

## Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Thank you to all our staff for their support over this long first half term and congratulations to our students for getting through this busy time. The Year 7s have settled in now and after half term homework will be set for these students from English, maths and science. After the Christmas break, all subjects will be setting homework for Year 7. All homework is set on Class Charts and we urge parents/carers to keep a check on their child's work and ensure it is completed and submitted on time. Homework club and catch-up sessions are available for Year 7 to 11 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday after school. Year 7 students also have an extra day just for their year group on Wednesdays after school. Congratulations to our girls under 12s and under 14s football teams who played brilliantly and looked superb in their new kit this week and to our two Year 9 netball teams who both won their matches! Well done! I hope Year 11 students take the opportunity to rest and recharge around a dedicated programme of revision over the half term and return prepared for their mock exams. We hope you all have a fun, safe half term break. See you all back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Remember to turn your clocks back an hour this weekend!

## Headteacher's Commendations

**W Johnson and M Holmes, Yr.7** for completing a night of 'Sleeping rough' with their scouts group;  
**B Faizul, Yr.7** for competing in the English Taekwondo Open Championships;  
**B Fitzgerald, Yr.7** for excellent achievements with his football team as Goalkeeper with Panshanger FC;  
**J Pearce, Yr.7** for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader;  
**B Ayeni, yr.7** for competing in the Elite International Karate Championships and placing third in his category;  
**E Daci, Yr.7** for competing in the Elite International Karate Championships and winning a gold medal;  
**S Lawson, Yr.8** for a creative piece of writing that was selected to be published in the book 'Mission Chaos: Hope Survives';  
**L Johnson, Yr.8** for using Python to create a very impressive noughts and crosses game;  
**Y Beeharry, Yr.8** for achieving a lead role in a summer drama project;  
**Z Nasir, Yr.8** for outstanding achievements in music outside of school, receiving two awards for singing;  
**S Lawson, Yr.8** for a creative piece of writing that was selected to be published in the book 'Mission Chaos: Hope Survives';  
**Z Palin, Yr.9** for completing a fundraising bike ride of 40 miles for the 267project;  
**D Faizul, Yr.9** for competing in the English Taekwondo Open Championships and winning a gold medal;  
**A Michael, Yr.9** for completing the library reading challenge over the summer;  
**D Adesanya, Yr.10** for writing a poem that was selected for publication and will feature in the National Archives of the British Library;  
**J Sullivan, Yr.10** for being selected for the Hertfordshire County U15 Girls Hockey Team;  
**H Guo, Yr.10** for having a piece of creative writing selected for publication in the book 'Young Writers Annual Showcase 2024';  
**I Jarvis, Yr.11** for excellent attitude to revision and attending extra period 6 sessions;  
**M Khalil, Yr.12** for showing great resilience and consistent hard work;  
**M Hedger, Yr.13** for excellent umpiring in a challenging Netball Tournament.

## Quote of the week:

"Before anything else, preparation is the key to success." Alexander Graham Bell

Wish you a restful half term break, Mrs John.



# Headteacher Commendations



## Forthcoming Events

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Week A

28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	HALF TERM
5 <sup>th</sup> November	School Council Meeting, LRC
7 <sup>th</sup>	Post 16 Information Evening, 5.30-7pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 University Challenge, 9-10am
11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Ceremony

### Post 16 Information Evening, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 5.30pm

At this time of year students are encouraged to think about and prepare for life beyond Year 11. As part of this process, we would like to invite you to our Stanborough Post-16 Information Evening.


The purpose of this evening is to inform all our Year 11 students, and their parents, about the opportunities that Stanborough School's Post-16 provision has to offer, along with other pathways they may investigate as potential Post 16 pathways.

We will have both Oaklands College and Services for Young People present, who will be able to talk to our students and their parents about the application process for pathways other than Stanborough 6<sup>th</sup> form.

We do always encourage our students to keep their options open at this stage.

