROOTING** for them as they approach the climax of their school journey and the beginning of the next stage, where greatness surely awaits....



Lakeside Students visit Stanborough

Stanborough students were able to host a quiet and calm session in the Library for some of the Lakeside students. It was a great success and we look forward to seeing them again next week and building the partnership! Thank you to Mrs Tillbrook for all her support.



CultureFest 2024

On Friday 26th April we came together to celebrate our Culture festival 2024. It was lovely to see so many Stanborough students proudly celebrating their cultural identity.



Revision workshop of 'The Crucible'

Mrs G Eracleous-Rickard, Head of Drama, writes:

On Monday 8th April, all GCSE drama students were very lucky to have a revision workshop of 'The Crucible' (the play studied throughout year 10 and 11) with the Acting Foundry to help us understand particular physical, vocal and staging skills that we can use to enhance the performance for the audience.

"We all found it very fun to explore some of the key theoretical aspects of the play through a practical workshop. We found it particularly useful to look at becoming the character and putting yourself in the shoes of the person who you are playing. This helped our overall GCSE because it gave us a broader knowledge of different ways to portray emotions and scenes, this will help not only the script work we do but also the ideas we have for our written exam." **Fraser Macdonald, Y10**

"This was such a great opportunity to learn more about the industry. I learned some really useful tips on how to get noticed and how to book auditions and received one to one advice for my specific career goals. Tony and Julian were so easy to talk to and I know that everyone in the workshop was inspired by their motivational attitudes and obvious passion for acting. We also engaged in practical work and some fun exercises! Overall, it was a really insightful and eye-opening event." **Olivia Preston, Y12**



Walking Talking Maths

Maths Walking Talking Mock in action in our school Hall! Superb engagement from our Year 11 Higher GCSE students. Wishing them the very best for the upcoming GCSEs.



Geography Swanage Trip

Year 12 students spent a few days in Swanage recently to investigate beach profiles and rock sorting. They also spoke to members of the public about their perceptions of the area. A few brave souls even took a cold dip in the sea! Day one of the field trip was spent at Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove, followed by a day at Chesil beach. The weather took a turn for day two ...but it isn't a geography field trip without some inclement weather! They did manage to reward themselves with some hot chocolate though!



Year 10 Visit Harry Potter Studios

Last week a class of Year 10 Art, Design and Technology students were very excited to visit the Harry Potter Studios in Leavesdon to attend a workshop on set design. They also had the opportunity to go on a tour of the studio looking at costume, sets and make up design.



County Team Maths Challenges

Mrs Coldwell, Extracurricular Leader: Mathematics, writes:

Stanborough's "Team B" from the Year 7 County Team Maths Challenge held back in February did well enough to qualify for the final of the competition last week. Lucas Gomes, Logan Humbles, Michael Lines and Riyaansh Mathew travelled to Robertson House in Stevenage to face 20 other finalist teams in a competition very similar to the original heat. The rounds were again general maths problems, memory, estimation and finally another general maths round. The questions were suitably difficult for the final but the team performed even better in the third round than they had in the heat. In the end, their 16th place finish was very impressive in the context of the 106 teams that took part across the county!



This week, the process started for the Year 8 teams with the heat taking place on Monday afternoon. Maxim Tabany, Enna Wentford-Hall, Roman Scott and Kloe Francis came 8th in the heat with excellent scores in the first general maths round and the estimation round. Davina Adepoju, Charlotte Winston, Daisy Boville and Natalie Eckland came 10th with a very similar score and an excellent memory round. Kolin Varhelyi, Kiran Chauhan and Ilan Sallay performed particularly well with just 3 team members scoring just as highly as the other teams in the first and final general maths rounds.

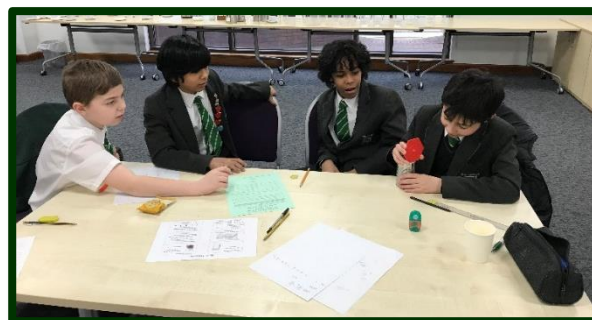
Meanwhile, Years 7 and 8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge with the following notable successes: Riyaansh Mathew earned a Gold certificate as well as Best in School (an excellent achievement for a Year 7). William Morris also earned a Gold certificate. Kloe Francis earned a Silver certificate and Best in Year for Year 8. Silvers also went to Natalie Eckland, Edward Kane, Ilan Sallay, Erik Daci, Michael Lines, Damia Wan Faizul, Alban Wadley, Vanessa Fedorov, Lewis Hayward-Bradley and Lucas Gomes. Robert Clayton, Alexander Calderwood, Huxley Lewis, Maddison Payne, Andreas Michael, Maddie Waeland, Bethany Redmond, Daisy Boville, Sophia Muca, Brandon Knight, Sophie Lawson, Elsie Reding, Oscar Kirk, Tymek Buglewski, Kiran Chauhan, Maya Gizynska, Kashvi Rabadia and Enna Wentford-Hall all earned Bronze certificates. Many others were very close and all should be proud to be chosen to take part.

