

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

On Tuesday this week, 16 of our Eco Ambassadors helped to carry out our first big environmental project of the year. In collaboration with Welwyn Garden City Rotary Club, students planted 420 trees and four thousand bulbs around the perimeter of the school. A plaque was unveiled nearby, and a memento lanyard was awarded to everyone involved. Thank you to Dr Jolly, Mr Braybrook and all the students involved! A reminder that if your child would like a Christmas lunch on 6th December, please ensure payment is received by Tuesday 26th November, via Arbor. Our usual food service will be available at break time on that day but at lunchtime there will be no food or drinks available other than Christmas lunch for those that have pre-ordered it. For details on all our Christmas activities, and how you can take part, see the articles in this newsletter. Finally, a reminder that next Friday, 29th November, is our occasional day and school will be closed.

Headteacher's Commendations

E Bounsall, B Player, Z Harrington, A Mathew, A Moran, A O'Brien-Tshuma, S Rashleigh and B Stephens, Yr.7 for winning the Year 7 Reading Journey 2024;

S Davern, Yr.7 for consistently improved attitude to learning and excellent participation and support in every Tutor time;

F Ogunbadawa, Yr.7 Excellent effort and attitude towards learning with recent English work;

W Legood and M Essex, Yr.7 for performing at the Knebworth Village Hall with his band 'Rodent' during the half term break;

M Ray-Knight, Yr.8 for outstanding achievements in Dance outside of school in Ballet and Modern Theatre;

S Protic, Yr.8 for completing an introductory course in Veterinary care outside of school;

Z Palin, Yr.9 for engaging and wonderfully creative writing;

D Adesanya, Yr.10 for having a poem selected for publication when entering into the Young Writers Poetry competition;

E Adesanya, Yr.11 for having a poem selected for publication when entering into the Young Writers Poetry competition;

S Mossman, Yr.12 for outstanding voluntary work at the Isabel Hospice shop in Welwyn Garden City;

O Thornton and R Paulionka, Yr.12 for being appointed as a Digital Leader and leading our Digital Council, promoting the safe use of technology in school.



Quote of the week:

"If I could give you one thought, it would be to lift someone up. The very idea of lifting someone up will lift you as well" Maya Angelou

Wish you a restful weekend.
Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

25th – 29th November 2024

Week B

18 th – 28 th	Year 11 Mock Exams
27 th	Year 7 – 10 Care Home Trip Year 12 University Challenge
28 th	Rock and Pop Evening, 5pm
29 th	Occasional Day, School Closed

Year 7 Parents' Evening, Thursday 5th December 2024

Year 7 parent's evening takes place on Thursday 5th December, 2-6pm. All appointments are via an online video call. Appointments can be made from now until midnight on Wednesday 4th December. 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 7 parents/carers can participate in this event 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



Rock & Pop 2024

Miss Naylor, Curriculum Leader: Music, writes:

Come along for some great musical performances at Stanborough School! Doors open 5pm concert starts 5:15pm. Tickets are now live on Arbor. £5 Adults £3 Concessions.

