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### Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Welcome to the summer term! We hope you all enjoyed a restful two week Easter break and are ready for a busy term ahead. We are fully embracing the exam season as all our year groups undertake exams over the weeks to come to consolidate their learning and help them to progress into the next academic year. Of course, we wish our Year 11 and Year 13 students the best of luck in their forthcoming GCSEs, Btecs and A-Level exams which take place later this term. Our first main event for this term is our annual CultureFest which takes place next Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April. We encourage all students and staff to wear clothing from their culture and to perform songs, dances and music during lunch time. Previous years have been very enjoyable and helps us all to understand the different cultures here at Stanborough.

### Headteacher's Commendations

Pietro Righetti, Aaron Sofat, Leo Laurence, William Morris, Brandon Knight, Alexander Garrod, Nadir Memishaj, Austin Beverstock, Fikri Cebeci, Charlie Woodgate, Cody Farrow and Alex Calderwood, Yr.7 for winning the final in

the Basketball District cup tournament and becoming district champions;

**Oscar O'Connell, Yr.7** for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader.

**Elliot Wing, Yr.7** for completing the 'That Reading Thing' programme.

**Nia Hooda, Kina Hooda and Nina Merrigan, Yr.8** for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

Kashvi Rabadia, Yr.8 for passing her Grade 4 RAD Ballet exam;

King Harold Owusu and Ella Kalarus, Yr.9 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

**Cecily Judge, Yr.9** for being awarded the highest badge a Scout can achieve, the Chief Scouts Gold Award; **Samuel Jeffrey and Sophie Green, Yr.12** for representing Mid Herts at the recent District Schools Swimming Gala; **Alisha Kerr, Yr.12** for exceptional work produced in media lessons;

Matthew Dunstan, Yr.12 for composing an outstanding piece of religious music for his EPQ project; Ben Davison and Jason Ho, Yr.13 for representing Mid Herts at the recent District Schools Swimming Gala.

### Quote of the week:

"Dreams don't have to just be dreams. You can make it a reality; if you just keep pushing and keep trying, then eventually you'll reach your goal." Naomi Osaka Wish you a restful weekend. Mrs John





### **Headteacher Commendations**







### **Forthcoming Events**

22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Week B

22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Core Exams Year 10 Mock Exams
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 13 Cinema Workshop, London
24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Geography Trip to Swanage
25 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Maths Challenge
26 <sup>th</sup>	CultureFest, 1 - 2pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	DofE Planning Day

### CultureFest 2024

Our annual CultureFest 2024 is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1-2pm. Students are encouraged to wear an outfit or sports shirt from their culture, put together stalls, activities, songs and dances to represent the different cultures here at Stanborough.

Root Word of the Week

W/c 22<sup>nd</sup> April





#### **Finance Manager Vacancy**

Closing date: 29th April 2024, 9am

We are looking to appoint an exceptional Finance Manager to lead our Finance team. Working closely with our School Business Manager the successful candidate will manage all school financial processes, both income and expenditure, including pay adjustments and expenses, banking, reconciliations and VAT.

Please see our website for details, https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/staff-vacancies/





#### Understanding My Autism: Empowerment Course for Children and Young Teens

A 6-week group course designed to empower autistic children and young teens. Through interactive sessions, participants will explore what Autism means to them, identify strategies to support their well-being, articulate their needs, and celebrate their uniqueness.

https://www.add-vance.org/children-young-people/understanding-my-autism/

### UNDERSTANDING MY AUTISM

Empowerment Course for Children and Young Teens in Hertfordshire

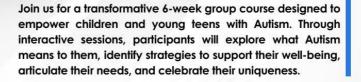
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#### **COURSE DETAILS**

Online & Face-to-Face sessions

6 Week Course ( Ages 7-11 & 11-13

add-vance.org/children-young-people/



### **Question of the Week**

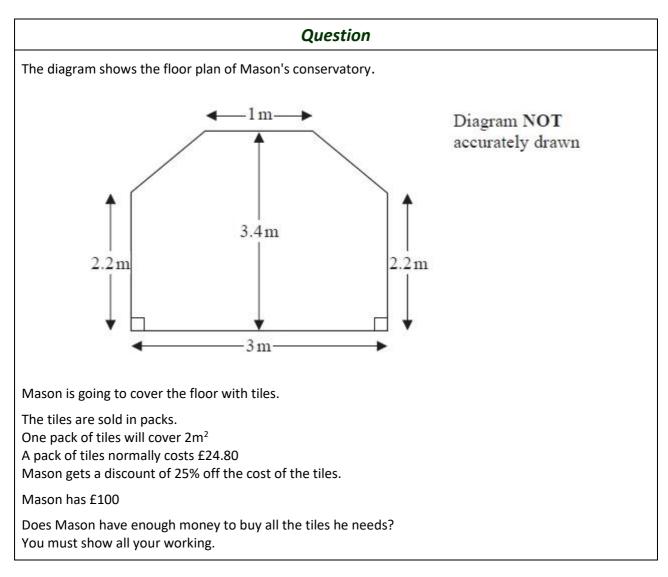
### Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:

### SEND YOUR CORRECT ENTRY BY 24.04.24 TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

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

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







#### **Summer Term Clubs and Activities**

Mr T. Braybrook, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

A list of Clubs and Activities for students taking place in the Summer Term is now available to view on our website under the heading "School Life - Clubs & Activities" - then select the link at bottom of page.

This booklet will allow students and parents to see the wide range of clubs and activities that Stanborough offers outside of lesson times. Please contact the member of staff involved if you require any further information about a particular club/activity.

