

## Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Welcome back to the new school year! During the summer break we welcomed Year 11 and Year 13 students back to Stanborough to collect their exam results. Congratulations to them all, we are very proud of their achievements and look forward to hearing about their success in their chosen path. Thank you to our exams team for the smooth running of exams over the year and on results day. Summer school for our new Year 7s was a huge success, many thanks to the members of staff who took part in reassuring our new students. It was also a busy time for our site and IT team who worked hard to prepare our school for the new academic year. Several areas were re-decorated and new canopies and flooring have been installed in the Year 7 quads as well a new serving hatch, allowing them extra space during lunch and break time. Our gym has been refurbished and new interactive screens fitted in several rooms. All in all, it was a busy holiday in school. We are now looking forward to our open evening on 26<sup>th</sup> September and open mornings during October. Please check your email for a letter which has been sent home about arrangements for our open evening on 26<sup>th</sup> September as school will close early for students this day and open later on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## Headteacher's Commendations

**F Matthews 7SE** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**C Davies 7SE** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**B Fitzgerald 7SM** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**E Powers-Small 7SM** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**O Green 7KL** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**T Bakewell 7KL** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**E James 7KK** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**T Bell 7KK** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**J Pearce 7HM** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**E Seneratne 7HM** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**A O'Brien-Tshuma 7HC** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**L Cook 7HC** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**K Owusu 7BP** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**F Cridland 7BP** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**V Garrod 7BM** for excellent participation during transition day;  
**F Adesanya 7BM** for excellent participation during transition day.



## Quote of the week:

Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much. – Helen Keller

Wish you a restful weekend.  
Mrs John



# Headteacher Commendations



## Forthcoming Events

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September

Week A

16 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	CAT4 Testing
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 and Year 10 Photographs
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mathematical Olympiad for Girls
26 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening, 5.30-8.30pm Early finish for students at 12.20pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Late start for students at 11am

## Calendar Changes

- **Year 8 parents evening**  
Please be aware that the date for Year 8 parents evening has changed from 26<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.
- **Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**  
The Christmas Dinner date has been changed from 4<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Our calendar can be found on our website, please check this regularly in case of any changes, [School Calendar – Stanborough School](#)

## Open Evening, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Please check your email for a letter which has been sent home about arrangements for our open evening on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, the school will close at 12:20 at the end of Period 3 to allow staff to get ready for the evening event. There will be no lunch service, students with free school meals entitlement will be provided with a meal however. Some students will be returning in the evening to help out in curriculum areas or as guides, they should be in school by 5pm ready for a 5:30pm start. The evening will finish at 8:30pm.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a late start to facilitate clearing away of materials from the previous night's event. Students should arrive at school no earlier than 10:50am. At 11:00am there will be tutor time and normal lessons will resume at 11:20am. On this day, there will be no breakfast or break service in the canteen. Lunch will be served as normal.

## Student Guides

If your child has been invited to be a guide for open evening you will have received an email.

Please complete the reply slip using the following link:

Year 8 – 11 Students, <https://forms.gle/5upqKFALNskZ4wgs9>

Year 12/13 Students, <https://forms.gle/BGV29tm9oooG4MJQ9>

Stanborough  
**Open Evening 2024**  
26<sup>th</sup> September, 5.30 – 8.30pm  
The Headteacher Talks will take place at 6pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm  
Open mornings will run  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October  
9.10am – 10.45am  
Headteacher talk and tour of the school at 9.20am  
To book an appointment, please email: [openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)  
High Expectations | Mutual Respect | Quality Learning | Success for All  
Ofsted

## Welcome

Due to the high demand for Stanborough places in all year groups and the influx of in year admission students, we have had to create an extra class in each of the year groups from Year 7-11 and as a result, we have had to appoint extra teachers to support with this growth.

