

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

GCSE exams are now fully underway and we are very pleased to see our Year 11 students being positive and taking everything in their stride. On Friday we said farewell and good luck to our Year 13 students. The day always has mixed emotions and we wish them all the best for their future. Results day for both Year 11 and Year 13 is in August and information about this will be sent out nearer the time. We hope our students will keep in touch to let us know all about their next steps and achievements. Students in all year groups take part in many out of school activities and we always like to hear about these and help them to celebrate their success with a Headteacher Commendation and on social media as well as in our newsletter. Please send your child's news, with a photo, to myself and your child's Head of Year. All staff email addresses can be found on our website, <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/about-us/staff/>.

Headteacher's Commendations

L Cornish, Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

A Jones Massana, Yr.7 for taking her Dramatic Arts LAMDA Grade 3 exam and achieving a distinction;

L Child, H Hunt, S Protic, M Ray-Knight and S Walker, Yr.7 for outstanding performance with this terms Poetry Presentation assessment;

S St John, Yr.8 for outstanding achievements in Football, finishing second in the league with her U13 team;

E Lowdell, Yr.8 for completing the 'That Reading Thing' literacy program;

J Dykes, Yr8 for excellent participation in the new school promotional video;

O Jordan, Yr.9 for completing a literacy intervention for inferencing in reading with outstanding focus and effort;

P Wadley and F Macdonald, Yr.10 for excellent participation in the new school promotional video;

M Hedger, M Dunstan and E Osagie, Yr.12 for excellent participation in the new school promotional video;

J Holloway, Yr.13 for securing a place at the Rose Bruford College of Performing Arts;

J Young, Yr.13 for securing a Retail Apprenticeship with Morrisons;

J Quizzagan, Yr.13 for creating a fantastic Business revision resource and kindly sharing it with his class.



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

20th – 24th May

Week B

20 th – 24 th	Year 7 Exams
24 th	Year 12 Skills for Life Workshop
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term

Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a Finance Officer to join our Finance team. Assisting the Finance Manager in the day-to-day financial administration you will provide a support to the whole school staff, students and parents and therefore a friendly and efficient attitude is essential.

Please see our website for more information,
<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/staff-vacancies/>

Closing date: 5th June 2024, 9am



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Finance Officer

CLOSING DATE:
5TH JUNE 2024, 9AM

See our website for details

Visit from Ex-Student

Mr Minion, writes:

The talk from ex Stanborough student Katie Tayler to the Year 10 Maths top groups was extremely good. Katie talked about her journey from Stanborough, through university to her current job working for Accenture and showing how her Maths background has helped create her life story so far.

It's extremely important for students to see the role that school plays in starting their journeys.

Thank you, Mr Modi, for arranging this.



Student Success

Training with Beth Mead

Eden had the opportunity to train with Beth Mead this week and was interviewed by Channel 4 News and SKY Sports to talk about girls' football, the facilities and opportunities compared to what is offered to boys. This was aired on C4 at 7pm on Wednesday and was shown on SKY throughout the day.



U13 Football League Success

Three Stanborough students recently took part in the U13s football league. After some tough games and some amazing team effort Summer's team finished second! The girls all worked so hard this season and have really pushed themselves working as a team so this really is so deserved.

On Saturday they went to collect their runners up trophies!

So proud of all the girls and their achievements!

Dramatic Arts Exam Distinction

For the last few years Arwen, 7KK, has taken an annual LAMDA exam (LAMDA provides qualifications in the field of dramatic arts: [Our Exams | London academy of music & dramatic art \(lamda.ac.uk\)](http://lamda.ac.uk)).

This Spring Arwen took the Grade 3 Exam and achieved a distinction. Well done, Arwen!



Lives not Knives

This week the 'Lives not Knives' team visited Stanborough to work with students across Year 8 to Year 10. Students watched a video showing a confrontation between two individuals and some witnesses (all actors). Using VR, they were immersed in the aftereffects of the confrontation and had to make decisions which could lead to one of 2000 different outcomes. Some of those outcomes included being searched by police or being arrested.