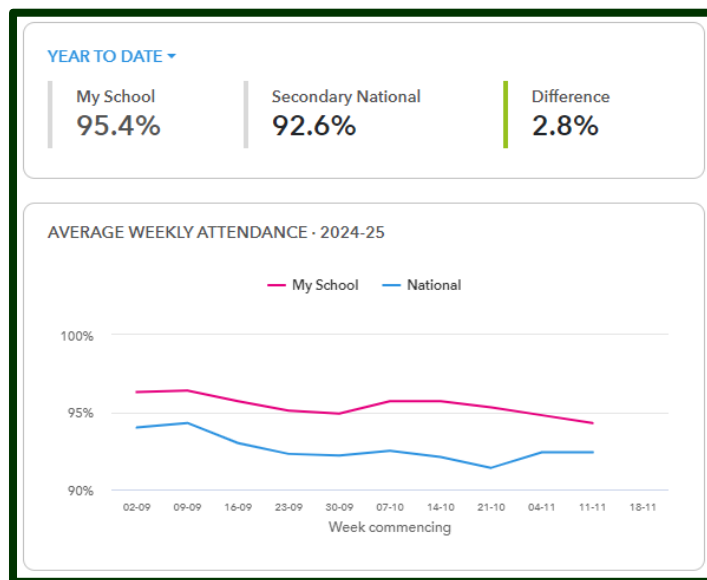
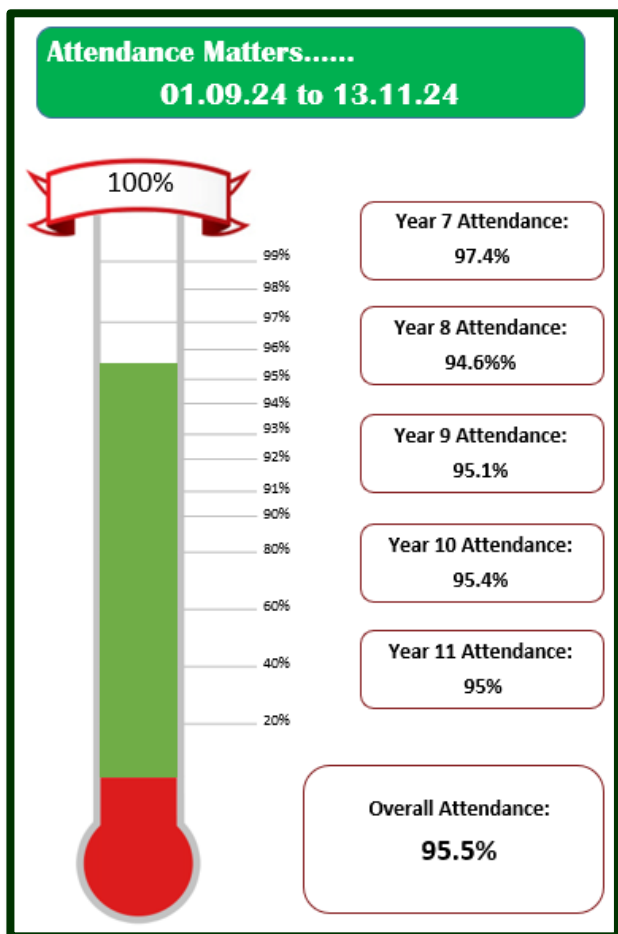


House Drama

Tickets are available now on Arbor!



Attendance



ATTENDANCE

EDUCATION + ATTENDANCE + EFFORT = ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

FACT: More time in school means more time to learn, develop, grow and time to become the very best you!

FACT: Low attendance means drastically reducing life chances!

96-100%	EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE ON TARGET FOR ACHIEVING EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE
93-95%	SLIGHT CONCERN ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT UP TO 9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENT = 45 LESSONS MISSED
90-92%	CONCERNS PERSISTENT ABSENCE – RISK OF FINE UP TO 20 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENT = 100 LESSONS MISSED
85-89%	SERIOUS CONCERNS PERSISTENT ABSENCE – RISK OF FINE OR PROSECUTION UP TO 30 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENT = 150 LESSONS MISSED
BELOW 85%	MAJOR CONCERNS PERSISTENT ABSENCE – RISK OF PROSECUTION UP TO 30 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENT = 150 LESSONS MISSED

Learning for Life in a Community where All can Excel

Finance Scholarship Success 2024

Mrs C. Ramsamy, Business & Finance Leader writes:

We had the pleasure of welcoming Stephanie Payne from the London Institute of Banking to present certificates and offer a scholarship to 9 of our current Year 13 Finance students. The students gained an A grade in their Finance Certificate qualification which is a fantastic achievement of which they should be very proud. A huge congratulations to:

Illiana Atukorala, Ilham Ibrahim, Panos Stoli, Sajini Satheeskumar, James Farran, Emmanuel Osagie, Ryan Hale, Ethan Powell and Austin Ashby.

We are equally proud of our previous Yr13 cohort who were also offered a scholarship for gaining an A grade by completing the Finance Diploma. The 10 students are:

Joseph Young, Alex O'Carroll, Jason Ho, Freddie Marshall, Kieoni Simkins, Amadu Barrie, Stephen Bates, Thomas Linger, Atreyu Macer Robinson and James Buck

This is the seventh consecutive year our students have gained this prestigious award and scholarship opportunity. We are really proud of all 19 of our students and would like to take this opportunity to commend them further for their achievements.

