

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Thursday was one of those days with mixed emotions as we held our final Year 11 assembly, GCSE exams are now officially over! A huge thank you to all our staff who have supported our students through their school life up to this stage, especially the pastoral team and year 11 teachers. GCSE results day is on Thursday 22nd August and we look forward to seeing everyone then. We are pleased to see many students return for the 6th Form Induction which started today and wish everyone the best of luck for the future. A quick reminder for Year 8 parents that their parents' evening is next week on Thursday 27th June. A reminder also that we are encouraging all households to submit their preference for the future format of parents' evening via the link over of the page. This will give a representative sample of preferences and we will let you know the outcome before the end of term.

Headteacher's Commendations

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

E Wilson, Yr.7 for exceptional work on Memrise and learning a million words;

R Johnson, B Parkin, T Marima and O Davies, Yr.7 for winning the league with Hatfield United Blues U12's football team;

L Simpson, Yr.7 for outstanding achievements in Football with his Hatfield United Football Team;

G Matthews, Yr.8 for Outstanding progress with reading and excellent ATL across a number of lessons;

D Wan Faizul, Yr.8 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

B Dale, Yr.8 for outstanding support with the recent transition event;

H Halsey and L Keeley, Yr.9 for winning the recent Letchworth Football Tournament with the Welwyn Pegasus Skys U14s;

C McIntosh, Yr.9 for being an outstanding Stanborough role model and having an amazing attitude to learning;

A Johnson, Yr.10 for representing the school in the community and demonstrating excellent dedication;

T Lindars, Yr.10 for outstanding kindness when helping a friend in need;

M Mbokolo and A Matshogoto, Y12 for excellent refereeing for the recent rounders tournament;

B Thornton, Yr.12 for outstanding support provided to the Year 9 EAL students with their reading comprehension.



Quote of the week:

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." Dr. Seuss

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

24th – 21st July

Week B

24 th & 25 th	Year 12 Mock Exams
24 th – 26 th	Year 11 Induction into 6 th Form
24 th	6 th Form Prom Creswick Year 5 Taster Day
25 th	St Johns Lemsford Year 5 Taster Day
26 th	SEND Review Day Templewood Year 5 Taster Day
27 th	Applecroft Year 5 Taster Day School Council Meeting Year 8 Parents' Evening, via online video call
28 th	District Athletics

Sports Day 2024

Mrs E Harris, Curriculum Leader: PE, writes:

Tuesday 9th July & Wednesday 10th July (Week B) to take place at Gosling Athletics track.

Students will be completing team sheets with their tutors over the next week. The plan for the two days is:

	P1 & P2	P3 & P4	P5
Tuesday	Year 10	Year 8	6 th form competition
Wednesday	Year 9	Year 7	All years 100m 4 x 100m Relay Staff Relay

On the day your child is participating in sports day, they should arrive to school in their PE kit, they will spend the day in PE kit on that day, and they do not need to bring their school uniform with them. They will need to bring their school bag, a drink, sun cream and a hat.

Students participating in the 100m and relay will need to bring a packed lunch and their PE kit for Wednesday period 5.

For example: on Tuesday 9th July, Year 10 will be participating in athletics events for sports day during period 1 and 2, they will attend normal lessons period 3, 4 & 5. If they are competing in the 100m/relay on Wednesday, they will bring their PE kit into school and change at lunchtime.

All students will be watching the final events on Wednesday period 5 and will be dismissed at 3pm from Gosling.

Unfortunately, we will not be allowing any spectators to our sports day. We look forward to hosting the final major house event of the 2023/24 academic year!

Staff V Students Tag Rugby

Mr C. Fanning, Subject Lead: Biology, writes:

I am delighted to announce that Stanborough School is running a staff v students tag rugby game, between 3:00pm and 4:00pm after school on 9th July 2024.

This event will take place on the school field following a House Rugby Competition where the different school houses will compete for house points and the privilege of competing against the teachers.

Attendance at the event will be free of charge, but there may be an opportunity for students to buy confectionary and donate money to the school's yearly charity.

All children are welcome and we expect the usual high standards in behaviour from our fantastic school community. Please be aware that it could be very hot or rainy and children should be prepared with rain coats and/or sun cream as the event will be taking place outside.

We look forward to seeing your child/children at the event and thank you for your attention and continued support for our school.

