

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

It was a pleasure this week to welcome our new Year 7 students who will be joining us in September 2025. We hope they enjoyed their transition day and that it helped them to feel more confident and excited about starting secondary school. Looking ahead to our final week of this academic year next week, we are looking forward to our Drop Down Day on Monday. This is a special day off-timetable, offering students the chance to develop valuable life and career skills. Years 7 and 8 will take part in a range of life skills activities designed to build confidence, teamwork, and practical knowledge. Year 9 students will be out on Work Shadowing Day, gaining first-hand experience of a working environment in a field of their interest. Year 10 will remain in school for a Get Work Ready workshop, including mock interviews and job application tasks to prepare them for the world of work. Our end of term assemblies will celebrate student achievements, and on Thursday we will be holding our much-anticipated Festival on the Field. This annual event is always a highlight and a wonderful way to finish the term. Proceeds from the festival will be donated to our chosen charity for this year, Safeline, a specialist sexual abuse support charity who believes everyone affected by or at risk of sexual abuse should feel supported and empowered. We kindly ask that students bring in a small amount of change on the day to contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Headteacher's Commendations

Ezra Vermeulen Yr.7 for broadening life experiences and putting yourself out of your comfort zones during the recent Year 7 PGL trip.

Poppy Allen, Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader.

Helena-Joanne Chalkley, Yr.7 for amazing progress with reading during the last year.

Riley Brabazon, Yr.7 for outstanding achievements with his football team.

Katie Eason, Yr.8 for performing in two shows recently for both her stage-coach and at the Alban Arena.

Edward Kane, Yr.8 for excellent work when volunteering with the Commonswood School Fair.

Kolin Varhelyi, Yr.9 for an outstanding presentation in the Year 9 Assembly for his Film Production work.

Andrii Lych, Yr.10 for excellent progress with reading, improving his reading age by five years.

Mari Akhiashvili, Yr.10 for excellent progress with reading, improving her reading age by three years.

Liam Jackson, Yr.10 for selfless support of another student during this half term.

Olivia Jordan, Yr.10 for outstanding achievements with her recent Tap exam and passing with a distinction.



Quote of the week:

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill

Wish you a restful weekend. Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

14th – 18th July 2025

Week A

14 th – 17 th	Year 12 Extended Learning Week
14 th	Year 7 & 8 Drop Down Day Year 10 Get Work Ready Day Year 7 Commonswood Primary School Trip, 8.40-11am Year 13 Prom
15 th – 17 th	Year 10 Berlin Trip
15 th	End of Term House Assembly Reward Store Trips
16 th	End of Term House Assembly
17 th	End of Term House Assembly Festival on the Field, 1.20-3pm Uniform Sale, 4-5.30pm
18 th	End of Term House Assembly End of Summer Term, students dismissed from 12.20pm

Festival on the Field, Thursday 17th July

Our annual Festival on the Field takes place on Thursday 17th July.

For a suggested donation of £1 students can wear non-uniform for the day. Please remember we do not allow crop tops or slogans. Shorts should be appropriate and not revealing in any way.

Please allow your child to bring in some change for the stalls and activities.

All proceeds will be donated to this year's school charity, Safeline.



Uniform Sale

Back by popular demand, we are holding a uniform sale of second hand items and a limited stock of new items with the old school logo.

Please note, this event is cash only.

Thursday 17th July, 4pm

Lost Property

We have several coats and jackets in lost property. If your child has lost a coat or jacket, please ask them to come to the school office at break or lunch to check if we have it.

Anything not claimed by the end of term will be donated to a charity.

Thank you.



Year 5 Taster sessions

Mr Braybrook, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

We have been delighted to host a number of local primary schools over the past few weeks with over 240 Year 5 students from St John's Lemsford, Applecroft, Howe Dell, Holwell and Templewood schools coming to Stanborough to experience life at a secondary school.