Op Sceptre week

Mrs Vlijter, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Thanks to Welwyn Hatfield Council for arranging for the police and PCSOs to come into school this week. They were promoting their Lives not Knives campaign, and answering students' questions about this and other issues. A great chance to build positive relationships in the community.



Mega tree planting event – Tuesday 19th November 2024

Dr Jolly, Eco Coordinator, writes:

Despite the snow, 16 of our Eco Ambassadors braved the cold to carry out our first big environmental project of the year. In collaboration with Welwyn Garden City Rotary Club, who requested the trees from The Woodland Trust, and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, we planted 420 tiny trees (known as 'whips') on the area beside our boundary with Stanborough Road.

The trees are a mixture of native varieties providing year-round interest and include rowan, hawthorn, hazel, wild cherry, silver birch and dogwood.

James Hare, Tree Officer with the council, reminded the students why we need to plant more trees: they help to reduce air and noise pollution from the nearby busy roads; they reduce excess carbon dioxide in the air through the process of photosynthesis, which enables them to grow and release oxygen into the air; they improve natural habitats and provide food for insects, birds and other small animals, thus increasing biodiversity, and they also provide us with lovely views and colours of nature which sustain our wellbeing.

A quick lesson in tree-planting technique followed and the students got underway. We were also planting 4000 purple crocus corms to bring additional colour and interest to the site. These were provided by the Rotary Club as part of their 'End Polio Now' global campaign. [Purple4Polio – Our Projects – Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland](#)

During the morning, we were joined by the Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield, Councillor Frank Marsh, and Headteacher Mrs John, for the unveiling of the nearby plaque and to award a memento lanyard to everyone involved. These were both provided by the Rotary Club and some of their members were also on hand to provide the very welcome refreshments.

A massive thank you and well done to all the students involved. I hope you are very proud of your achievements!

Year 7: Summer Thurgood, Alice Curran, Sam Halliwell, Tamim Shafrik, Ryan Varley, Amelia Roberts, Poppy Wentford-Hall

Year 8: Edward Kane, Rocco Clark, Oscar O'Connell

Year 9: Jimmy Dykes

Year 10: Alan Ebi, Jess Sullivan, Jasper Robinson, Anna Pennell, Kimberly Kureya



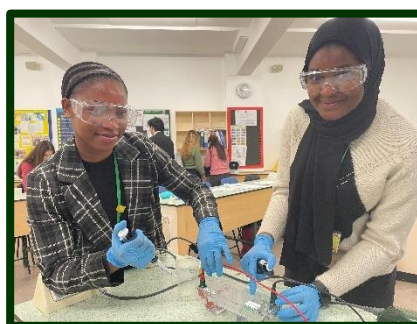
Stanborough Biologists complete a two-week marathon with AMGEN

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:



In 2019, scientists first became aware of the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), infecting people in every country with the respiratory condition known as COVID-19. Schools and workplaces shut down, hospitalizations increased dramatically, and governments struggled to respond to the crisis. Almost immediately, researchers began to look for treatments for those affected and the “gold standard” COVID test emerged quickly. The test uses polymerase chain reaction (PCR), which is a laboratory technique used to analyse genetic material. In this case, it was used to determine if the virus is present.

Our Biologists followed the Amgen Biotech Experience (ABE) programme with the use of the ABE practical kit and resources that enabled our students to engage in hands-on biotech experiments that would otherwise remain beyond reach for many schools.

We thank @amgenbiotech, UK ABE, and University of Hertfordshire for enabling our students the use of this research-grade equipment which would have been impossible without their programme.



Root Word of the Week
W/c 25th November 2024
fac = make

 Root Word of the Week : ADT
fac = make
factory manufacture 

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KS3 Maths Club

If you're in Year 7, 8 or 9 and you would like some extra help with your Maths then this is the club for you!

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When ?

- 3pm to 4pm on Mondays

Where ?

- Classroom G09

How much ?

- Free of charge !
- You also get a Bronze and a Biscuit !

What do I have to do ?