Staff discussed the student's decision making, stereotypes, peer pressure and consequences. Helping students understand the impact their decisions can have on themselves, but also those in the community who may witness it.



Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



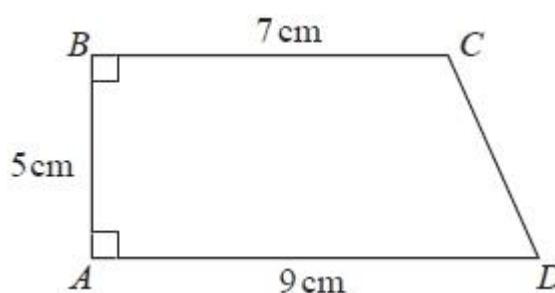
SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 22.05.24 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

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

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

Question

$ABCD$ is a trapezium.




A square has the same perimeter as this trapezium.

Work out the area of the square.

Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.


Root Word of the Week

W/c 20th May 2024



**Root Word
of the Week**

magn = large

**magnitude
magnify** 

ASTRONOMY CLUB starting Wednesday 5th June

Mr Hughes, Teaching Assistant, writes:

We will answer some of the biggest questions in science today, like:

1. Where did all the **STARS** come from and what are they made of?
2. How can the Sun keep shining for **BILLIONS OF YEARS**?
3. What happens when **GALAXIES** collide?
4. What is a **SUPERNOVA** and how do **BLACK HOLES** form?
5. How big is the **UNIVERSE** and how do we **MEASURE** it?

Come along for a great introduction to Astronomy.

See you in S2 at 3:05pm on Wednesday.



Stanborough Students invited to experience life on a film set

Summer is set to be exciting for Stanborough students as they are invited to join a film crew and the fast-paced experience in the world of film and cinematography.

Three students, Roman, Yr9, Dylan and Gabrielle, Yr10, took part in a film production week last summer, held at The Barn Theatre.

Media Studies Teacher, and a Unit Director for the production, Mr Maden was on hand to assist the three students and 13 others 'get the feel for filming' as he described it during a very busy week for them.

"It was incredible to see such energy from Dylan and Gabrielle, both Yr10 Media students, and Roman from Yr9," says Mr Maden. "It was such a busy week where we got the budding actors used to filming technique on day one, then by day three, we were out on location in Welwyn and shooting scenes. They were such pros and took so much out of the experience."

One of the locations in the film used the exterior of Stanborough School and in the scene, the acting team spent the morning of day two shooting and reshooting lots of different angles, to which Mr Maden admired the acting team's patience.

Mr Maden adds: "What students on the course gain an appreciation of is the need for patience. There are lots of ways in which, as a director, I have to make sure all the angles are covered when each actor speaks. It's tiring, but the end result is as you would see in the cinema. I remember Gabrielle and Dylan having to wait about two hours before they even got to speak. That's patience!"

As the scenes were being shot, a team of editors, including Roman and Dylan, on the computer, and Gabrielle on the stop motion editing team, were busy cutting and repositioning scenes for various sections of the film which Dylan found very rewarding.

Dylan says: "I decided to join the film week because I wanted to have experience working with the technical aspect of film making. I enjoyed learning how to edit footage on final cut pro and we had some really nice scenes done at the end of the week."

The CreaTech team is coming back to Welwyn to offer the chance for more Stanborough Students to take part in the same way Roman, Gabrielle and Dylan did last year and there is a presentation taking place about this opportunity in F9 on Friday 24th May during tutor time.

Dylan adds: "I had a great time and I would definitely recommend it for anyone with ambitions for a role in the media industry."



Dylan and Roman edit film sequences, while Gabrielle sets the stop-motion scenes

Flyers will be going out to students in forms from next week with more information about the Film Week opportunities and Mr Maden is on hand in F6 English and F9 Media to chat about what's planned so far.