Please use the link below to confirm your attendance to this important event,

<https://forms.office.com/e/Lvvi180pRz>




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5.30-7pm

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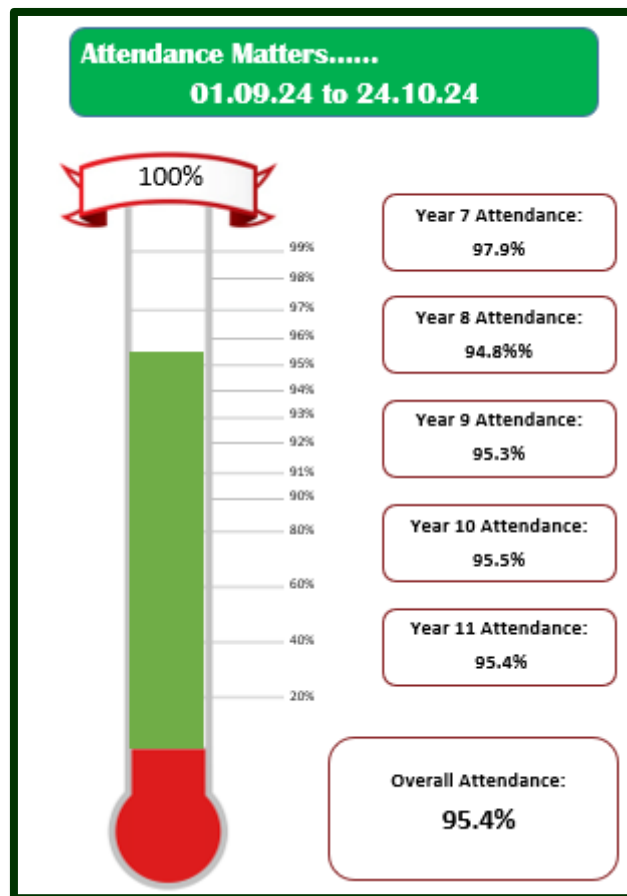
**Please use the link on our website to indicate your attendance at this important event:**  
[StanboroughSchool.co.uk/Post 16/Admissions](https://forms.office.com/e/Lvvi180pRz)

*New Year 12 students who wish to join our Stanborough 6th form community are also very welcome and should sign up using the link*

### Welwyn & Hatfield Consortium Schools' Post 16 Evenings November 2024

 Onslow St Audrey's	 Stanborough	 BISHOP'S HATFIELD GIRLS' SCHOOL	 RIDGELEY	 MONK'S WALK SCHOOL
POST 16 EVENING <b>Wednesday 6th November</b>	POST 16 EVENING <b>Thursday 7th November</b>	POST 16 EVENING <b>Tuesday 12th November</b>	POST 16 EVENING <b>Wednesday 13th November</b>	POST 16 EVENING <b>Thursday 14th November</b>
<b>Home Students and New Applicants</b>	<b>Home Students and New Applicants</b>	<b>Home Students and New Applicants</b>	<b>Home Students and New Applicants</b>	<b>Home Students and New Applicants</b>
From 5.30 to 7.30pm	From 5.30 to 7.00pm	From 6.30 to 8.00pm	From 6.30 to 8.00pm	From 5.30 to 7.30pm
Students from other WH Consortium Schools	Students from other WH Consortium Schools	Students from other WH Consortium Schools	Students from other WH Consortium Schools	Students from other WH Consortium Schools
From 6.00 to 7.30pm	From 6.00 to 7.00pm	From 6.30 to 8.00pm	From 7.00 to 8.00pm	From 6.00 to 7.30pm

## Attendance



## Digital Council

Reinas Paulionka 12H and Ollie Thornton 12B, write:

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new Digital Council. We are striving to raise awareness regarding safe and positive use of digital technology across the school.

To achieve this goal, we need members. In this role, our members would meet weekly to work on projects such as promotional material, researching technological developments, discussing the school's policies regarding digital usage, and learning about and promoting digital learning tools.

Click here for the promotional video, [Timeline 1 2](#)

If you think that this may interest you, please use the link below. We look forward to meeting you. <https://forms.office.com/e/y9v5kS31ea>

## Student Success

### U12s Rugby

Gary, 7BM played and won his under 12s rugby tournament at Bishops Stortford on Saturday winning all three games and the final, well done on your hard work Gary



## Eco-Schools Update

*Dr S. Jolly, Eco-Schools Co-ordinator writes:*

The Kaleidoscope Garden created by the Nature & Eco Club last year is still looking good with nasturtiums, poppies, verbena, rudbeckia and field scabious still in flower. As well as bringing some colour to the Year 8 & 9 quad area, we have spotted several species of insect including bees and ladybirds. This year was a bad year for butterflies across the UK, but as we continue to develop the area, providing shelter as well as nectar and food plants for the caterpillars, we hope to spot them visiting the new garden. The sunflowers looked lovely over the summer for a week or so but the cheeky squirrels chewed off the flower heads so we will have to devise some sort of shield next year! We have collected seeds from many of the plants so we can grow new plants next year and most of us have sampled the tasty nasturtium leaves.