Year 8 Parents' Evening, Thursday 27th June, 3.30-6.30pm

Year 8 parents' evening takes place on Thursday 27th June, 3.30-6.30pm. All appointments are via an online video call. Appointments can be made from now until midnight on Wednesday 26th June. Below is a link to the booking system, this can also be found on the letter emailed home earlier this week and on our website under Useful Links, <https://stanborough.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We hope all Year 8 parents/carers can participate in the evening as it is an ideal opportunity to discuss your child's progress with teachers. If you have any queries please contact parentsevening@stanborough.herts.sch.uk



Parent Evening Survey

Mr Braybrook, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

We have been organising online parents' evenings since the pandemic in 2020.

In advance of next year, we would like to ask your opinion on whether these evenings should remain online or revert back to face - to - face evenings held at the school.

Could I ask all families to complete a simple questionnaire on their preference using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/26gRF88Ebhqgf7Sr8>

Could I please ask for one reply per household. We will report back the findings before the end of the summer term. The deadline for this survey is end of school on Monday 24th June.

Thank you very much for your co-operation with this issue.

Student Success

Olympics

What an unbelievable achievement, finishing your school career by being invited to the Olympic trials in Manchester. In two weeks, Louise G will be competing in the 400m hurdles, one of the youngest athletes on the entry list. Well done on selection Louise, we are super proud!

Football Tournament Success

Harry and Luke (Year 9) and their team mates won the Letchworth football tournament yesterday for Welwyn Pegasus U14 Skys.



Man v Horse – Best Crew Award

Maddie recently raised money for Dementia UK and World Horse Welfare and was also part of 'Best Crew' in the recent Man v Horse event in Wales. 2000 people and horses raced for 24 miles across the Welsh countryside with an ascent of 4,500ft. Crew have to untack the horses and try to cool them down and get them to eat and drink to reduce their heart rate before they are vetted and allowed to continue.



Volunteering

Joshua, 7SM, has spent a big part of his weekend volunteering at the Welwyn Garden City Youth FC annual tournament. He was there on Friday evening helping to prepare the pitches and was also there on Saturday helping to park hundreds of cars in the rain!



Archery

Betty, 8BM, recently travelled to York for stage 4 in an archery competition. Scores are yet to be updated but she has taken first place in U15 Ladies Recurve: Middlesex County Archery Association Open World Record Status WA1440 and Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association (ECCA) County Target Championships. Well done, Betty!



Biodiversity competition

Congratulations to Betty who has been shortlisted in the U16 category in the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Biodiversity Photography Competition. Winners will be announced in July.

Year 11 Leavers Assembly

Mrs John, Headteacher, writes

Congratulations to our Year 11 for officially completing their GCSE exams. We are so proud of how they handled their exams and the pre-exam lessons too. Superb attendance to the pre-exam sessions right till the last GCSE exam. We wish you the very best in the future.

I would like to thank all our staff involved for giving our students the help and support they may have needed over the last five years. Our Exams team have worked tirelessly during the exam season and students would not have got through without the wonderful pastoral support – Mrs Eracleous-Rickard, Mr McGovern, Mrs Vlijter and Miss Newman as their previous Year leader and all the form tutors.



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

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/>

Report: 14/06/24

Miss Novelli, PE Teacher, writes:

For our 5th athletics meet of the season we returned to Westminster Lodge in St Albans, this week we faced Sandringham, Presdales, Sir John Lawes and Marlborough, our toughest competition yet.

To begin, our U14 boys achieved an impressive nine medals this week, firstly in the track events achieving silver for the team Alban Wadley placed 2nd in a very well placed 1500m race with a time of 5.10.6 seconds. Lucas Gough replicated his success for another week with another 2nd place in the 300m with a time of 46.3 seconds. Adewale Adekanye placed 2nd in the 100m sprint with a time of 13.6 seconds, as did Sam Rellos in the 200m sprint with a time of 29.7 seconds. Charlie Stylianou placed 3rd in the 800m with a time of 2:35.4 minutes and to conclude the track events the relay team placed 2nd with a time 57.7 seconds. For the field events Lucas Gough placed 2nd with a distance of 9.38m in triple jump, as did Charlie Cook in the discus with a throw of 19.05m, and to conclude the field events Adawale Adekanya placed 3rd in the long jump with a distance of 3.83m. Overall as a combined effort the boys placed 3th in their age group.