It's up to you ! You can:

- Ask for a run-through of a topic from maths class
- Bring a homework question
- Practise on a worksheet on a particular topic
- Bring your laptop and do some online questions

Do I need to book ?

No, you can just drop in, and you don't need to come every week. But it would help us with admin if you book on SOCS !

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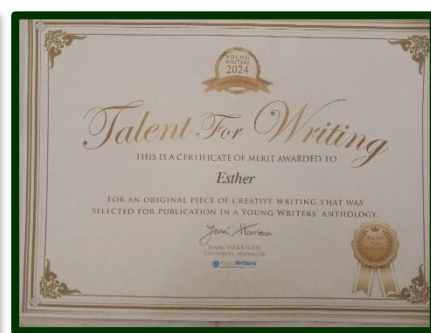
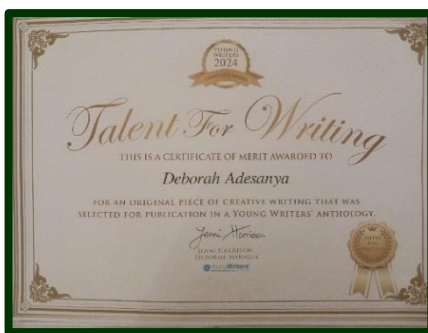
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Student Success

Congratulations to Deborah Adesanya 10HC and Esther Adesanya 11SM. They recently entered a poem, The Beautiful Truth – A Collection of Poetry, into the Young Writers Poetry competition and it has been selected for publication in a book.

This book will be featured in the National Archives of The British Library forever!



Year 7 Accelerated Reader

Ms Wilson, LRC Manager, writes:

Congratulations to our Autumn Book Review Winners.

Year 7 Accelerated Reader
Autumn Book Review Winners!

Rosie Wu 7KK
Summer Thurgood 7KK
Jasper Pearce 7HM

Spelling Bee

Miss Davies, Literacy Co Ordinator, writes:

Students and tutors across Years 7 through to Year 10 have all been as busy as bees completing the first round of our annual Stanborough Spelling Bee this week. It was a joy visiting classes to experience the enthusiasm and engagement for this ever-popular literacy competition. Very many congratulations to our winners and reserves!

The winners from each tutor group are invited to the LRC after registration on the following days:

Monday 25th Nov – Year 7

Tuesday 26th Nov – Year 8

Wednesday 27th Nov – Year 9

Thursday 28th Nov – Year 10

The final takes place on Monday 2nd December in the LRC.

Prizes are: Literacy Gold Award, vending machine coin, cuddly bee, and chocolate.

Good luck!



Christmas at Stanborough!

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Miss K Ashley, School Business Manager, writes:

Our very popular Christmas lunch will be served this year on Friday 6th December, and this will also be our Christmas Jumper / Festive Wear Day. A suggested donation of £1 is asked for which will help to raise funds for our charity of the year, Safeline.

All meals must be ordered in advance and will need to be booked by Tuesday 26th November to enable the catering team to order the food. Payments must be made via the Arbor app or link <https://login.arbor.sc/> Payments / School Shop/ Click on either "Traditional Turkey" or "Vegetarian" to make your payment.

You will not receive email confirmation, but you can check your payments by following the instructions below.

To check your payments via a mobile phone:

- Click on the 3 lines in the bottom left-hand corner
- Select Payments
- Scroll down and select Invoices

To check your payments using a laptop or PC:

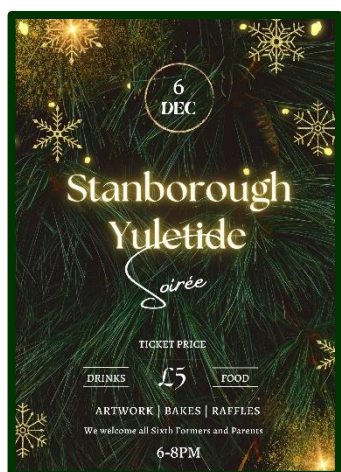
- Click on quick actions
- Select Payments
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Should you require a copy of your Arbor login please click this link, <https://login.arbor.sc/auth/reset-password>

Our usual food service will be available at break time on that day but at lunchtime there will be no food or drinks available other than Christmas lunch for those that have pre-ordered it.

