THE STANBOROUGH TIMES

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Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

This week saw the Year 7 Stanborough Bake Off Finals which took place, live, on Wednesday. Students were asked to design and produce cupcakes. It was a tricky decision to find a winner as all the cakes were visually striking as well as delicious and well baked. The judges were also impressed with the thought, preparation and ingenuity of the bakers. See over the page for the whole story and winners. A big thank you to Mrs Brittain and Miss Hagan for organising this event. It was also a busy day earlier this week for our Eco-students who took part in another tree planting event in and around the school grounds planting 420 trees with help from students from Lakeside School. Thank you to Dr Jolly for organising this. As a school we have been busy this week watching the hustings and voting for our Heads of School for 2025/26. Good luck to all our Year 12 applicants – votes will be counted, and our student heads of school will be announced early next week. A reminder that tickets are on sale via Arbor for our annual House music concert which takes place on Thursday 20th March. The booking system is now open for all Year 10 parents/carers to make an online video appointment with their child's teachers on Thursday 3rd April, 2-6pm. All details are in the letter emailed home earlier this week. Finally, a reminder that lessons will finish at 1.20pm on 3rd April and there will be no lunch service on this day. Please see over the page for more information.

Headteacher's Commendations

Asiah-Lea Carty, Hannah Nelson, Favour Adesanya, Favour Ogunbadewa and Sophie Smith Yr.7 for excellent contributions to the Care Home Concert;
Ajara Alhassan and Leena Alhassan, Yr.8 for excellent contributions to the Care Home Concert;
Wojciech Napiorkowski, Yr.9 for excellent contributions to the Care Home Concert;
Kayla Mngomba, Deborah Adesanya, Kimberly Rapafadzo Kureya and Minnat Mustafa, Yr.10 for excellent contributions to the Care Home Concert;
Courtney Quartley and Karim McCalla, Yr.11 for excellent contributions to the Care Home Concert;
Freddie Griffiths, Yr.11 for showing kindness to a younger student in considerable distress.

Quote of the week:

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." *Albert Schweitzer*

Wish you a restful weekend.
Mrs John

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Forthcoming Events

17th – 21st March 2025
Week A

18th	Year 12 London Excel Trip Year 7 SEND Review Day
19th	House Music Rehearsals
20th	House Music Rehearsals

Year 10 Parents' Evening, Thursday 3rd April 2025

Year 10 parent's evening takes place on Thursday 3rd April, 2-6pm. All appointments are via an online video call. Appointments can be made from now until midnight on Wednesday 2nd April. 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 10 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

Early Close for students – Thursday 3rd April 2025

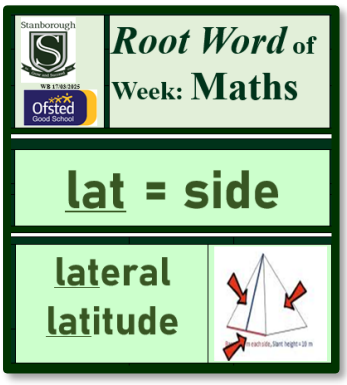
School will finish at 1.20pm for students on Thursday 3rd April for the Year 10 Parents' Evening which runs from 2pm to 6pm.

Post 16 lessons will continue as normal. If the teacher is not involved in the parents' evening Post 16 teachers will inform their class about this in advance.

Please note, there will be no lunch service on this day.

Root Word of the Week

W/c 17th March 2025



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

X - @StanboroughS
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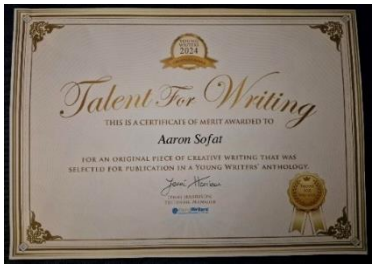
Student Success

Congratulations, Bella, 7KK who competed in the South East Taekwondo Open 2025 on Sunday and won a gold medal in the team pattern category!

Well done, Aaron, 8BP, who has been honoured with a Young Writer Award for his poem '*Helpful'*. His poem has been published in '*The Beautiful Truth – A Collection of Poetry'.* A copy of this book is preserved in the National Archives of the British Library.