We are pleased to welcome the following staff members to Stanborough, we hope that they will enjoy working at the school and with your children:

- Mr Persand, Assistant Headteacher;
- Mr Brown, Curriculum Lead: Computer Science;
- Mr Jones Subject Lead Drama;
- Miss Tomlinson, Teacher of MFL;
- Mr McEwan, Teacher of Mathematics;
- Miss Andrews, Teacher of Geography;
- Mr Wedgwood, Teacher of Art, Design & Technology;
- Ms Cheal, Teacher of PE;
- Miss Wilson, Teaching & Learning Lead: Science;
- Mrs Aubrey, Teacher of Mathematics & Deputy Year 7 Leader;
- Ms Butcher, Teacher of English;
- Mr Whitmore, Teacher of English;
- Miss Minaoui, HLTA;
- Miss Matthew, HLTA;
- Mr Woodward, HLTA;
- Ms Crout, HLTA Foundation Pathway;
- Mrs Gaughan, Autism Leader;
- Miss Saba, Teaching Assistant;
- Miss Jenkinson, Teaching Assistant;
- Miss Pont, Teaching Assistant;
- Ms Sukhova, Teaching Assistant;
- Mx Lear, Teaching Assistant;
- Ms O'Sullivan, Teaching Assistant;
- Ms Pamphlett, Exams Officer;
- Mrs Natt, Accelerated Reader Leader.

## Social Media @ Stanborough

Follow us on X, Facebook and Instagram to see all our news, events, updates and student successes

X - @StanboroughS

Facebook - StanboroughschoolWGC

Instagram - Stanboroughschool



## Road Safety and Parking

There are parking restrictions and other safety measures on Lemsford Lane which include double yellow lines. All students and parents should think seriously about safety when travelling to and from school.

The staff car park and visitors' car park must not be used by parents to drop off or pick up students at the beginning or end of the day and residents' driveways should not be used or blocked.

We encourage parents to drop off and pick up students from the Stanborough Lakes car park at the start and the end of the day as this will avoid congestion in the roads surrounding our school.

Students walking to school should be particularly careful crossing the road and use the proper safe crossing places shown by the raised areas of the road.

The staff car park is out of bounds to students, and they must not endanger themselves by cutting through to enter or leave the school. Students also must not walk through the front visitor's car park and must go straight through the door opposite the pedestrian gate they have entered through. We are fortunate that we have separate pedestrian entrances, which all students should use.

Students travelling by bus should ensure that they keep away from the road when queuing for the bus.

We hope that you will discuss these issues with your children and that they will think seriously about their own safety.

Thank you for supporting the school in ensuring that our high expectations are maintained both in school as well as on the way to and from school. It is important that students wear full uniform and behave in a responsible way on their way to and from school as they are representing the school and the school community.

Please remind your child to respect our neighbours while on their way to and from school, to keep our community clean and tidy and not to drop litter. Please encourage your child to be vigilant when crossing the road and to consider other road and pavement users.

## Uniform Policy for Coats

As the weather is changing and students may feel the need to wear a coat we would like to remind you of our uniform policy for coats. This states that coats must be a plain black outdoor coat with no large logos or branding.

Thank you for your support.



## NEW! Reward Store 2024

Mrs Daplyn, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

We are excited to launch the Class Charts Reward Store! Students can use their points to buy items, passes and access to trips throughout the school year.



How does it work?

Students will be able to see their spendable points in the reward store. Their spendable points are worked out by taking their negative points off their positive points. So, if a student has 500 positive points and 100 negative points they will have 400 spendable points.

Students can log onto the reward store at any point to put in an order. This will be given to them by their tutor or by a member of the admin team.

Some of the bigger items include a trip to Thorpe Park. Students will need to save their points up during the year to go on this trip. The big items (Thorpe Park and Gosling trampoline park) are still paid trips. The points enable students to take a day off school and be part of the trip. Students will still need to pay for the trip.

Other items include stationary, vouchers, 'skip the queue' passes etc.