"I'm really excited to be a part of the film week team for 2024 and I hope to see lots more Stanborough students take part. We are already in the preparation stages for this year's production, so come along to F9 next week and find out more." **Mr Maden, Teacher of English and Media Studies.**

PE Report: 10/05/24

Miss Novelli, PE Teacher, writes:

For our second athletics meet of the season we travelled to Westminster Lodge in St Albans for yet another competition in the sun. This week we faced St Albans High School for Boys, St Albans High School for Girls, Simon Balle, Samuel Ryder Academy, and Katherine Warrington. The team were excited to keep up the strong start from last week and add to the medals table.

To begin, our U14 boys looked very confident and ready for their events to begin. As they completed their track events first, Alban Wadley set the standard by winning the 1500m after a very confident and consistent race, with Pietro Rigetti chasing comfortably just behind him placing 2nd. Sam Rellos showed a very quick sprinting technique placing 3rd in the 200m sprint, followed by Lucas Gough in the 300m also finishing in 3rd. To add to his success Lucas Gough also managed to wipe out the triple jump competition as the only athlete to actually perform a legal jump. He won with a mammoth distance of 9.57m! Finally Charlie Cook concluded the U14 boys' medals achieved by placing 2nd in discus with a distance of 14.87m. Overall as a combined effort the U14 boys placed 5th in the competition with only 3 points between 3rd and 5th place.

Our U14 girls were eager to continue their success from last week after a very high scoring start. To begin the track competition Oreo Oyedare returned to hurdles, this time placing 2nd in a very close race. With a silver medal in mind Calleigh Collins also placed 2nd in a well-paced 800m race, shaving 0.15 seconds off her impressive win last week. Erin Kang sprinted her heart out in a fantastic 100m sprint race placing 3rd, followed by Laila Nelson also placing 3rd in a rapid 200m sprint. Rosie Cameron continued this streak also placing 3rd in a very impressive 300m sprint. To conclude the track events the relay team also secured 3rd place with some smooth baton change overs and powerful sprint starts. Moving onto the field events Erin Kang began with a bang winning long jump with an impressive 4.45m beating all competitors by over 20cm. Daisy Boville stepped up to mark and showed off her strength in shot put placing 2nd, and Amy MacDonald concluded the medals for the girls placing 3rd in javelin with a throw of 17.55m. Overall as a combined effort the U14 girls placed 3rd only 2 points behind 2nd place.



Our U16 boys returned this week hoping to gain some more medals although up against some strong competition. The boys worked together to compete in all events and showed high levels of resilience and dedication, especially during practice in the weeks leading up to the event. The field events this week were our strongest as our boys managed to gain places on the podium. Oliver Hope impressed us with his long jump technique placing a very confident 3rd with fewer than 20cm less than 2nd place, and Caolan Fanning also placed 3rd also with his jump however this time in triple jump, placing 3rd as well with a distance of 10.03m. Overall as a combined effort the U16

boys placed 5th in the competition, adding to their total for the league leader board.

Our U16 girls came out strong wanting to beat the number of podium places they achieved last week. With a few new faces due to absences and injuries the girls worked together to compete with a vengeance. Beginning the track events Honor Beverstock flew to 2nd in hurdles, showing her speed and tenacity. Maya Hoss stepped up this week after her show stopping performances last year for the U14 girls to compete against the next age bracket of athletes. She performed confidently in the 800m race and secured us an awesome 2nd place. Imogen O'Carroll flew down the 100m straight in a very close race placing 3rd running less than 0.3s from 2nd place. To conclude the track medal achievers the relay team looked like a well-oiled machine with seamless changeovers to place them in 2nd position with the new entry of Honor Beverstock. In the field events Maya Hoss returned to the triple jump track placing a confident 3rd with a distance of 8.75m, and after Freya Lindsay returned to her event in discus after thriving last year, this week she won the event by miles with an astonishing 20.80m distance, throwing further than any of her competitors by more than 3m! Overall, as a combined effort the U16 girls placed 3rd in the competition.

Overall, this week showed how tenacious, resilient, and ambitious our athletes are. We cannot wait to see how much they will progress in the weeks to come and what successes they will achieve next! Our next athletics competition will be at Wodson Park in Ware on Tuesday 14th May.



Spring Term Literacy Review

Miss Davies, Literacy Coordinator, writes:

Another busy, action packed term as students continue to blossom in all things literacy!