The students were treated to an Art and Science session and they also got to see parts of the school and had some refreshments in the canteen. The behaviour and approach of all the students taking part has been exemplary and they have been a credit to their respective schools. It was also great to see our Year 10 and 9 students working with them in the science laboratory. The primary school students really appreciated the opportunity to come and experience 'big school' and they all had lots of questions about life at Stanborough (mainly involving the price of items available in the canteen!!)

Thanks go to Mrs Pearson, Miss Hagen, Mr Fanning, Mrs Wilson and Mr Whelan-Hind for leading the sessions. Thanks also to Mrs Shah and the science technician team for setting up the experiments and the ADT technician team for supporting in ADT. Thanks also to Mr Hill for helping to transport the students to and from the school.

We look forward to some similar visits next summer!

School Council Visits Welwyn Hatfield Council Offices

Mr Modi, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Some of our students visited the WELHAT Council Offices today, where we were welcomed by the Mayor, Lynne Chesterman OBE and Deputy Mayor, Michal Siewniak. Our students learnt about local elections, how to get involved in community events, how to become a councillor and they also participated in a mini debate on 'Should the voting age be reduced to 16?' and 'Should teaching of politics be made mandatory across secondary schools?' Another exciting session was a quiz on 'roles of WELHAT council vs roles of County Council', the quizmaster being the Mayor herself! Our students made a really good impression and the engagement was truly amazing. They also asked lots of questions and showed a great deal of confidence in expressing their viewpoint.



Student Success

Edward, 8BM, worked very hard all day on Saturday, volunteering to help with the set-up, running and tidying up of the Commonswood School Summer Fair. Good job, Edward!



Riley, 7HM, won the Player's Player of the Year award, as voted by his team mates, at his annual football club ceremony last weekend. Well done, Riley!



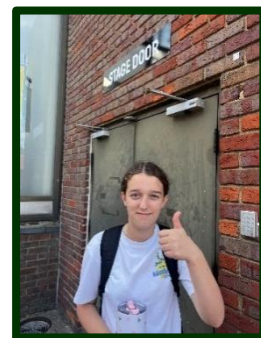
Congratulations to Zenzo, 7HC, on his football success for this season. For the 2024/2025 season he has won four Awards: Coaches Player Award (06/07/25), Mid Herts Sportsmanship Award, Chelsea Star Player Award on World Club Foot Day and Welwyn Garden City FC Blue Cup Tournament.



Congratulations to Olivia, 10BM, for recently completing her grade 3 tap exam. Olivia has also passed her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award with a distinction. Well done, Olivia!



Katie, 8HC, performed in two shows last weekend, one for stage coach and one at the Alban arena in the Addams family.



Sam, 7HM and Grace, 7SE, recently attended a Netball tournament in Brean Sands where they came away as SCI U12 Winners, this is in addition to also Winning the Welwyn Garden City Junior U12 Division 1

Huge congratulations to Cait, 10SM, who is in Spain competing with her dance group for Team England in the Dance World Cup finals. Cait and her contemporary group have won a Bronze medal and Cait has more dances yet to come! Amazing, well done, Cait!



Young Geographer of the Year 2025: Amazing Islands

Mrs Macdonald, Geography Teacher, writes:

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 'Understanding Islands', and we would like to encourage our fantastic Stanborough geographers to participate.



It is estimated that our planet contains almost 670,000 islands, of which around 11,000 are permanently inhabited. Islands have a unique geography; their landscapes and coastlines vary massively – some are home to volcanoes; others are barely above sea level. Some are barren, deserts or rocky outcrops, others lush vegetation havens for a range of unique wildlife and plant species. There are islands seen by many as popular holiday destinations, and there are others that are inaccessible or many miles from civilisation. Every island is unique, and every island has its challenges.

The geography of islands is an interesting one. Some are threatened by climate change and issues such as sea level rise, and so form a crucial component of international discussions on tackling the climate crisis. The people who live on islands face a range of socio-economic, cultural or historical challenges, from over-use of their towns and cities by tourists, to access to resources, clean water or adequate living conditions. The 'ownership' of some islands is contested; some are protected, others are fought over because of their geopolitical or strategic significance. In some places, islands are being created to meet the need for more space to satisfy our growing population. By exploring and understanding islands, including the island we live on, we can unlock a multitude of geographical themes and connections across people, places and environments.

