

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

This week's weather held off long enough for students to enjoy two days of sports and vital points towards the House Trophy. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to the PE team and all the students and staff who represented their Houses. Yesterday we welcomed our new Year 7 students who will be starting with us in September. We hope they enjoyed their day and are more confident about the move up to secondary school. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the Year 6 into 7 welcome evening. We look forward to working with you and your children over the coming years. A reminder that lots of information is available on the transition page of our website. It seems unbelievable that next week is the last week of this academic year. We have lots still to pack into the last few days: Year 9 work shadowing day takes place on Monday which is aimed to give students a taste of work life; Learning Enrichment Day on Thursday allows students to take part in a variety of activities to develop skills on a range of topics. The day is also a non-uniform day, we suggest a £1 donation which will go to this year's charity and the day is rounded off with our Festival on the Field. A quick reminder that students will be dismissed early next Friday, 19th July for the summer break. Finally, we wish all our Year 11 students a fun prom tonight!

Headteacher's Commendations

M Page and Z Strozewska, Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;

E Elezi, Yr.7 for writing an outstanding poem that has now been displayed in St Albans Museum;

R Cameron, Yr.8 for fantastic work ethic and great progress in Maths throughout the year;

A Macdonald, D Harrison, E Harrison, E Kang, E McHugh, G Potter, J Rowe, K Kirby, M Joshi, R Cameron,

R Mbokolo, Z Palin and N Eckland, Yr.8 for outstanding written work in English;

S Malik, E Miu and J Quizzagan, Yr.9 for fantastic support with the ADT Year 5 taster sessions;

R Sanders, Yr.10 for an outstanding season with the Welwyn Pegasus Skys U15s Girls Football team, winning the Herts Girls U15 Senior Shield.



Quote of the week:

“Attitude is the 'little' thing that makes a big difference.”

Winston Churchill

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

15th – 19th July

Week A

15 th – 19 th	Year 12 Extended Learning Week Geography Iceland Trip
15 th	Year 9 Work Shadowing Day
17 th	Stanborough School PTA (FOSS) Uniform Sale, 3.30-5.30pm
18 th	Learning Enrichment / Drop Down Day Non-Uniform Day, £1 suggested donation Festival on the Field Oxbridge Parent and Student Meeting, online
19 th	End of Term, students dismissed from 12.20pm

Senior Leadership Team, 2024/25

Mrs John, Headteacher, writes:

Please find attached the Senior Leadership Team Structure (SLT) for 2024-25. Many thanks to Mr Modi for all his work during his secondment year and welcome to Mr Fanning who starts his time with the team for a year. I would also like to welcome back Mr Persand as our new Assistant Headteacher. I am privileged to have a very strong team yet again to help us lead the school and to support the staff, students and families.

I look forward to another positive year ahead.

 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Senior Leadership Team Roles and Responsibilities 2024 - 2025</h3>									
									
Headteacher	Deputy Headteacher Curriculum Staff Recruitment	Deputy Headteacher Teaching & Learning Staff Development	School Business Manager	Assistant Headteacher	Assistant Headteacher	Assistant Headteacher	Assistant Headteacher	Assistant Headteacher	Associate Senior Leader
Mrs John	Mr Braybrook	Mrs Armitage	Miss Ashley	Mr Persand	Mrs Humphries	Mr Green	Mrs Deplyn	Mrs Vijlter	Mr Fanning
Responsibilities School ethos & standards Strategic planning Deployment of finance & resources Leadership of SLT Support Governors / Consortium directors Admissions Exclusions SIP SEF Performance appraisal Safeguarding Staffing & recruitment	Responsibilities Enrichment/clubs Leadership programme Staff recruitment Exit surveys Educational visits DoFE School promotion Consortium CDG RSHE Curriculum Parent evenings Primary school Partnership	Responsibilities Teaching & learning Performance appraisal Marking & feedback Homework KS4-5 recruitment Progression beyond KS5 UCAS & next steps Careers Consortium QA	Responsibilities Budgetary management & control Site development ESFA Liaison Health & Safety School calendar Service contracts Tendering process Support staff Lettings FOSS Income generation / bids	Responsibilities Student achievement Data analysis Examinations Assessments Census PIXL Raising Standards Leader Pupil premium High Prior Attainment	Responsibilities Teaching & Learning Staff performance and support Performance appraisal Staff training and external CPD Staff induction Staff handbook	Responsibilities Teacher training ECT's RQT's Staff Absence and Cover IT Systems GDPR Quality Nominee KS3-4 Options Timetable Staff rotas	Responsibilities SEND Student support Stanborough Times Awards evenings Behaviour & rewards Staff well-being Mental health lead	Responsibilities Safeguarding & child protection LAC & PLAC Attendance & punctuality Multi-agency co-ordination House system Student council Student leadership Student welfare Assemblies Life skills Deputy mental health lead	Seconded to SLT for 1 academic year
Line Management SLT HR PA SLT PA	Line Management Year 8 Social sciences PE Business studies Child development Eco Schools	Line Management Sixth form T&L team Literacy Careers LRC	Line Management School office team Finance team Site team	Line Management MFL Maths English Exams team Data team	Line Management Year 10 Humanities	Line Management Year 11 IT Support Absence/Cover team Computer Science	Line Management Year 9 Communications SENDco Student support ADT EAL	Line Management Year 7 Science Music Drama Attendance officer Life skills	