The ancient art of poetry is older than writing itself, the first ones sung or recited; passing down through generations as memorised verse. Our two spring term literacy competitions gave students the opportunity to flourish in both this spoken and written poetic form.

Poetry Competitions

Competition 1: Poems written on the theme of The Power of Small - justtalk@herts

Warmest congratulations to our wonderful sisters Deborah Adesanva, 9HC and Esther Adesanca, 10SM who win the school's KS3 and KS4 prizes for their beautiful winning entries and go on to represent the school at county level. We wish them all the luck in the world and look forward to sharing these with you in next week's issue.

Competition 2: Poetry by Heart

Now in its third year at Stanborough, this launched across our KS3 English department supporting our Year 7 and Year 9 students with their spring term poetry modules. Students were required to learn and perform a poem off by heart in front of peer for a gold literacy award and/or enter the national competition online at home. We wish all our entrants the best of luck!

Competition 3: Our Reading as a Family is Fun!

This competition continues until the end of summer term.

Keep those photos rolling in!



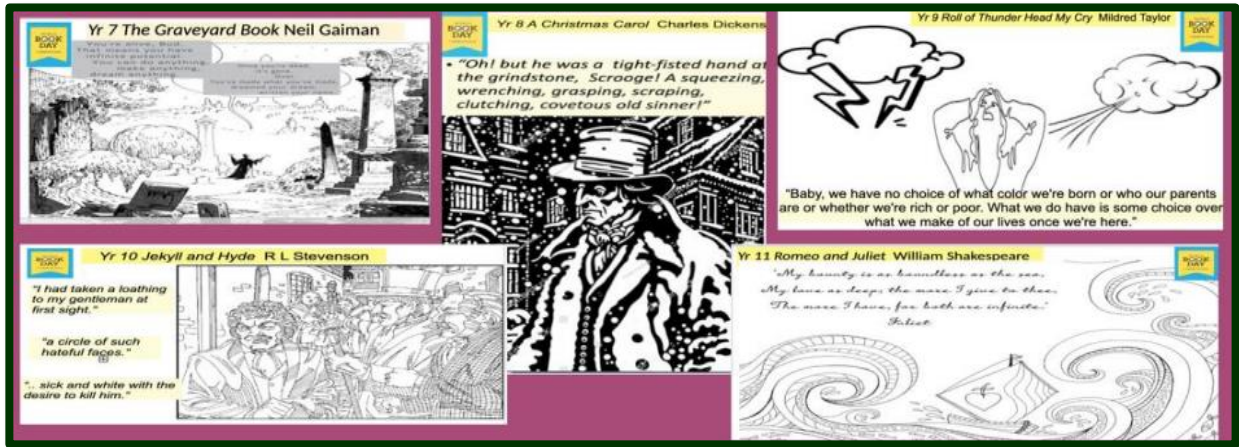
*******House Competition*******

Reading As A Family Is Fun! Win a £50 book token!!

- **Reading Together As A Family Is Fun!** Competition is open until the end of Summer term.
- 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 July 19th 2024. Good luck!

World Book Day 2024

Encouraging students to develop a real love for reading is a huge focus at Stanborough and nothing fails to capture our young readers imagination quite like World Book Day! Students kicked off with some mindful quote illustrating at tutor time:



Students in Years 7 and 8 who'd dressed up in their favourite book character collected in the LRC at tutor time for celebratory snacks and a photo opportunity, returning at lunchtime for more literacy fun including:



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>

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

Flourish Together An event for young refugees and asylum seekers

30th May, 10am – 3pm

This is a great opportunity for young people aged 15-21 to build a sense of connection with their local community and improve their wellbeing.

There will be fun activities and also onsite support on the day from the Flourish and Herts Mind Network CYP teams.