Christmas Cheer, Wednesday 4th December, 10-11am

We'd love to welcome grandparents/ any local elderly residents that would like to join us on Wednesday 4th December for a morning of Christmas songs from students from Stanborough, Applecroft and Lakeside school. Please click this link to confirm your free space! <https://forms.gle/P6b2f6gfycgz9mNC6>



Yuletide Soiree, Friday 6th December, 6-8pm

This year's Yuletide Soiree is on 6th December, 6-8pm. 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. Tickets can be bought on Arbor. We are inviting local businesses and families to donate raffle prizes for the event, and would welcome donations to the main office/ e mailed to admin in the next couple of weeks. Thanks in advance for your support.



Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:



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SOLVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Deadline: 27.11.24

Email: smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

On paper: Maths office

Answers from last week:

Higher: 58.6 degrees

Foundation: Perimeter = 56 cm

Higher GCSE Question

Gladys buys a table for \$465 to sell in her shop.

She sells the table for \$520

- (a) Work out the percentage profit that Gladys makes from the sale of the table.
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

Gladys has a sale in her shop.

She decreases all the normal prices by 12%

The normal price of an armchair was \$550

- (b) Work out the sale price of the armchair.

Foundation GCSE Question

Sandeep wants to buy some packets of pens and some boxes of pencils for his stationery shop.

Each packet of pens contains 9 pens.

Each box of pencils contains 12 pencils.

Each packet of pens costs £7.60

Each box of pencils costs £4.80

Sandeep can only buy full packets of pens and full boxes of pencils.

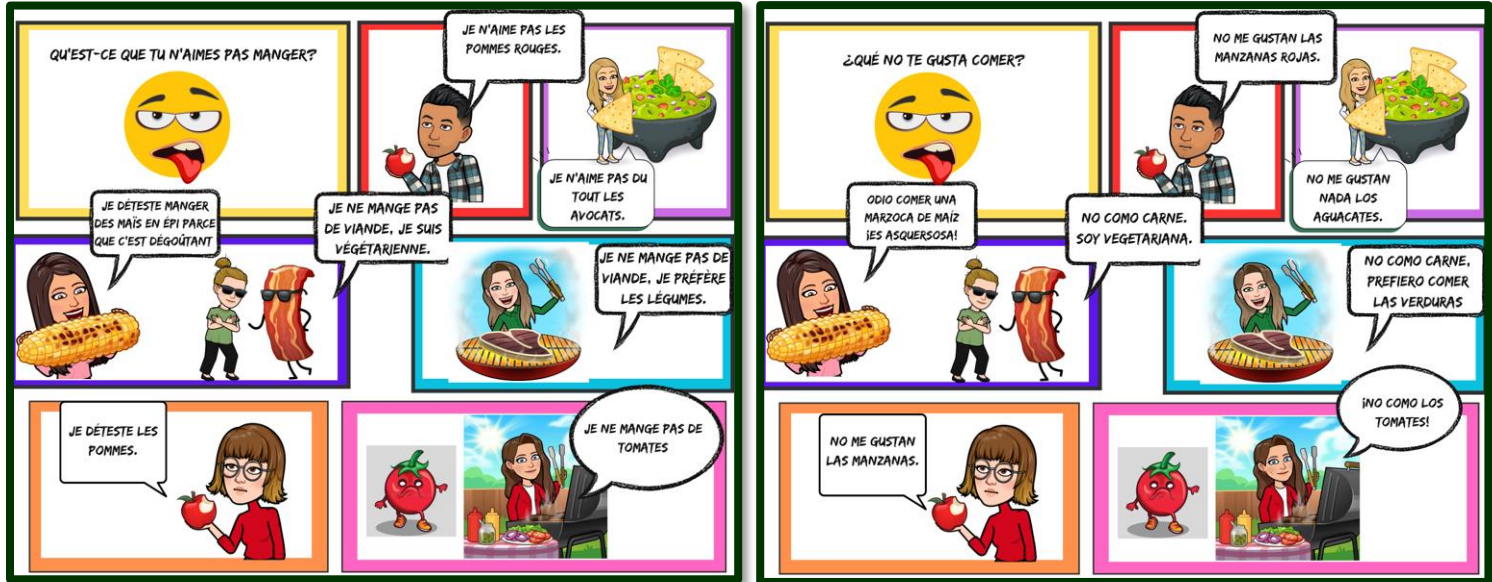
He wants to buy exactly the same number of pens as pencils.