Students visited St John's primary school in Lemsford earlier this week, displaying their musical skills and taking questions from the Year 5 and 6 students.

Tree planting at Stanborough

Erica Jones 9SM, writes:

On the 11th of March at Stanborough school, students from Stanborough and students from Lakeside school planted trees.

We started by digging holes and placing trees inside of the holes. We then put a guard around the tree and placed a stick inside to help the tree grow. After we had finished, we placed bark around the tree to support the roots when the tree was growing. The reason we planted these trees was to help the environment.

This was a great experience and everyone who helped enjoyed every minute of it.

"It was really fun and nice to do something new." Della Dykes, 7SM and Aliyah O'brien, 7HC
"It was very fun and enjoyable, especially when we were digging the holes." Kian Maxwell, 8SM
"I had a really good time and I think it was a good experience." Erica Jones, 9SM

The Great Stanborough Bake Off 2025

Mrs Brittain, Learning Support Teacher, writes:

Congratulations to all of the Year 7 bakers who entered the 2025 Great Stanborough Bake Off House Competition. For the first round, students were invited to bake a cake that was "reflection of me." It was fabulous to see such originality and thought go into the designs and it was difficult to select a finalist for each house.

Some of the notable entries that did not get through as finalists but are to be highly commended were: Sila R, Alice C, Charlotte F, Livia GS, Amber M, Daisy-Mae O-T, Hannah N and Ryan V.

On 12th March, we held a live final at school. The students were asked to design and produce cupcakes. We were blown away with the thought, preparation and ingenuity. All of the cakes were not only visually striking but also delicious and well-baked. The bakers were well-organised and worked safely and calmly.

It was hard to judge the end products, so we called for some assistance from Mrs Daplyn, Mrs Beverstock and Mr McEwan. The final four had all demonstrated something special but there could only be one star baker. The final results were:

1st - Max Gough (Sopwell) with his cookies and cream ice-cream inspired cupcakes.
2nd – Dylan Choy (Brocket) with his cheeseburger inspired cakes.
3rd – Isha Samad (Knebworth) with her lemon flavoured owl design.
4th – Peter Clayton (Hatfield) with his vanilla emoji themed cupcakes.

Congratulations to everyone who entered the competition.

Thanks to Mrs Brittain and Miss Hagan for organising the final and to all the parents/carers for supporting students with the event.

House Music Concert
Thursday 20th March

Tickets are now on sale via Arbor!

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mr Modi, Curriculum Leader: Mathematics, writes:

MATHS QUESTION OF THE WEEK

SOLVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Deadline: 19.03.25

Submit your entry by email (smodi@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) or on paper (Maths office)

Write your full name and form group on your entry

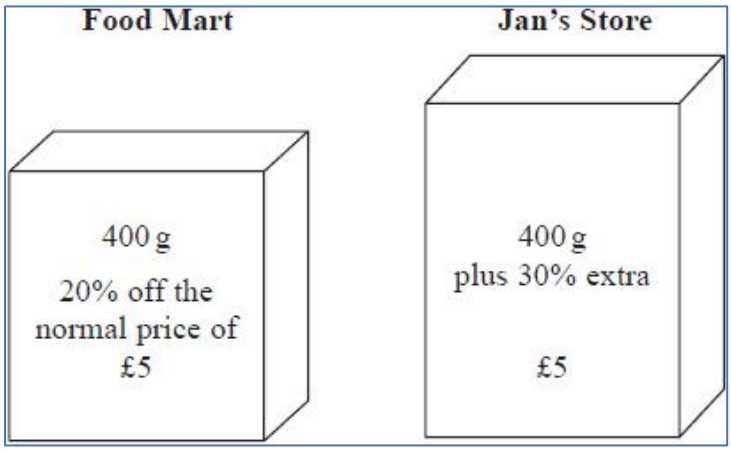
Higher GCSE Question

A is the point with coordinates (1, 3)
B is the point with coordinates (4, −1)
The straight line *L* goes through both *A* and *B*.

Is the line with equation $2y = 3x - 4$ perpendicular to line *L*?
You must show how you got your answer.

Foundation GCSE Question

Food Mart and Jan's Store sell boxes of the same type of breakfast cereal.
Each shop has a special offer.