We also have a prize draw students can enter. If you have any prizes you can donate to this such as vouchers, games etc, or you work for a company and would like to sponsor / donate additional prizes, please contact me on [edaplyn@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:edaplyn@stanborough.herts.sch.uk).

We hope this incentivises students to gain reward points and teaches them some valuable lessons on budgeting!




## Prize for Stanborough Science!

A big thank you to Timstar for presenting dissecting boards to Mrs Shah (Senior Science Technician) for winning a draw at the Technicians Conference.

## Root Word of the Week from Science

W/c 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Chem = to pour together

W/B Monday September 16 <sup>th</sup> 2024			
<b>Root Word of the Week :</b> <b>Science</b>			
<b><u>chem</u> = to pour together</b>			
<b><u>chemical</u></b>			
<b><u>chemistry</u></b>			



## GCSE Results 2024

After many weeks of waiting, Stanborough students were finally able to collect their GCSE and BTEC exam results on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

“It has been a pleasure to work with the Year 11 students. I have been impressed, as they have demonstrated dedication, commitment and resilience in the months leading up to these examinations. It is important to remember that our children who are at the heart of everything we do are more than just grades. Grades do not define them but their character does. Today, we celebrate the hard work and talents of the individual students and the fantastic commitment of the teachers and support staff. The staff here at Stanborough have worked tirelessly to support each child and this is evident in the results. I would also like to acknowledge our parents and carers who have nurtured and encouraged their children throughout their school lives. This collaborative effort and strong partnership between school and home has been a major factor in influencing the aspirational culture. Our students are indeed a credit to this school community and I wish them the very best as they start the next exciting phase of their educational journey.” Mrs John, Headteacher.

The Head of Year 11 Mrs Eracleous-Rickard, said, “As Head of year, I could not be prouder of our Year 11's. They have shown incredible perseverance and commitment over the last few years, overcoming obstacles no one could have predicted with grace and determination. Their results are a reflection of not only their academic abilities but also their character and strength. Each student should be extremely proud of his or her achievements. The pastoral team wish them the best of luck although I am confident that they will continue to succeed as they move on to their next chapter.”

Zara Printer, Martha Flint and Eyan Mampilly swept the board achieving top grades in all subjects. They were all relieved that the wait was over and they not only got on to their chosen subjects at A level but they secured the best results in the school.

At Stanborough, we are particularly pleased for the following students who have secured an impressive set of grades and in some cases made outstanding progress in the last few challenging years.

Zara Printer, Eyan Mampilly, Martha Flint, Hannah Parkins, Aeron Senaratne, Jiya Shah, Chennai Avery, Lucy Eggleston, Gracie Francis, Andreas Michael, Reinas Paulionka, Ollie Thornton, Nadine Benhacene, Lucas Blanaru, Poppy Harris, Sophie Mossman, Mia Perry, Ihsan Uddin, Chidera Isiguzo, Luisa Ilisoi, Chloe Spanoudakis, Navil Ahmed, Jan Strozewski, Jermaine Morona, Lutzia Holbourns, Thando Tigere, Joshua Carter, Denisa Florea, Fejiro Ojo, Jhaylorde Morona.



## A Level and Vocational Results 2024

The wait was finally over for Stanborough School's Year 13 students as the day dawned to collect their final exam results on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August. It was a very special morning where we were able to reunite with our ex-Year 13 students again as they all descended on the site's sports hall to get their eagerly anticipated results and a record number of students secured their first-choice universities.

"It's great to celebrate academic achievement on results day, but I am just as proud of the contributions our Year 13 students have made to both the school and the community over the past few years. They have been exceptional role models not just because they have been aspirational and hardworking but because they have demonstrated qualities such as kindness, support for others as well as the resilience to overcome challenges when faced with them.