ArtsMark

We are very pleased to have been awarded an Artsmark Silver Award!

Many thanks to Mrs Pearson and the ADT department for all their work to secure this accolade.



Uniform Sale – 17th July, 3.30pm

A poster for a uniform sale. At the top left is the Stanborough School crest. The main text reads 'UNIFORM SALE' in large, bold letters. Below that, it says 'BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!' and 'run by Stanborough School PTA (FOSS)'. The date and time are 'Wednesday 17th July 3.30-5.30pm' and 'Cash Only'. A note states: 'Items on sale are new stock with old school logo sold at a discount price, we will also have second hand items for sale as well'. At the bottom, it says 'This sale will be held in the school canteen'.

Vacancy

Finance Officer, Full-time or Part-time

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.

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

A poster for a job vacancy. At the top is the Stanborough School crest and the text 'Stanborough School'. Below that is a photo of three people standing outdoors. To the right of the photo is the Ofsted 'Good' logo. The main text reads 'JOB VACANCY' and 'Finance Officer full time or part time'. Below that, it says 'CLOSING DATE: 6TH AUGUST 2024, 9AM' and 'See our website for details'.

Drop Down Day, Thursday 18th July

On Thursday 18th July normal lessons will be suspended for a carousel of activities in school.

The day will be a non-uniform day with a suggested donation of £1 which will go towards our charity for this year along with all the proceeds raised during the festival on the field in the afternoon. Please allow your child to bring in some extra pennies for the stalls.

A poster for a non-uniform day. At the top left is the Stanborough School crest. The main text reads 'Non-Uniform Day' and '£1 suggested donation'. Below that, it says 'Drop Down Day, Thursday 18th July 2024'. A large red 'NO' is written in a stylized font. To the right of the 'NO' are the following items: 'Low cut tops', 'Crop tops', 'Hot pant-style shorts', and 'Offensive slogans'. Below that, it says 'Failure to follow this dress code will result in out of circulation with Mrs John or a member of SLT'. At the bottom, it says 'Festival on the field in afternoon, all money goes to charity (TCT)' and 'please bring cash'. At the very bottom, it says 'Grow and Succeed' and 'High Expectations | Mutual Respect | Quality Learning | Success for All'.

Charity

Great to see all our old sports shirts now being worn by pupils at Shiyennoh Junior High School in Accra, Ghana! Thanks to KitAid and Ms Wilding for making this happen.



Wild Well-being

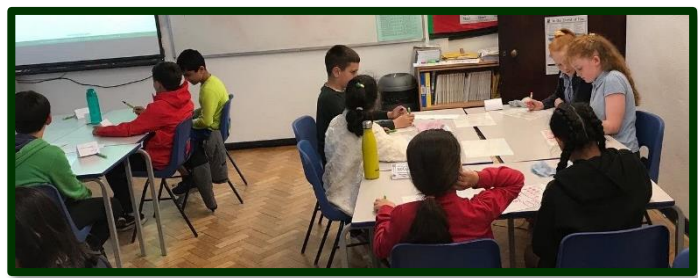
What an amazing trip for the nurture group to Hudnall Park last week. All students thoroughly enjoyed being outside in an idyllic setting.

Thank you to Mrs Stratton for leading the trip and thanks to Mr Foster and Ms Martin for their support too.



Year 5 Maths Enrichment Club

Year 5 students in action in the maths enrichment club. They enjoyed working on puzzles, problem-solving and other activities which gave them the opportunity to step outside of the curriculum and do some fun maths. A big 'thank you' to Mrs. Coldwell for these inspiring sessions!