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:

[2025 competition - RGS](#)

All entries should be submitted to Mrs Macdonald 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 and win a Headteacher Award.

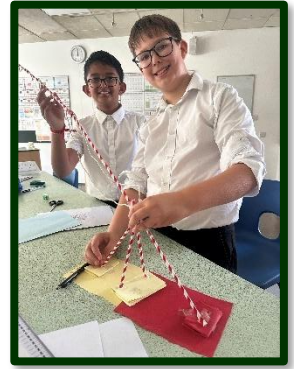
Good luck and have fun!

OXO Team building challenge at Stanborough

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Our Year 7's were challenged to build a free standing structure, that supported an OXO cube as far away from the table edge as possible, without touching the floor. They put a tremendous effort and the results were outstanding!

Thank you to Mrs Mabbs and Ms Wilson!



Paneer making Scientists!

Mrs Shah, Senior Science Technician, writes:

Our Year 7 scientists had a great experience making paneer (cottage cheese) in Ms Wilson's class. Paneer can be used to add body, nutrition and flavour to any dish.

Well done to our Yr 7's!

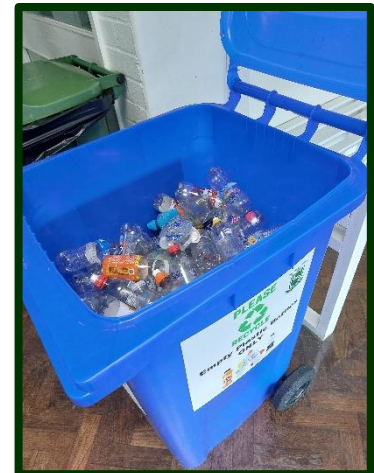


Plastic bottle recycling trial update

The Eco Ambassador plastic bottle recycling trial has been very successful with all the bins being well used in the dining hall and Year 7 quad.

We are pleased to announce that more plastic bottle recycling bins will be available in more areas around the school from September.

Thank you to Dr Jolly and our Eco Ambassadors!



LSP July 2025 newsletter

The latest LSP newsletter is now available to download from our website,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/WGCH-Newsletter-July-2025-compressed-2-1.pdf>



Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mrs Sahjpall, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:

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Higher GCSE Question

All the students in Year 11 at a school must study at least one of Geography (G), History (H) and Religious Studies (R).

In Year 11 there are 65 students.

Of these students

15 study Geography, History and Religious Studies

21 study Geography and History

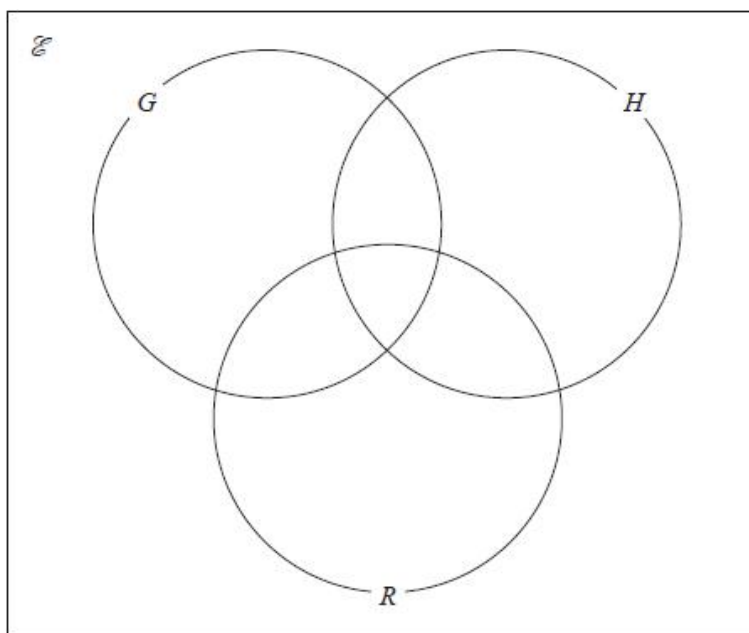
16 study Geography and Religious Studies

30 study Geography

18 study only Religious Studies

37 study Religious Studies

(a) Using this information, complete the Venn diagram to show the number of students in each region of the Venn diagram.