I would like to thank the staff for their tireless work in the last two years. The results are a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of our students and staff but it is essential to acknowledge our parents who have nurtured and encouraged their children throughout their school lives. These results show that the combination of excellent teaching, the commitment of students and the support of parents is paramount to success." Mrs John

The Head of Sixth Form, Mr Whelan Hind said, "It has been a privilege to be a part of these students' academic journey. The results they have obtained are a testament to their hard work and dedication as well as the support through their parents, teachers and peers. We look forward to hearing about the next exciting step in their lives whether that be a top university, an exciting apprenticeship, employment or a well-deserved gap year full in the knowledge that they are ready. We look forward to hearing about their many successes in their lives beyond Stanborough."

It was truly wonderful to see that students got places at a wide range of prestigious universities on highly competitive courses. Imperial, Warwick, Exeter, Lancaster, Northampton, Bristol, Kent, King's, Lincoln, Hertfordshire, York, Manchester, Reading Universities will welcome Stanborough students from September as well as others who will take places at universities to study a range of courses and degrees including Mathematics, Geophysics, Computer Science, Engineering, Osteopathy, Criminology, Economics, Psychology, Teaching, English, Business management, Law, Finance, Fashion Marketing and History.

At Stanborough, we are particularly pleased for the following students who have secured an impressive set of top grades and in some cases made outstanding progress in the last two years.

Stephen Bates, Eamon Clark, Oliver Fillmore, James Flint, Grace Gardner, Louise Grenfell, Oliver Holbourns, Amina Hussain, Maya Kutay, Eliezer Lagman, Thomas Linger, Jayden Man, Maxim Mikulin, Reece Ogeer-Ali, Theo Papachristos, William Parnham, Luke Rimmell, Lauren Saunders, Kieoni Simkins, Isabel Verlander.

On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish all our Year 13 students the very best as they embark on the next chapter in their lives. We are so proud.





## Student Success

### Snowdonia mountain climb

In August, Maliha, 8KK, climbed Snowdonia reaching an impressive height of 1,085 meters on Snowdonia Mountain! Her determination and strength are truly inspiring.



### Stars on the Stage!

Jenna, 10KK, Phoebe, 10HC and Han, 10KK, all performed together in Thalian Theatre Company's teen edition of Six the Musical this summer. It was four magical nights of this fantastic production and the girls absolutely loved performing together. Jenna played Katherine Howard, Phoebe played Anne Boleyn, and Han played a lady in waiting. It was as good as watching the west end version and we are extremely proud of them all!



### Parents' Player Award

Nola, 9BP, was awarded the Parents' Player award for her role as goalkeeper in the Welwyn Pegasus U13 Cyans team. Well done, Nola!










## MFL Comic Strip

Miss H Abbott, Second in MFL, writes:

Read the MFL comic strips each week to find out a little bit more about the members of the MFL Department.

Read the comic strip aloud, in the language which you study, and email the recording to your French/Spanish teacher to earn a Silver award on Class Charts.

BIENVENUE À STANBOROUGH		
 BIENVENUE AU DÉPARTEMENT DES LANGUES. ICI NOUS APPRENNONS L'ESPAGNOL ET LE FRANÇAIS.	 "BONJOUR! JE SUIS Mlle ABBOTT. J'AI LES CHEVEUX BLONDS ET LES YEUX MARRON."	 "SALUT! JE M'APPELLE MADAME FLETCHER. J'AI LES CHEVEUX BLONDS ET LES YEUX BLEUS."
 "JE SUIS M. MCGOWAN, JE SUIS TRÈS GRAND ET J'AI LES CHEVEUX COURTS."	 "BONJOUR, JE SUIS Mlle CHRISTOFI. J'AI LES CHEVEUX BRUNS ET LES YEUX MARRON."	 "SALUT, JE SUIS Mlle TOMLINSON. JE SUIS PETITE ET J'AI LES CHEVEUX BRUNS."
 "SALUT, JE M'APPELLE M. PERSAND, J'AI LES CHEVEUX NOIRS ET LES YEUX MARRON."	 JE M'APPELLE Mlle. NAYLOR J'AI LES CHEVEUX LONGS ET BLONDS."	 "NOUS SOMMES LES PROFESSEURS DE LANGUES À STANBOROUGH SCHOOL."