Student Success

Congratulations to Ruby, 7HM and her football team, who have won two football tournaments this season becoming league winners and moving up into Division 2. On Saturday at their football presentation Ruby received a trophy for manager's player for being a brilliant defender, and team player, no goals scored by the opponents all season at home and only five goals away.



StanFest 2024

A beautiful Stanborough summer music festival – STANFEST – took place last Thursday. Well done to all our performers and the back stage crew. Thanks to our inspirational Head of Music Ms Naylor and Mr Mollison our music teacher. It was lovely to welcome Councillor Frank Marsh to our 2024 StanFest.



Science at Stanborough

Stanborough Scientist visit the Royal Society of Chemistry Exhibition

Mrs G Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Our Year 12 Scientists had the opportunity to visit the highly acclaimed Royal Society of Chemistry Exhibition in London. They had a great insight into the ice levels depleting rapidly in Antarctica; viewing galaxies through telescopes; spectroscopy of a star and how neutrinos are detected and brain scanners to detect warning of degrading brain activity.



Stanborough School Promotes Science in our local Primary Schools

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

Start them young and feed their curious minds!

The Stanborough science team have been working with local primary schools over the past month, students from seven different primary schools have come to Stanborough to enjoy the secondary expertise and equipment provided by the science team. They extracted DNA, made indicators to identify acids and alkalis and calculated speed using data loggers. The students were excellently behaved, and the primary schools departed, even more enthusiastic about science than they had started.

Further outreach work has been carrying on at The Ryde School and Templewood school, where Stanborough have been lending their subject knowledge and time to support the primary schools with some tricky parts of the Key Stage 2 curriculum. In The Ryde, the subject of mechanics: levers, pulleys and gears was investigated and as well as being able to work with some very intricate equipment, the students showed how well their school had prepared them in doing some really tricky calculations.

At Templewood, students were eager to learn about separations, and learned about chromatography, crystallisation, distillation and filtering. We even managed to solve a murder along the way. Again, the class were in great learning routines and were a credit to their school.

A special thank you must go to Gemini Shah, who works tirelessly to put all these sometimes rather unusual requests together! Without the science technician team, none of this would be possible!

A day of fun Science activities for our new Year 7s at Stanborough.

Mrs G Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Our lovely new Year 7s were so enthusiastic and engaged investigating how much urine a nappy can absorb, making an emergency battery and double bubble!



Stanborough Plays Tag Rugby

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

Stanborough school had its first tag rugby house tournament on Tuesday, 9th July, and the winners had the privilege of playing a (mostly) staff team.

Despite the wet British summer weather, spirits were very high and students who had never played rugby before came out determined not to let their Houses down and to enjoy a new experience.



The winners of the student event were Sopwell, having won two and drawn one of their matches, Brocket came second, Knebworth, third and Hatfield came in fourth place; but the real winner was sportsmanship and Stanborough.

The Staff Vs Students match that followed was a testy affair with the referee (Charlie Perrott, Year 9, did an exceptional job) working hard to maintain order and keep a fast-flowing game. It was a very even contest, with the first half ending one-all. In the second half, old staff members gave way to some young year 9 students who had been nominated as staff for the day (because they were umpiring the 6th form matches). And with the talent and pace coming off the bench, and a few older heads controlling the game, the staff ran away to a 7-3 victory.



Staff Team: Mr Hickey, Mr Fanning, Mr Whelan-Hind, Mr McGovern, Mr Fraser, Caolán Fanning, Ollie Hope, Fraser Gibbs, Emilia Hickey, Seth Morgan and Jude Sheppard.

Student Team: Aidan Wadley (C), Ben Paddick, Adam O'Connor, Sam Ward, Matthew Dunstan, Tambir Rahman, Joel Evans.

Umpires: Henry Paterson, Noah Paddick and Charlie Perrott.

Thank you to the staff and students who participated and the loyal friends and colleagues who braved the rain to support the two teams, and above all, thank you to Mr Whelan-Hind, whose quick-thinking, attention to detail, computer skills and energy on and off the pitch, ensured the day was a complete success!



Yr7-8 Geography Summer Challenge

This summer we would like to challenge all pupils in years 7 and 8 to recognise and enjoy the Geography that is all around us! Attempt any of the challenges below to receive Class Charts points and prizes.