"The County Final was amazing fun and these questions were hard which is why persevering is the key to success." **Logan Humbles, 7KK**

"I was a bit nervous and the questions were difficult but I think I did well." **Lucas Gomes, 7BM**

"It was a real delight to be selected for this competition and it should be a dream to be selected." **Ilan Sallay, 8BM**

"Estimation wasn't easy, but success is never easy." **Kolin Varhelyi, 8HM**



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- Parents/Carers of 16 to 24 yrs Support Group**
Wed 1/5 - 7.30-8.30 pm
- PDA Support Group**
Tue 7/5 - 1.30-2.30 pm
- General Primary Aged Children Support Group**
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Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



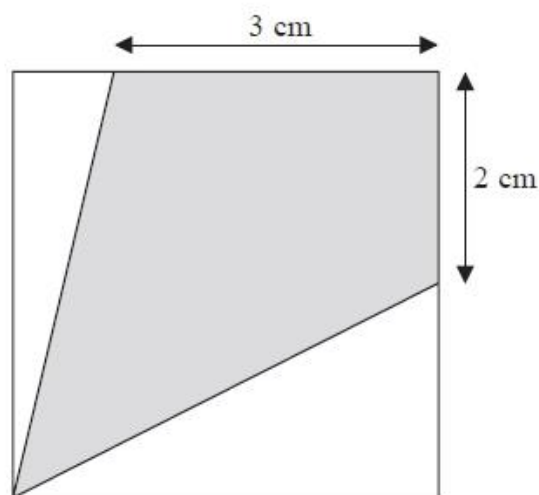
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Send your answer with detailed workings by email to smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk or on a piece of paper to the Maths Office.

Please write your full name and name of your form group on your entry.

Question

The diagram shows a square with perimeter 16 cm.



Work out the proportion of the area inside the square that is shaded.

RPE/CSE Question of the Week

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

This week's questions are:

1. What are the two main muslim groups?
2. Which one is larger?
3. Who are the 'twelvers' and 'seveners'?



Please include your full name and year on all your answers.
Silvers for all correct responses. bronzes for giving it a go.

Good luck and thanks for playing.

PE Report 5th May 2024

Miss Novelli, PE Teacher, writes:

To begin the athletics season we had our first county league fixture at Ridlins End athletics track in Stevenage last Wednesday 1st May. We faced our first opponents of the season: Hitchin Girls, St Columbus, Monks Walk and Dame Alice Owens. Prior to this pupils had been relentlessly practising events during both lessons and extra-curricular clubs with the aim to begin the season on a high.

The U14 girls started off with a bang, securing three golds, two silvers and three bronzes across track and field! Ore Oyedare's event hurdles kicked off the first event of the season. After having an electric ride in 2023 she reminded us of her talent and confidently finished 1st place, keeping up her winning streak from last year. Flora Watson also showed her power by wiping out the competition, again placing first place in shot. Finally to conclude the winners of the day newcomer Calleigh Collins took on the other seasoned middle distance runners, taking an early lead and gradually increasing it throughout confidently to finish more than 15m in front of her next competitor! Erin Kang also put in a top performance in long jump, placing a very strong 2nd, similar to Amy MacDonald in javelin and the relay team who showcased their seamless changeovers placing a close 2nd. To finish off Rosie Cameron impressed us with her debut attempt of 300m sprint placing 3rd, alongside Maya Gizynska also placing 3rd in the 1500m. Overall combining their results from both track and field they placed 2nd!

The U16 girls also worked very hard securing both golds and bronzes. Paige Wadley continued her winning streak in the 800m race leading by a long stretch, starting the season off strong. Summer Appleby also smashed her race, winning the 300m sprint with an outstanding run, showing determination right until the finish line. Honor Beverstock placed 3rd in the second track event of the season: hurdles, showing her speed, similarly new comer Rosie Vangu also managed to achieve a bronze in her first shot put competition showing off her effortless glide technique. Ore Oyedare continued the trend and also threw her way to 3rd position in discus, as did Paige Wadley again jumping her way to 3rd in triple jump and Lily Van in javelin! To finish the girls showed fantastic teamwork and smooth changeovers by finishing 3rd in the relay. As a combined effort the girls managed to place 3rd in the competition.

The U14 boys continued to showcase their practice and work hard and achieve even more bronzes for us at Stanborough. Firstly, Corey James in high jump placing 3rd, Sam Rellos running the 200m race and placing 3rd in an incredibly fast competition. Adawale Adekanye also jumped his way to 3rd place in the long jump competition showing flight in his technique, as did Lucas Gough in Shot Put again with some powerful throws placing 3rd. Overall combining their track and field results the boys placed 5th in the competition. The U16 boys also managed to compete confidently and make the podium. Firstly Chika Chukwu showed speed and power placing 3rd in Long Jump, Henry Ottoway placing 3rd in javelin, and finally Luka Puica also showing his strength in shot put, again placing 3rd. Overall the boys placed 5th in this week's county league competition with their combined efforts. In reflection, were very impressed in the boys who filled in the events of those who could not make it due to unavoidable absences. This is exactly the attitude we want and hope for from our students and look forward to our next match where we have a full team.

To conclude, all athletes who competed in the first county league fixture of the season worked incredibly hard and made us so proud to have them representing us! Training will continue on Tuesdays after school as we get ready for our next county league fixture which will take place next week in St Albans. Bring it on!

2024/25 School Promotional Video

Filming took place in school this week for our promotional video for 2024/25. We look forward to seeing the result!



PE Extra-Curricular Clubs

Lunch time, 1.20 – 1.55pm		Year	Location	Teacher
Wednesday	Dance	Year 7, 8 & 9	Gym	Miss Novelli

After School, 3 – 4.15pm		Year	Location	Teacher
Monday	Softball	All Years	Gym	Mr Foster
Tuesday	Athletics	All Years	Sports Hall	All PE Staff
Wednesday	Rounders	All Years	Sports Hall	Mrs Harris, Miss Novelli, Miss Newman
	Cricket	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
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>

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