BIENVENIDO A STANBOROUGH		
 BIENVENIDO AL DEPARTAMENTO DE LENGUAS. AQUÍ APRENDEMOS EL ESPAÑOL Y EL FRANCÉS.	 "¡HOLA! ME LLAMO SEÑORITA ABBOTT. TENGO EL PELO RUBIO Y LOS OJOS MARRONES."	 "¡HOLA! SOY SEÑORA FLETCHER. TENGO EL PELO RUBIO Y LOS OJOS AZULES."
 "SOY SEÑOR MCGOWAN, SOY MUY ALTO Y TENGO EL PELO CASTAÑO."	 "HOLA, SOY SEÑORITA CHRISTOF. TENGO EL PELO CASTAÑO Y LOS OJOS MARRONES."	 "HOLA, SOY LA NUEVA PROFESORA, SEÑORITA TOMLINSON. SOY BAJA Y TENGO EL PELO CASTAÑO."
 "ME LLAMO SEÑOR PERSAND. TENGO EL PELO NEGRO Y LOS OJOS MARRONES."	 "SOY SEÑORITA NAYLOR Y TENGO EL PELO RUBIO Y LARGO."	 "SOMOS LOS PROFESORES DE LENGUAS A STANBOROUGH."

## Stanborough School PE Department - Extra Curricular Clubs Half Term 1

	<b>Lunch time (1.20pm – 1.55pm)</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Teacher in charge</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Basketball Free Practice	Year 11	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	Dance	All Years	Gym	Miss Novelli
<b>Tuesday</b>	Volleyball	Year 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
<b>Wednesday</b>	Basketball Free Practice	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mr Harris & Mr Walker
<b>Thursday</b>	Basketball Free Practice	Year 9 & 10	Sports Hall	Mr Foster & Mr Harris
<b>Friday</b>	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Minion

	<b>Afterschool (3.00-4.15pm)</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Teacher in charge</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Football	Year 7	Sports Hall	Mr Minion & Mr Walker
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rugby	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	Netball	Year 8-11	Sports Hall	Mrs Harris, Miss Newman & Miss Novelli
<b>Wednesday</b>	Volleyball	Year 11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Sports Hall	Mr Foster & Mr Harris
	Girls Football	All Years	Sports Hall & Field	Miss Novelli, Mr Walker & Miss Newman
<b>Thursday</b>	Football	Year 8, 9 & 10	Sports Hall and Offsite Field	Mr Minion, Mr Harris & Mr Foster
	Netball	Year 7	Sports Hall	Ms Cheal
<b>Friday</b>	No Clubs			

Please note: Fixtures/Interhouse events will take priority over training.

Poor weather conditions may also affect the running of extra curriculum clubs.

Exams will take place in the Sports Hall  
so no clubs that use the Sports Hall location will run during the exam period.