We are planning to grow more food crops and involve more students in sowing seeds and nurturing the plants. We have already planted some onion sets in the Art Quad which should be ready to harvest in the spring. A second raised bed has been made by Jimmy in Year 9, so we hope to grow some different bean varieties and other vegetables next year. We have received some great advice from Miss Roberts who has joined us this term. Any help, old tools, spare seeds or plant donations are always welcome – do get in touch if you have anything to offer!

To kick off our work towards this year's Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, some of the Eco Ambassadors have completed the annual Environmental Review for the school. We will continue to meet after half term each Week B Wednesday at Tutor Time in room S1.

In November, we are expecting a delivery of 400 tiny saplings from the Woodland Trust, on behalf of WGC Rotary Club. Our Eco Ambassadors are looking forward to taking part in this wonderful community project and will be planting the young trees on Stanborough Road, just the other side of the school boundary. Look out for our report next month and for further updates on this year's projects.



## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Our school family workers have launched their Christmas shoe box appeal for children from 5 to 16 years old. If you can donate any new toys and/or hygiene products, there are so many families that would be grateful. Please bring your shoe box, unwrapped, to our main reception by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

## LSP newsletter Oct 2024

This month's newsletter from the Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield School's Partnership team is available to download now,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/WGCHLSP-Newsletter-Oct-2024.pdf>



## Poppies

Mrs Armitage, Deputy Headteacher, writes

From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> form students will be visiting form groups with poppies and remembrance items that can be purchased by the students for a small donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



We have:

- Poppies - any small donation
- Wristbands - minimum 50p donation
- Snap bracelets - minimum £1 donation
- Key rings - minimum 50p donation

If your child would like to donate, please send them in with cash for the donation tin.

## Question of the Week

Science



Mr Hughes, HLTA, writes:

The FIVE senses allow us to SEE, HEAR, SMELL, TASTE and TOUCH the world, but how do they work and what would life be like without them?

For a SILVER AWARD, write half a page describing the processes that enable SIGHT.

For a GOLD AWARD, write a page describing sight including processes that include photon energies and the RETINAL MOLECULE.

Hint: Google 'Nobel prize retinal molecule'

Answers to Mr Hughes by Wednesday 6th November, [phughes@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:phughes@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)

Good luck!



## MFL Cartoon Strip

Miss Abbott, Second in MFL, writes:

This week, you will see how different French and Spanish countries celebrate Halloween or have another celebration at this time of year.

Which one would you like to attend?

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.



## Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

Mr D McCarthy, Teacher of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics, writes:

This week's question/ challenge is from religious festivals and feasts.



What are the following festivals and feasts:

Teng Chieh  
Navarati  
Hannukah  
Shichigosan  
Thanksgiving  
Yom Kippur  
Saraswati Puja  
Hina Matsuri  
Holi  
Passover  
Ramadan  
Wesah  
Janmashtani  
Succot

Please include your full name on all answers sent to [dmccarthy@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dmccarthy@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)

Good luck and thanks for playing.

## Dacorum & St. Albans District Community Fire Safety Department Newsletter

The Autumn newsletter from the district community fire safety department is now available to download,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Dacorum-and-St-Albans-Autumn-2024-Accessible-V2.pdf>



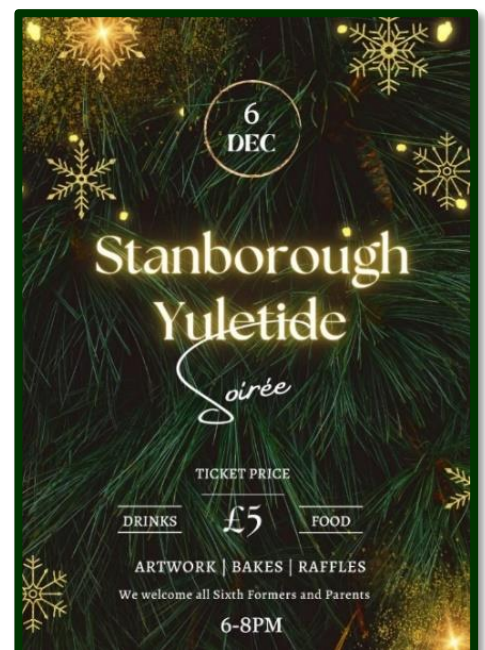
## Yuletide Soiree

This year's Yuletide Soiree is on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

The event is organised and run by our Post 16 Heads of School and Prefects to raise money for our charity, Safeline.

The evening is open to all Post 16 students and parents.

Get your tickets now via Arbor!



## New Clubs and Activities Starting After Half Term!

### KS3 Maths Homework Support & Catch-up

Monday after school in G9 with Mr McEwan

For Year 7, 8 & 9 students who need support and somewhere to catch up on homework.