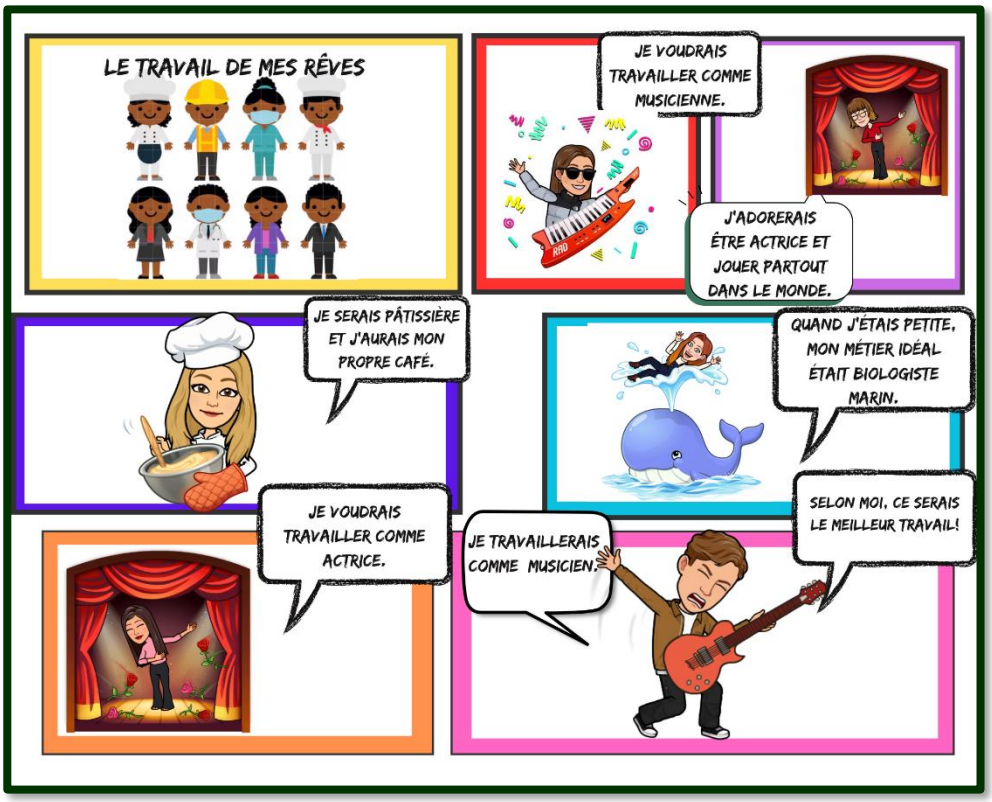
Which box of cereal is the better value for money?
You must show your working.