<p style="text-align: center;">CARTOON</p> <p>Draw a cartoon to explain any idea you have studied in Geography to a younger pupil. It must be accurate and use key vocabulary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LOCAL AREA</p> <p>Walk around your local area and consider what has influenced the place (e.g. migration, history, money, weather, rivers...). Present your thoughts as a poster or annotated photo.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POSTCARD</p> <p>Write or create a postcard from a place you have visited over the summer (even if it is local!) and give it to your Geography teacher in September.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">VIDEO MAKER</p> <p>Make a short video on a geographical topic you find interesting. This can be using stop-motion, movie maker or by filming.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DOCUMENTARY</p> <p>Watch any Geographical documentary and write a headline to summarise what the documentary was about. Write down what you found most interesting and any further questions you have.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOOK</p> <p>For any book you have read, how important is the place or location to the story? Would the story change if it was set somewhere else?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FILM</p> <p>Watch any film and write down the geography of the film. Include location, people and cultures, weather, mood, events.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WILDCARD</p> <p>Be creative! Explore or present a geographical topic of your choice in any way you like (model, podcast, collage).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IN THE NEWS</p> <p>Follow the news for a week and keep a note of geographical news stories. Which themes come up most often? Which areas are not covered?</p>

Keep a record of the challenges you complete and hand them in to your Geography teacher in the first week back next September.

- 1-3 Challenges = Bronze award
- 4-6 Challenges = Silver Award
- 7-9 Challenges = Gold Award

Any pupils who impress us with exceptional effort will be nominated for a Headteachers Award.

Any questions please see Mr Fraser, Mrs Macdonald or Miss Hughes

Good Luck and Have Fun!

Young Geographer of the Year 2024: Choose Geography

Every year the Royal Geographical Society runs a competition for pupils across the country to apply their knowledge and understanding to some of the most important geographical issues facing us today. This year's theme is 'Choose Geography', and we would like to encourage our fantastic Stanborough geographers to participate.



There has never been a better or more important time to study geography.

Geography helps you to make sense of the world around you. It's hands on, relevant, and fun. Whatever your passion for the world – fascination with landscapes or concerns about sustainability – geography will provide you with knowledge and transferable skills that will reward you personally and advance you professionally. The Society invites you to create your own #ChooseGeography poster to promote the value of choosing geography at school, in further study and in the workplace, linking geographical skills to real people and jobs that make a difference.

We are looking for eye catching, creative and informative posters that promote geography as an excellent choice, highlighting its relevance and demonstrating how studying geography can help you understand the world we live in and the 'big issues' that we face as a society. Your posters should include details of why geography is a useful and relevant subject to study, why studying geography matters and how it can help you to understand a range of ideas and concepts. We also want to hear about the skills that geographers have that make them stand out from the crowd, and where geography can take you.

General entry criteria

Students should produce an A3 size poster entry. This can be handmade or using PowerPoint, Word, Publisher or PDF.

See the following website for full details and examples of previous winning entries:

[Royal Geographical Society - Young Geographer of the Year \(rgs.org\)](https://www.rgs.org/young-geographer-of-the-year)

All entries should be submitted to Mr Fraser, Mrs Macdonald, Miss Hughes or Miss Andrews by
Monday 9th September.

Points will be awarded for all entries received, and the most impressive in each age category will be put forward for the national competition.

Good Luck and Have Fun!

Question of the Week

Mr McCarthy, 11SE Tutor, Teacher of RPE, CSE and Finance, writes:



Well done to all who submitted an answer to last week's question. A silver goes to Juan Yaqub Florez and Deborah Adesanya. I particularly liked Juan's response: '

- I think God is a creator and he cannot be broken up into different parts and it is ok to be a son of God and you hear the word truth and He is a Gospel of your salvation and God is glorified in us when we are satisfied in him and we should respect God in all religions and is mentioned in every holy book. Good People follow God's commandments and bad people don't. He can make and end life and if you have done a good thing he will send you to heaven and he forgives all of your sins.

This week's question links in with Hinduism, a religion with a multitude of Gods.

If you could have a God who could especially help you with just one thing, what would that one thing be and what would be the name of your God?

Please include your full name and class code on all your responses.

Thanks for taking part.

Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership July Newsletter



The latest Parent Post newsletter is now available to download from our website, <https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/July-2024-WGCH-LSP-Newsletter.pdf>



LAD Group

We are setting up a Dads' group, but would like some feedback on the content that would be preferred at such sessions.

Click the QR code to share your ideas.

LAD Group

We'd like to hear from YOU about what an ideal Dads group looks like.

Please share your ideas at the below link or by clicking on the QR:

<https://forms.office.com/e/hfdegNPjZF>

Look. After. Dads.

Root Word of the Week

W/c 15/7/24

Stanborough
Root Word of the Week

logy = study of

biology

psychology