### Culture and Change Society

Monday lunchtime in G1 with Miss Davies & Mr Torindo

Available to all students wishing to make a contribution to the school's provision for diversity and inclusion.

### Language Leaders, by invitation only

Tuesday lunchtime in G19 with Miss Abbott

### Mini-Book Club

Wednesday lunchtime in F5 with Miss Davies & Year 8 Students

Devised by Year 8 students for Year 7 and 8 students wishing to learn how to write and produce a mini-book as part of a mini-series of 6 chapters per half term .. possibly leading to filming opportunities!

### Chess Club

Thursday after school and Friday lunchtime

in the LRC with Ms Wilson

All students and staff welcome!

Who will be this year's Stanborough Chess Champion?

### Robot Rumble & VEX Club

*Mr Brown, Curriculum Leader: IT & Computing writes:*

This week the students met their MBDA mentors, got to know their new teammates, learnt about the competition objectives, and, most importantly, started building and programming their new robot!

Robot Rumble, here we come!



### 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





## Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 2024

We are very pleased to be able to offer students a variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities and encourage students to take part in at least two extra-curricular activities a week.

### Lunch Time

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Location	Member of staff responsible
<b>Monday</b>	Young Carers Group ( <b>invite only</b> )	Year 7 - 11	G6	Mrs Stratton
	Culture & Change Society	All Years	G1	Miss Davies & Mr Torindo
<b>Tuesday</b>	KS3 French	KS3 A	G17	Jeanne
	Language Leaders ( <b>invite only</b> )	Year 7	G19	Miss Abbott
<b>Wednesday</b>	Concert Band (Woodwind & Brass)	All Years	MD4	Miss Naylor
	Guitar Club	All Years	P1	Mr Hartley
	Mini Book Club	Year 7 & 8	F5	Miss Davies
<b>Thursday</b>	Ukulele Club	All Years	P1	Mr Hartley
	Music Theory Club	All Years	MD3	Miss Naylor
	KS3 Spanish	KS3	G17	Julia
	LGBTQ+ Group	All Years	G22	Ms Cuber
	Script Writing Club	Year 9+	C4	Mrs Buist
<b>Friday</b>	KS3 Art Club	KS3	A1	Miss Hagan
	Discover Club	All Years	MR2	Beth Ann
	Music Technology Club	Year 10 & 11	MD3	Miss Naylor
	KS3 French	KS3 B	G17	Jeanne

### After School

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time	Location	Member of staff responsible
<b>Monday</b>	Chorus	All Years	3-4pm	MD3	Miss Naylor & Mr Mollison
	Self-Defence Club *	All Years	3.30-4.30pm	Gym	Mr Fanning
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nature & Eco Club	All Years	3-4.15pm	Meet in S10	Dr Jolly
	History Film Club	All Years	3-3.50pm	F15	Miss Browne
	Keyboard Club	Year 7 - 9	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
	Robot Rumble & VEX Club	By invitation	3-5pm	C1	MBDA Ambassadors & Mr Brown
<b>Wednesday</b>	School Production	All Years	3-4pm	MD1	Miss Naylor & Mr Jones
	Astronomy Club	All Years	3-4pm	S02	Mr Hughes
<b>Thursday</b>	Sound and Light Team	All Years	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
	Chess Club	All Years	3-4pm	LRC	Miss Wilson
	Table Tennis	All Years	3-4pm	Gym	Mr Hughes
<b>Friday</b>	Maths Enrichment	All Years	3.30-4.30pm	C3	Mrs Coldwell

\* If you would like to join self-defence club please complete the application form and return to Mr Fanning  
<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Stanborough-Self-Defence-club-information-and-application-form-0924CF.pdf>

## 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			

### [Fixtures List, Autumn Term 2024](#)

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.

## Homework Support, Study & Catch-up Sessions

Homework club is for any students in the year group who would like to complete homework in a school computer room after school. Homework club will run from 3-4pm on the relevant day.