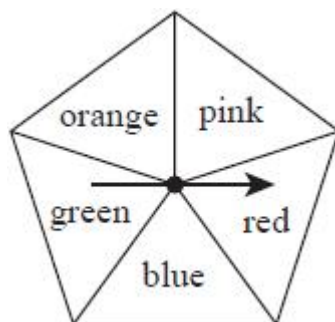
A student in Year 11 who studies both History and Religious Studies is chosen at random.

(b) Work out the probability that this student does **not** study Geography.

Foundation GCSE Question



Grace has a biased 5-sided spinner.



Grace is going to spin the arrow on the spinner once.

The table below gives the probabilities that the spinner will land on red or on blue or on green.

Colour	Red	Blue	Green	Orange	Pink
Probability	0.20	0.12	0.08		

The probability that the spinner will land on orange is 3 times the probability that the spinner will land on pink.

(a) Work out the probability that the spinner will land on orange.

Grace spins the arrow on the spinner 150 times.

(b) Work out an estimate for the number of times the spinner lands on blue.

Root Word of the Week

W/c 14th July 2025



Root Word of the Week : Science

therm = heat

thermal 

isotherm

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

LinkedIn -

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/stanborough-school/>



Clubs and Activities Summer 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.

[Clubs & Activities Summer Term Booklet](#)

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
Thursday	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	Mr Mollison
	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
	House Dance Rehearsals	All Years	3-4.15pm	Gym	Miss Novelli
	3D Design Club	All Years	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
Tuesday	Nature & Eco Club	All Years	3-4.15pm	Meet in S10	Dr Jolly
	Keyboard Club	Year 7 - 9	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
	Lego Robotics Club	All Years	3.15-4.15pm	C1/C5	Mr Brown
Wednesday	Table Tennis	All Years	3-4pm	Gym	Mr Woodward
	Book Club	Year 11-13	3-4pm	F5	Ms Tomic
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
	3D Design Club	All Years	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
	Coding Club	All Years	3.15-4.15pm	C1	Mr Brown

Sports & PE Extra Curricular Clubs

The SOCS Sports Calendar is now available on our website under What's On/Sports Calendar, [Stanborough School, Welwyn Garden City | Sports Home](#)

	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	Softball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
Tuesday	Cricket	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
	Athletics	All Years	Sports Hall	PE Staff
Wednesday	Table Tennis	All Years	Gym	Mr Woodward
Thursday	Rounders	All Years	Sports Hall	Miss Cheal, Miss Novelli & Miss Newman
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 Minaoui
Year 7 -11	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	3-4pm	C2	Miss Minaoui

Subject	Year Group	Day	Time	Location	Staff Member
Art Catch-up	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	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan & Mr Woodward
3D Catch-up	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
Hospitality & Catering Catch-up	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A5	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
GCSE Further Maths	Year 10 & 11	Thursday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan & Mr Woodward
MFL Homework Club	All Years	Thursday	3-4pm	G19	Miss Abbott
Maths Revision KS5	Year 12/13	Friday	1.20-2pm	G7	Mrs Coldwell

Coming up for Autumn Term

Whizzy Wizards' Writing Workshop for Year 7-9 students from September 2025 every Tuesday F5

Do you think YOU'VE got what it takes to be a wizard at writing?

Do YOU enjoy creating MAGIC when you write?

Would YOU love the chance of winning prizes for your short stories and being part of a junior editing team, contributing to Stanborough's first EVER *Stanborough Junior Times Monthly Newsletter*?

Then come along to Ms Davies' *Whizzy Wizards' Writing Workshop* and find out more!!

Wands will be provided ...

Looking for free rainy day activities for the summer holidays?