Our U14 girls achieved four medals this week in both the track and field events, firstly with Oreo Oyedare placing 2nd in hurdles with a time of 14.2 seconds and Calleigh Collins placing 2nd in the 800m race with a time of 2:46.4 seconds. Amy MacDonald held onto her silver medal for another week in javelin with a distance of 16.07 over beating last week's performance, and Oreo Oyedare concluded the field medal performances in discus placing 3rd with a distance of 12.73m. As a combined effort the girls placed 4th in their age group.

Our U16 boys achieved four medals this week in both the track and field events. Firstly in track Chika Chukwu won his 100m sprint race with a time of 11.9 seconds, and the relay team placed 3rd with a time of 49 seconds. In the field events Luka Puica placed 2nd in shot put event with a distance of 8.42 seconds, while Caolan Fanning placed 3rd in triple jump with a distance of 9.99m. As a combined effort the boys placed joint 3rd in their age group.

Our U16 girls achieved four medals across the competition. Firstly in track Paige Wadley achieved another gold medal in the 800m, this week with a time of 2 minutes 35.1 seconds. Honor Beverstock placed 2nd in hurdles with a time of 13.8 seconds, and to conclude the track events the relay team returned to 3rd place with a time of 57.5 seconds. In the field events Rosie Vangu placed 3rd in shot put with a distance of 7.26m, as did Lily Van in javelin with a distance of 17.58m. Overall as a combined effort the girls placed 4th in their age group.

In addition to our athletics county league we also had our first Rounders matches of the season. Our year 8 and 10 girls faced Onslow. Both teams showed great teamwork, tactics, control and power within the games and confidently won both games! The final scores were 15-5 for the year 8 girls, and 18 ½ - 12 ½ for our year 10 girls, both very confident wins well done girls!



PE Report: 14/06/24 continued..

We also had our County Champs competition during the weekend where Alban Wadley, Paige Wadley and Aidan Wadley all represented Stanborough by competing against other elite athletes in the county. Alban competed in the 1500m middle distance race and placed 7th only 16 seconds behind first place with a time of 5.06 minutes. Paige came joint 3rd in the 300m with a second off her PB with a time of 43.7 seconds, and finally Aidan competed in the 800m middle distance race and placed 8th with a time of 2:10.90 minutes. What a talented family!

To conclude this week's PE report and with our most exciting news yet, Louise Grenfell our retiring Head of School exceeded all of our expectations by being invited to one of the Olympic trials participating in the 400m hurdles. In order to attend this prestigious event, she needed to run the event in sub 62 seconds, and she managed to gain a place in the finals for team selection. The official competition will take place in Manchester Arena, she will be competing against professional Olympic athletes and we can't wait to hear all about it. Her talent is incredible and seeing her exceed at this level make us so proud! Good luck Louise!

House Dance Report: June 2024

Miss Novelli, PE Teacher, writes:

On Thursday 13th June, we had our House Dance competition which returned to Stanborough. The House Captains were tasked with organising three original dance pieces to be choreographed and performed by those in their house. Their three categories included: a solo/duet/trio, a group piece with four+ dancers, and a choice piece. Students could then additionally choose to create a theme which linked the dances, or could treat them as separate entities.

Before the performance pupils worked tirelessly over the term to not only choreograph the three pieces, but also teach others in their groups and perfect their technical and performance qualities to make them show ready. Students from different year groups took on the role of choreographers and either worked together or independently. There were a range of styles performed in the pieces, ranging from street dance, to contemporary, modern, tap and lyrical, which showcased our student's diverse range of capabilities and talents. As a competition it was a very close call but there had to be a winner! In 4th place was Sopwell, 3rd place was Brocket, 2nd was Knebworth, and in 1st place was Hatfield! A huge thank you to all who participated and supported with the event. In addition to the competition pieces our Dance Club performed a fantastic street dance piece to open the show, and our staff closed the show with an exhilarating and cheesy Barbie themed dance. Overall, it was a fun filled, impressive event which showcased all of the students' outstanding talents and creative skills, and we can't wait for next year's event!





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The Toolbox is a free service that provides online support for neurodiverse children and young people.

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Stanborough Bookmark Competition 2024 Stanborough



Open to all year groups!!

Closing date JUNE 31ST 2024.
Return your entries to the LRC or A1.

Name

Form

Please use the template provided! This can be collected from the LRC, A1 or you can print a copy from the school website, <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Stanborough-Bookmark-Competition-2024.pdf>

The winning design will be given to all New Year 7 students this September.

There are rewards to be won!!!

Good Luck ☺