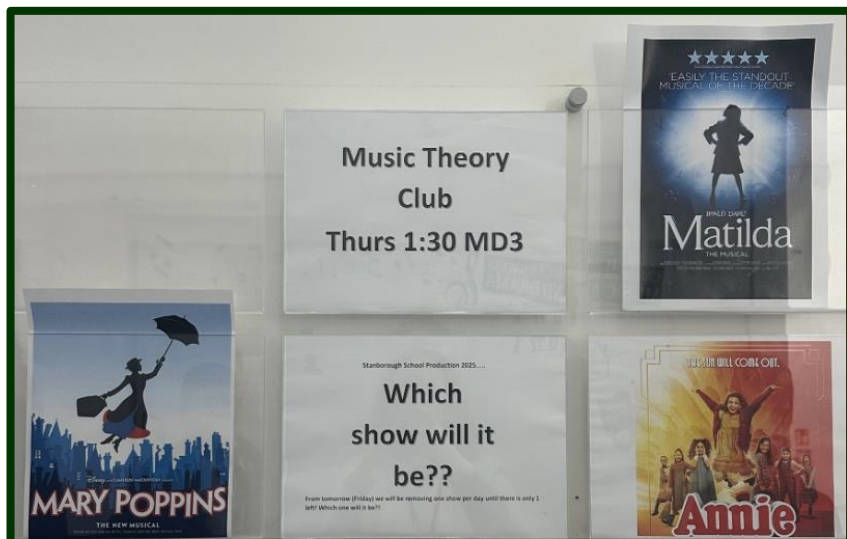
## School Production 2025

Miss I Naylor, Curriculum Lead: Music, writes:

We are down to only three shows on our board!

Which one will it be?

Keep checking the board in the Music and Drama block to find out!



## WithYouth Webinars

Please see a reminder of transition webinars that are on offer in October.

You can also book on the links below:

- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tackling-transitions-from-secondary-school-tickets-906010189867>
- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tackling-transition-to-university-tickets-906016970147>

**Tackling Transition to University Webinar**

withYouth  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S Digital Wellbeing Services

16th October 6pm - 7:30pm

Open for all students in Herts or coming to Herts for University

Topics include

- Practical and life skills
- Isolation
- Support networks
- Building relationships
- Wellbeing and balanced lifestyle
- Intro to adult mental health services

Opportunity for questions and discussion at the end.

Scan here to sign up!

**Tackling Transition after Secondary Webinar**

withYouth  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S Digital Wellbeing Services

14th October 6pm - 7:30pm

Topics include

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Managing stress
- Friendships
- Independence
- Confidence building
- Coursework/exams

Open for all students leaving secondary for college or sixth form

Scan here to sign up!

## NEW MHFA Training Dates- Parents/Carers

The Emotional Mental Wellbeing in Education Team are offering funded training programmes to support parents/carers to improve the mental health and wellbeing of pupils aged 8-18.

All MHFA Training is facilitated by an approved MHFA Trainer.

MHFA Champion Course - provides an understanding of common mental health issues and how they affect young people. The ability to spot signs of mental ill health in young people and guide them to a place of support along with knowledge and confidence and skills to support positive wellbeing.

MHFA First Aider Course - this course works on the basis that there is a role in our communities for mental health first aiders – people that feel confident to go to someone experiencing emotional distress, provide initial help and guide them towards more specialist support.

For more information on the courses, locations of the training and the dates available please see the posters below or contact [hweicbhv.schoolsmh@nhs.net](mailto:hweicbhv.schoolsmh@nhs.net)

# MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

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**1 DAY CHAMPION COURSE  
FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF  
8 TO 18-YEAR-OLDS  
FREE TRAINING  
09:30AM - 16:00PM**



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WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- AN UNDERSTANDING OF COMMON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND HOW THEY CAN AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE
- ABILITY TO SPOT SIGNS OF MENTAL ILL HEALTH IN YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUIDE THEM TO A PLACE OF SUPPORT
- KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE TO ADVOCATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
- SKILLS TO SUPPORT POSITIVE WELLBEING

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COURSE STRUCTURE

SESSION 1- ABOUT, WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL ILL HEALTH, STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION, DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE.  
SESSION 2 MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS: ANXIETY, SELF-HARM, EATING DISORDERS, PSYCHOSIS, RECOVERY, RESILIENCE

For further information please contact:  
[hweicbhv.schoolsmh@nhs.net](mailto:hweicbhv.schoolsmh@nhs.net)



# YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING



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**BOOKING LINKS  
1 DAY CHAMPION COURSE FOR  
PARENTS/CARERS  
09:30AM - 16:00PM**

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Dates	Location	Booking Link	Parking
2nd October 2024	Habbs Hill Wood, Dacorum	<a href="#" style="color: white; text-decoration: underline;">Booking Link</a>	Parking available on site

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For further information please contact:  
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