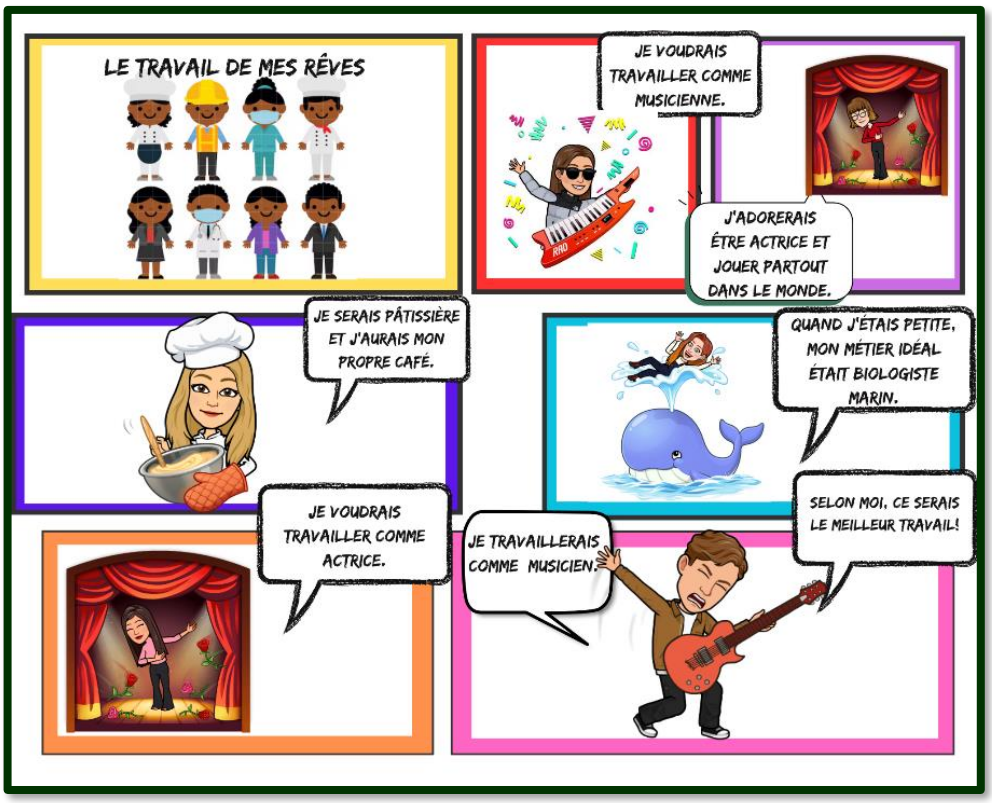
MFL Cartoon Strip

Miss Abbott, Curriculum Leader: MFL, writes:

This week, the MFL department are talking about their dream/ideal job.

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.





Clubs and Activities Spring Term 2025

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
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	F6	Ms Butcher
	Script Writing Club	Year 9+	C4	Mrs Buist
	Geography Club	KS3	F10	Mrs MacDonald & Sixth Form Ambassadors
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
	Geography Documentaries Club	All Years	3-4pm	F18	Miss Andrews
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
	Lego Robotics Club	All Years	3.15-4.15pm	C1/C5	Mr Brown
Wednesday	School Production	All Years	3-4pm	MD1	Miss Naylor & Mr Jones
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
	Debate Club	All Years	3-4.30pm	F16	Mr Collinson
	Coding Club	All Years	3.15-4.15pm	C1	Mr Brown

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

Stanborough School PE Department - Extra Curricular Clubs

	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	Basketball	Year 7	Sports Hall	Mr Minion & Mr Walker
Tuesday	Basketball	Year 8	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	Breakdancing Club	All Years	Gym	Mr Martinelli
Wednesday	Volleyball	Year 11 & 6th Form	Sports Hall	Mr Foster & Mr Harris
	Table Tennis	All Years	Gym	Mr Woodward
	Netball	Year 11	Sports Hall	Miss Newman
Thursday	Girls Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Miss Novelli
	Netball	Year 7	Sports Hall	Miss Cheal
Friday	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.

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
Music GCSE Drop-in	Year 10 & 11 Music Students	Monday	1.30-2pm	MD3	Miss Naylor
Spanish Support	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	G19	Miss Abbott
KS3 Maths	Year 7, 8 & 9	Monday	1.20-2pm	G9	Mr McEwan
			3-4pm		
3D Catch-up	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
Hospitality & Catering Catch-up	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A1	Miss Hagan
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
3D Catch-up	KS3/KS4	Thursday	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
MFL Homework Club	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

Spring Term Clubs and Activities Booklet

Wind Band Day at Mid Herts Music Centre - Wednesday 21st May 2025

Oliver Milne, Regional Business & Admin Manager – Mid & South Herts Regions, Hertfordshire Music Service, Hertfordshire County Council

We are delighted to announce our upcoming Wind Band Day for all Woodwind, Brass and Percussion players! This event is aimed at students in year groups 4-9.

Students need to have at least two terms playing experience. Students will be grouped in bands suited to their standard. In addition, if students have learnt an instrument with their school class, we will be offering a beginner group. This event is open to any pupil learning an instrument, regardless of where you have lessons.

Workshop will be from 9.30am-2.45pm on Wednesday 21st May.

The deadline for signing up is Wednesday 14th May.

The fee is £25 per pupil - Sign up here

https://UKHERTFORDSHIRE.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=985#/Course/178/0/4220/985

The following instruments are welcome:

- Flute,
- Clarinet,
- Saxophones,
- Oboe,
- Bassoon,
- Trumpet,
- French Horn,
- Tenor Horn,
- Euphonium,
- Trombone,
- Baritone,
- Tuba,
- Electric Bass,
- Double Bass,
- Percussion
- and Drum Kit.