Flourish Together
Young People's Event
For young refugees and asylum seekers aged 15-25

30th of May
Bennetts End Youth Centre
Hemel Hempstead

10am to 3pm

Activities including **team building** and **sports activities** as well as **engagement and making connections**

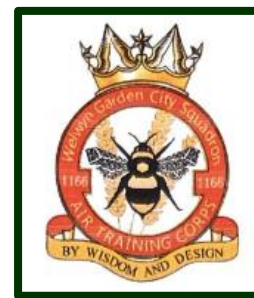
- Please register to attend by emailing us your referral form and personal details.
- Transport may be available, please send an email to enquire.

Email: flourish@hertsmindnetwork.org

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Welwyn Garden City Air Cadet Recruitment Evening, 12th June 2024

My name is Tara Baker, I am the Officer Commanding at 1166 (Welwyn Garden City) Squadron Air Training Corps. We are holding a recruitment evening for prospective cadets, adult volunteers and civilian committee members.



We undertake many activities such as:

- Parades, drill and ceremonial activities
- First Aid classes, courses and competitions
- Shooting training, practice and competitions
- Sports
- Model making
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Music and band opportunities
- Annual camp opportunities at military locations both in the UK and overseas
- Many other activities too

The recruitment evening is for prospective cadets, adult volunteers and civilian committee members. Joining requirements can be seen by scanning the QR code, however, cadets need to be 13 years old or in Year 8 at school up to a maximum of 17 years old when joining.

If you have anyone interested in being either an adult volunteer (over 18) teaching our young people either as a civilian or a uniformed member of staff or even joining in the committee and raising funds for the benefit of the cadets, please also ask them to scan the code to register. We will confirm by email approximately one week prior to the event.

We parade 7-9.30pm Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the cadet hut just off Lemsford Lane.

Parent support sessions

EHC assessment and Review

Sarah Stevens, Participation Lead- Inclusion and Skills, Children's Services, writes:

Do you have a child with an education health care plan or currently considering a education, health care plan request?

These briefings are for you.

1166 (Welwyn Garden City) Squadron

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the next generation

1166 Sqn HQ
Lemsford Lane
Welwyn Garden City
AL8 6YW

Recruiting for:
Adult Staff / Cadets / Civilian Committee

Register today using the QR Code

Open evening: Thursday 13th June 24

THIS IS ME! **BE INCLUDED**

Parent or carer?
Have a child with an education health care plan or currently considering a education, health care plan request?
These briefings are for you.

'This is Me' is the new form to support children and young people in telling their story. What they write, draw or present will be included in their Educational and health care needs request and annual review.

'This is Me' and the guidance notes have been coproduced with children and young people. They have tested it and are now ready to share for others to use. The aim is simple, to tell the child's story, in whatever way they can.

SENDIASS, Educational health care coordinators, SENDCOs, Schools and others will receive training soon. **But first we would like parents and carers to learn more. Please join us at one of these online events.**

Friday the 17th May 10am to 11am [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 347 120 146 180 Passcode: TmxrqW

Wednesday 22nd May 6pm to 7pm [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 397 771 075 256 Passcode: G7Rjsb

Thursday 23rd May 1pm to 2pm [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 361 293 340 695 Passcode: qu9U32

If you can not join any of these meetings but would like to receive a recording please email sarah.stevens2@hertfordshire.gov.uk . These will be sent on 30th May 2024.

(Please note this email is for these meetings only and I can not advise or support with individual EHCP requests)

Cyber/online safety for parents



Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

For parents / carers of children aged 9 and up

You are invited to attend two **free** online sessions to discuss all things "cyber".

These sessions will be suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world and it shouldn't be missed!

Part 1 will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme which will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Choices Team. They will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also hear from Kent County Council's Education Safeguarding Team, who will provide an overview of:

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

Please visit the NCA website to find out more about [Cyber Choices](#)

Please register for **one** part 1 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 8th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 5th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Part 2 will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Protect Team. They will provide:

- Advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Identifying and protecting yours (and your children's) key accounts.
- Threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Benefits of family accounts.
- Parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

The aim of the session is to provide you with tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's [Stop! Think Fraud](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaigns.

Again, please register for **one** part 2 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 15th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 12th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 10th July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

If you have any questions or would like us to cover a certain topic within our sessions, then please complete our [online form](#).