See the information and posters below from Beezee who are part of NHS Hertfordshire:

Are you starting to think of ways to keep children entertained over the summer holidays? We know it can be difficult to think of ways to get the kids moving, especially on rainy days! Our expert team are here to help.

We run Beezee Families, a FREE healthy lifestyle programme that our family nutritionists deliver across Hertfordshire during term time. However, families can access our Beezee Academy online all year round, whatever the weather!

Our programmes are available in-person and online to support families to build healthy habits around food and physical activity.

[Visit our website for more details.](#)

Also, we are running a FREE online Masterclass on 30th July 6pm – 7pm

[FREE Feeding the family on a budget masterclass - Free Healthy Lifestyle Services | Hertfordshire.](#)



Beezee
by maximus

Ready to unlock the secrets of healthy eating on a budget?

Date: Wednesday 30 July Time: 6pm-7pm

Join us for a FREE one-hour workshop to get practical tips from our nutritionists. During your time with us you can:

- Discover low-cost healthy swaps
- Understand the importance of meal planning
- Get tips to stick to your shopping list and budget
- Learn about different cooking methods
- Ask questions and get free resources!

Secure your FREE spot today

@BZInfo@maximusuk.co.uk

01707 248648

hrt.maximusuk.co.uk/events

Hertfordshire



Beezee
FAMILIES

Looking for free rainy day activities?

The summer holidays are just around the corner and while we're hoping for more sunshine, you never know.

Looking for ways to get the kids moving more and using screens less? We're here to help!

Check out our rainy day activities.

Our **FREE** healthy lifestyle programme, **Beezee Families**, can help you get moving, find tasty recipes, and have fun no matter the weather!

Scan the code to sign up today

...or click here to get started

hrt.maximusuk.co.uk

Find out more on our website

Get a FREE summer activity pack

Make an indoor obstacle course

Have a dance party

Host an indoor picnic

Play sink or float

Try a new healthy recipe

Write a play and perform it

Go on a puddle walk

Don't forget the wellies!

Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

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Summer programmes shared by Services For Young People



Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People

POSITIVE PATHWAYS PROJECT

BREAKS MANOR

Link Drive
Hatfield, AL10 8TP

Join us this summer!
Tuesday – Friday each week
29 July to 15 August 2025
5pm-8pm each day

For young people aged 12-16

For more information or to join your local project, contact us or scan the QR code below

Helping you to stay safe

Positive Pathways is here to help you feel safe, supported, and ready to take on whatever comes your way.

Our Youth Workers are here to:

- Help you build confidence and feel good about yourself
- Support you to make informed choices and learn life skills
- Work with you to set goals and tackle anything that's bothering you
- Develop and learn new skills
- Get you involved in fun, positive activities

Tel: 01992 588220
sfyp.welwynhatfield@hertfordshire.gov.uk
www.servicesforyoungpeople.org
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Services for
Young People



Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Trinity Hall

Woodhall Lane
Welwyn Garden City AL7 3TP

Join us this summer!
Tuesday – Friday each week
29 July to 15 August 2025
2pm-6pm each day

For young people aged 12-16

Priority booking for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals

Free summer holiday activities

- Fun physical activities such as sports, dance and team games
- Creative activities such as music production, cooking, and arts and crafts
- Informal healthy lifestyles workshops
- Socialising with other young people and making new friends
- Free healthy food every day
- Information about other local services

Use the QR code below or contact SFYP Welwyn Hatfield Team to sign up.

Tel: 01992 588220
Text: 07860 065173
sfyp.welwynhatfield@hertfordshire.gov.uk
www.servicesforyoungpeople.org
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Services for
Young People

Herts Summer Parks 2025

Herts Summer Parks 2025 is back this August with FREE, fun activities for young people.

King George V Playing Fields: 4th, 11th, & 18th August



FREE PARKS FESTIVAL WITH FOOD



Coming to
WELWYN GARDEN CITY
AGES 12-16

WHERE
King George
Playing Fields,
Beehive Lane,
Welwyn Garden
City, AL7 4BP

WHEN
4th August
11th August
18th August
3pm – 6pm

Register your
interest here


Free takeaway vouchers available if you attend activities