Students can also find a copy of this on their Tutor Group notice board.

https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/clubs-activities/

#### **PE Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Lunch time, 1.20 – 1.55pm		Year Group	Location	Member of staff responsible
Wednesday	Dance	Year 7, 8 & 9	Gym	Miss Novelli

After School, 3 – 4.15pm		Year Group	Location	Member of staff responsible
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

### **Neighbourhood Policing priorities**



Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

We have been contacted by the Links Academy Trust PCSO & Welwyn Hatfield Neighbourhood Policing Team to help them capture feedback from members of the public in order to set their Neighbourhood Policing priorities. The more they understand about local issues, the more they can do to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

A quick scan of the QR code will take you through to a set of tick box questions that should only take a couple of minutes to complete.

Participants will remain anonymous and the form can be completed multiple times should people wish to highlight issues at their home and work addresses.



### Spring Term Literacy Review

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 Sping 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 <u>The</u> <u>Power of Small Justtalk@herts.</u> Warmest congratulations to our wonderful sisters :

Deborah Adesanva 9HC and Esther Adesanva 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 Dept. supporting our Yr 7 and Yr 9 students with their Spring term Poetry modules. Students were required to learn and perform a poem off by heart in front of peers for a Gold Literacy Award and/or enter the National competition online at home. We wish all our entrants all the best of luck!



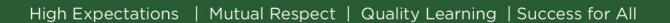
Competition 3 Our Reading As <u>A Family Is Fun!</u> competition continues until the end of Summer term. Keep those photos rolling in!

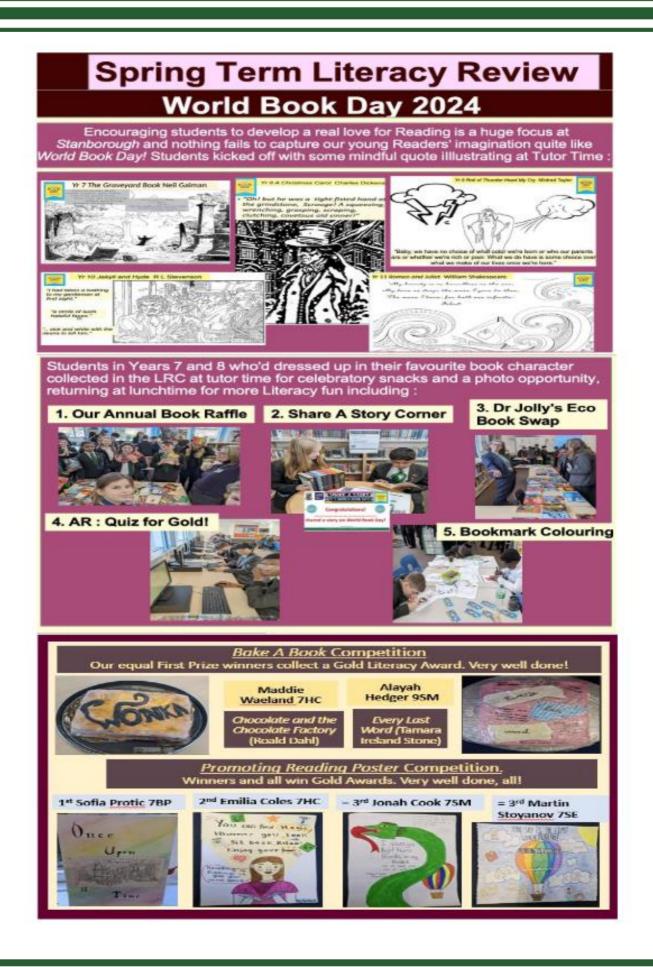


House Competition

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 : <u>cdavies@stanborough.herts.sch.uk</u>
- Win POINTS for your HOUSE!
  - Entries by Friday July 19th 2024. Good luck!





#### Family Lives, Summer Term Groups

Family Lives are delivering four online (via MS Teams) parenting groups, funded by Herts County Council, in the Summer term for targeted parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

All their programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential.

Summer Term Groups $\mathfrak{P}$ family lives 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 Wednesday 15 May to 26 June 7pm - 9pm 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
<ul> <li>improve life at home and at school. Our programme covers:</li> <li>ADHD/ASD - a whole-family issue</li> <li>Understanding your child's behaviour</li> <li>Helping your child manage their feelings and outbursts</li> <li>Balancing support of siblings</li> <li>Learning about structure and routines</li> <li>Supporting your child at school</li> </ul>
Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group Thursday 16 May to 27 June 7pm - 9pm 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 greate a guitting of teamwork in your family. Our programme covers
and create a culture of teamwork in your family. Our programme covers: <ul> <li>How parents and children can be affected by conflict</li> <li>Strategies in handling and resolving conflict and anger</li> <li>Parent's role when there is sibling rivalry and jealousy, fostering cooperation rather than competition</li> <li>Effective communication, implementing boundaries and how to negotiate</li> </ul>
Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group Monday 3 June to 8 July 9.30am to 11.30am
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. Our programme covers:
<ul> <li>Exploring what helpful discipline is</li> <li>Recognising the triggers and responding more effectively</li> <li>Learning new parenting tools to challenge children's behaviour</li> <li>How to negotiate and implement effective boundaries and family agreements</li> <li>How to hold boundaries and gain co-operation</li> </ul>
<b>Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group</b> Tuesday 4 June to 9 July 7pm - 9pm
Is your teen feeing anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Maybe you have an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support. Join our free 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise. Our programme covers:
<ul> <li>Learn tools to help teenagers manage difficult emotions and become more emotionally resilient</li> <li>How to change parenting styles to meet the developmental needs of your teenager &amp; remain effective</li> <li>How to talk to teens so they will talk to you and build strong relationships</li> <li>How to set effective boundaries to stop problem behaviour</li> </ul>
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