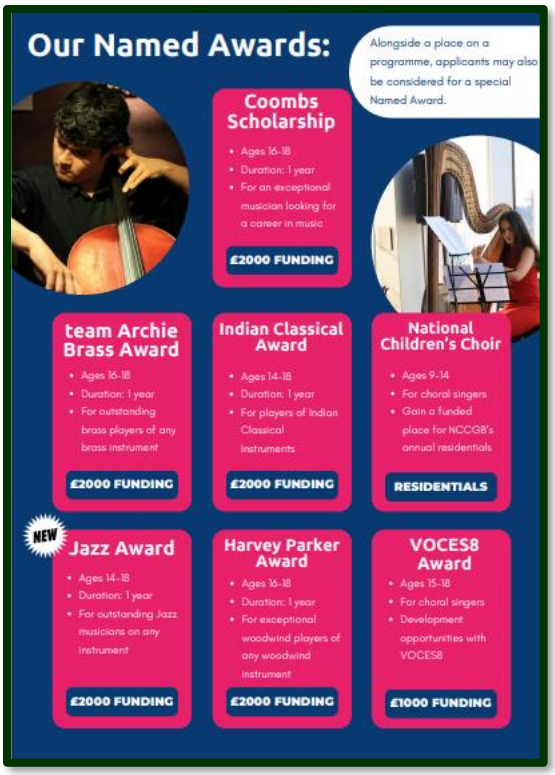
This event takes place during the school day – you must get consent from your Head teacher prior to attending the event.

Future Talent Awards – Application Information for Pupil Premium Students

The Future Talent Awards are now open for applications, providing financial support and workshops to students who demonstrate a clear commitment to their music education, and who come from households with a combined income under £33,000.

Future Talent is a charity dedicated to helping young individuals who are passionate about music and wish to further their musical education.

Applications are open until April 16, 2025, just scan the QR code on the flyer below.



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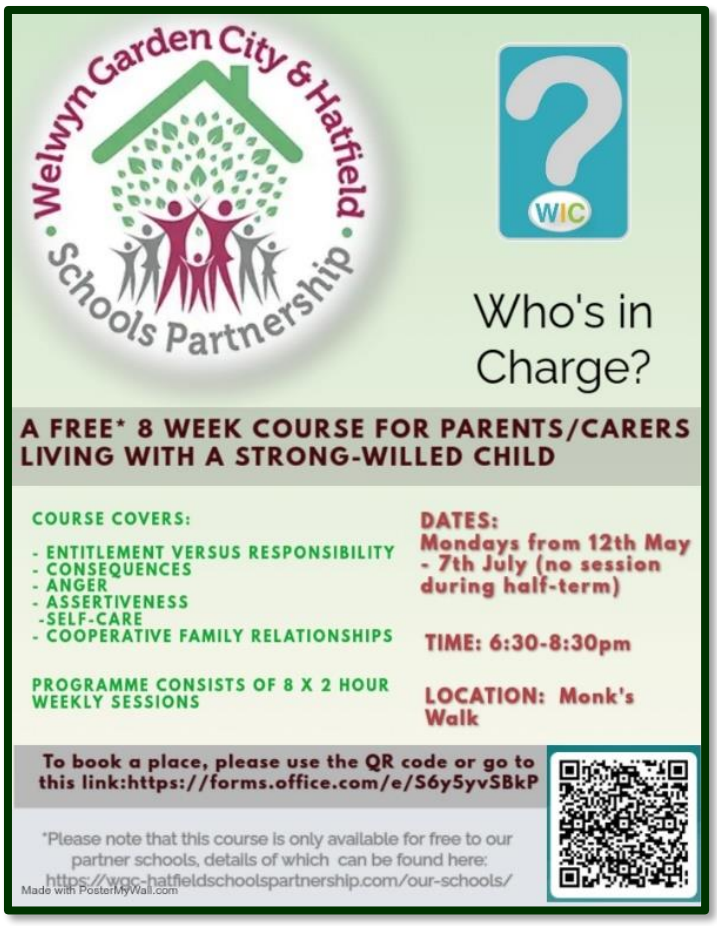
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DATES: Mondays from 12th May - 7th July (no session during half-term)
TIME: 6:30-8:30pm
LOCATION: Monk's Walk
To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link:https://forms.office.com/e/S6y5yvSBkP
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