Year	Day	Time	Room	Staff Member
Year 7	Wednesday	3-4pm	C3	Mrs Stratton, Miss Martins
Year 7 -11	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	3-4pm	C2	Miss Martins

Subject	Year Group	Day	Time	Location	Staff Member
<b>Art Catch-up</b>	KS4 & KS5	Monday	3-4pm	A6	Ms Saalinki
	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A5 / A1	Mrs Butterworth / Miss Hagan
<b>3D Catch-up</b>	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
<b>Music GCSE Drop-in</b>	Year 10 & 11 Music Students	Monday	1.30-2pm	MD3	Miss Naylor
<b>Spanish Intervention</b>	Year 11	Monday	3-4pm	G19	Miss Abbott
<b>KS3 Maths</b>	Year 7, 8 & 9	Monday	1.20-2pm	G9	Mr McEwan
			3-4pm		
<b>Business (invite only)</b>	Year 10 & 11	Wednesday	1.20-2pm	C10	Business Staff
<b>Maths Revision KS5</b>	Year 12/13	Wednesday	12.20-2pm	C8	Mrs Coldwell
<b>Hospitality &amp; Catering Catch-up</b>	KS4	Thursday	3-4pm	A1	Miss Hagan
<b>3D Catch-up</b>	KS3	Thursday	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
<b>MFL</b>	All Years	Thursday	3-4pm	G19	Miss Abbott
<b>Maths Revision KS5</b>	Year 12/13	Friday	1.20-2pm	G7	Mrs Coldwell
<b>3D Catch-up</b>	KS3	Friday	1.20-2pm	A4	Mr Beevor

## Domestic Abuse support

### Free courses for Parents and children

These workshops are delivered by our local Family support service.

There are two Who's in Charge courses. One is a daytime course and the other is an evening course. This is for parents who are struggling with violent, aggressive behaviour at home from a child.

The other course is for primary age children who have witnessed/lived with violence in the home. Against Violence and Abuse is a weekly programme for children to attend in person.

To book a place, use the QR code on the poster.



**Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership**



**AVA**  
Against Violence and Abuse

**AVA Against Violence and Abuse**

**A FREE 10 WEEK COURSE SUPPORTING PRIMARY-AGED CHILDREN WHO HAVE LIVED WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE**

**COURSE COVERS:**

- VALIDATION OF CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCES
- SAFETY PLANNING
- UNDERSTANDING ABUSE AND REDUCING SELF-BLAME
- APPROPRIATE VERSUS INAPPROPRIATE EXPRESSIONS OF EMOTION

**PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 10 X WEEKLY SESSIONS**

**DATES:**  
Tuesday afternoons from 12th November 2024 to 28th January 2025

**TIME: 15:30-17:15**

To book a place, please complete the online form below or click on the QR:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/9ySnz3SSig>



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**Who's in Charge?**

**A FREE 7 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS LIVING WITH A STRONG-WILLED CHILD**

**COURSE COVERS:**

- ENTITLEMENT VERSUS RESPONSIBILITY
- CONSEQUENCES
- ANGER
- ASSERTIVENESS
- SELF-CARE
- COOPERATIVE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

**PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 7 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS**

**DATES:**  
Wednesday evenings  
6th November - 18th December

**TIME: 18:30-20:30**

**LOCATION: Onslow St. Audrey's school**

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/AjZkxFeRQ>



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**DATES:**  
Thursday mornings  
7th November - 19th December

**TIME: 9:30-11:30am**

**LOCATION: Creswick Academy**

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/TuArbw5m0r>



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## Free Cycle Training for Students, British Cycling City Hub & Academy

The British Cycling City Academy are working in partnership with Hertfordshire Council to launch a new British Cycling City Hub and Academy at the Welwyn Gosling Track.

The sessions are designed for students who can already ride confidently on two wheels, focusing on enhancing cycle skills through engaging and fun activities. Riders are welcome to bring their own bikes, the sessions are completely free!

The sessions run every Wednesday from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM, just sign-up link via Spond (<https://group.spond.com/SMDKB>), or click the QR code on the poster.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to receive professional cycling coaching while reaping the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle.

## Free Creative Workshops

Welwyn Hatfield Community & Voluntary Services (WHCVS), Black History Month Pop-Up Market and Workshop Weekend 26th/27th October

The Black History Month Pop-Up Market and Workshop Weekend returns to the *Upper Level of The Galleria* in Hatfield on next weekend, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October.

This year, the energy is turned up for a super weekend. Not only will there be amazing food but also:

- Multiple free workshops for children and young people: From Art, Crafts, and Food to Hair Braiding; get hands-on and learn new skills in our practical workshops, where creativity and knowledge combine for an unforgettable experience. [Sign up here](#)
- 40+ Stalls: Fashion, Textiles, Homewares, Food, Beverages, Sweet Treats, Arts and Crafts and more.
- Literature: Dive into books and resources that reflect Black history and culture. You will also meet a couple of authors who may just sign your book.
- Live DJ Performances & Entertainment: Immerse yourself in the sounds of the community and enjoy live performances
- Charities, Organisations & Healthcare Services: Engage with experts and professionals offering support in a welcoming atmosphere.

This is a welcoming family event for everyone to attend!