Work out the minimum amount Sandeep needs to pay.

MFL Cartoon Strip

Miss Abbott, Second in MFL, writes:

This week, the MFL department are talking about foods they dislike. 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.



Young Writers' Competition: The Beautiful Truth

Miss Davies, Literacy Coordinator, writes:

Students in Years 7 and 8 last year (now in Years 8 and 9) were invited to enter the above competition in July and we are absolutely delighted to have received a list of 45 Stanborough pupils whose work has been selected for publication!

We have certificates, bookmarks plus letters to parents inviting families to purchase a published book in which their work is featured. Please check your *Class Charts* announcements or look out for the email from the school advising you about this.



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
Monday	Young Carers Group (invite only)	Year 7 - 11	G6	Mrs Stratton
	Culture & Change Society	All Years	G1	Miss Davies & Mr Torindo
Tuesday	KS3 French	KS3 A	G17	Jeanne
	Language Leaders (invite only)	Year 7	G19	Miss Abbott
Wednesday	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
Thursday	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
Friday	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
Monday	Chorus	All Years	3-4pm	MD3	Miss Naylor & Mr Mollison
	Self-Defence Club *	All Years	3.30-4.30pm	Gym	Mr Fanning
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	School Production	All Years	3-4pm	MD1	Miss Naylor & Mr Jones
	Astronomy Club	All Years	3-4pm	S02	Mr Hughes
Thursday	Sound and Light Team	All Years	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
	Chess Club	All Years	3-4pm	LRC	Miss Wilson
Friday	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

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

	Afterschool (3.00-4.15pm)	Year	Location	Teacher in charge
Monday	Football	Year 7	Sports Hall	Mr Minion & Mr Walker
Tuesday	Basketball	Year 7 - 10	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	Netball	Year 8-11	Sports Hall	Mrs Harris, Miss Newman & Miss Novelli
Wednesday	Volleyball	Year 11 & 6 th Form	Sports Hall	Mr Foster & Mr Harris
	Girls Football	All Years	Sports Hall & Field	Miss Novelli, Mr Walker & Miss Newman
Thursday	Football	Year 8, 9 &10	Field	Mr Minion, Mr Harris & Mr Foster
	Netball	Year 7	Sports Hall	Ms Cheal
	Table Tennis	All Years	Gym	Mr Hughes
Friday	No Clubs			

[Fixtures List, Autumn Term 2024](#)

From 18th November to 2nd December the sports hall will be out of use for Year 11 mocks, any club due to take place in the sports hall will be paused for this period and will return on Tuesday 3rd December.

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

There are still spaces on the below two online workshops funded by Herts County Council in the Autumn term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

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

Reducing Conflict Workshop – Online

To understand what causes conflict within our own families and being able to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach in resolving it

Tuesday 26 November

9.30am – 11.30am

Via MS Teams

Sibling Rivalry Workshop – Online

This 2-hour workshop will provide parents with strategies and tools to effectively foster positive relationships, promote co-operation and manage conflict between Children

Thursday 12 December

7.00pm – 9.00pm

Online Via MS Teams

To book a place please click here [Referral Form for Family Lives Herts Parenting Groups and Workshops](#)



Is the children's arguing getting you down?

Sign up to our sibling rivalry workshop

This 2-hour workshop will provide parents with strategies and tools to effectively foster positive relationships, promote co-operation and manage conflict between children.

- Thursday 12th December
- 7.00pm - 9.00pm
- Online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Louise on 0204 522 8700, email services@familylives.org.uk or scan our QR code to use our online referral form

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Reducing Conflict Workshop

This 2-hour workshop explores different types of conflict within family life and provides support in understanding the causes and impact of parental and family conflict on children.

- Tuesday 26 November
- 9.30am - 11.30am
- Online via MS Teams

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