

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

We are pleased to offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our students this term, there really is something for everyone. We hope you will encourage your child to take part in at least two activities each week. A full list of clubs and activities has been emailed to all parents and is also available on our school website and in the weekly Stanborough Times. Please check these regularly, as new opportunities may be added and, on occasion, small changes may occur. Parents/carers can also access the SOCS system, which provides details of all activities and allows you to sign your child up directly. The PE department uses SOCS to share information about fixtures, team sheets, times, and locations, while the Music department uses it to organise instrumental lessons. We encourage all parents to log in and explore what is on offer.

At Stanborough, we take great pride in celebrating the achievements of our students both in and out of school. We believe that participating in extra-curricular activities helps young people develop valuable life skills, and we showcase these successes in the Stanborough Times, on social media, in assemblies, and through the Headteacher's weekly commendation award. If your child has recently taken part in an activity outside school and you would like to share this with us, then email me and your child's Year Leader with a brief description of the activity and a photo.

Headteacher's Commendations

Ava James and Evie Lewis, Yr.7 for excellent attitude to learning across all subjects.

Scarlett Wake, Yr.8 for performing in Shrek the Musical and Alice in Wonderland with her theatre group Mimic.

Summer Thurgood, Yr.8 for achieving 3rd place in the recent article writing competition 'My year at Stanborough'.

Leah Pedley, Yr.9 for earning her certification as a trampolining coach.

Huxley Lewis, Max Curry, Jack Eley, Ewan Davidson, Harry Robinson and Hadleigh Goddard for outstanding achievements with the Welwyn Rugby Club Under 14's team.

Mahir Joshi, Yr.10 for achieving 1st place in the recent article writing competition 'My year at Stanborough'.

Wojciech Napiorkowski, Yr.10 for achieving 2nd place in the recent article writing competition 'My year at Stanborough'.

Esmee Bone, Yr.11 for securing 2nd place overall in the recent National Youth Omnium Final.

Luisa Iliso, Yr.13 for a diligent approach and thorough execution of an extended project on Jury verdicts.

Lutzia Holbourns and Esther Large, Yr.13 for conscientiously working with gifted and talented students.



Quote of the week:

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure." Colin Powell

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Breaktime with the Headteacher

Congratulations to all the students who achieved the top 10 highest attitude to learning scores last term.

Year 8



Ella Kirby, Charlotte Flin, Max Holmes,
Sila Rashleigh, Rosie Wu, Poppy Allen,
Della Dykes, Favour Adesanya,
Annabel Sharp, Thomas Winnie

Year 9



Luke Johnson, Elsie Reding, Sadie Newton,
Holly Turner, Sophie Lawson,
Maddie Page, Oscar Kirk,
Bethany Redmond, Daisy Savine,
Holly Barratt

Year 10



Wojciech Napiorkowski, Flavius Azoitei,
Jimmy Dykes, Kolin Varhelyi,
Oreoluwa Oyedare, Kloe Francis,
Charlotte Winston, Laura Murray,
Noah McQuillen, Amy Macdonald,
Grace Matthews, Nola Olson,
Zachary Palin

Year 11



Jude Sheppard, Amrita Das, Maja Hoss,
Fraser Gibbs, Cecily Judge, Eva Neill,
David Antunes, Cait McIntosh,
Robert Winnie, Tiona Shulemaja

Congratulations to our Year 12 student who achieved the top GCSE grades this summer



Isabel Jarvis, Rebecca Sanders,
Isobel Harrington, Oreoluwa Oyedare,
Javan Senaratne, Waiswa Abdalla,
Deborah Fajemiyo, Serkan Savasci,
Hannah Broderick, Paige Wadley,
Denzel Adebambi, Zac Lewis,
James Robinson, Esther Adesanya,
Harrison Walton, Leo Gomes,
Gabriel Jasson, Zara Millar, Alec Lowe,
Taylor Villiers



Forthcoming Events

22nd – 26th September 2025

Week B

22 nd	Flu Immunisations
23 rd	Year 8 Workshop, Social Rights & Responsibilities, 9am-1.20pm
25 th	Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, 11am-1pm Open Evening, 5.30-8.30pm Early finish for students at 12.20pm
26 th	Late start for Students, 11am House Celebration Day & Run for Stanborough

Open Evening, Thursday 25th September 2025

Early finish for students on Thursday 25th and late start on Friday 26th

Mrs Armitage, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

On Thursday 25th September, the school will close at 12:20pm at the end of Period 3 to allow staff to get ready for the evening event. There will be no lunch service, however students with free school meals entitlement will be provided with a meal. 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 26th September, there will be a late start to facilitate clearing away materials from the previous night's event. Students should arrive at school no earlier than 10:50am for tutor time at 11am. On this day, there will be no break service in the canteen. Lunch will be served as normal.

House Celebration Day & Run for Stanborough, Friday 26th September 2025

Mr Foster, House Co-ordinator, writes:

Friday 26th September is our House Celebration Day where students can wear their house colours for the day. During the afternoon, students take part in our annual run for Stanborough or charity walk around Stanborough lakes. The afternoon is finished off back at school with charity stalls run by students. Please allow your child to bring in some money for the stalls and activities.



Open Evening 2025

25th September, 5.30 – 8.30pm
The Headteacher Talks will take place at 6pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm



Open mornings will run
30th September, 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th & 16th 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

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STANBOROUGH HOUSE CELEBRATION DAY!

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025
AFTERNOON

RUN FOR STANBOROUGH HOUSE COMPETITION
CHARITY WALK
HOUSE FAYRE WITH STALLS

WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS

STUDENTS ARE SELECTED TO COMPETE IN THE HOUSE RUN BY THEIR HOUSE REPS
STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT SELECTED TO COMPETE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CHARITY WALK

Bring money for the stalls at the House fayre

Road Safety and Parking

We would like to remind parents/carers to be considerate at all times when picking up or dropping off your children. Please do not block driveways or cause congestion in the roads surrounding Lemsford Lane. A reminder that it is illegal to stop on double yellow lines which are in place outside the school.

We would also ask that you do not use the entrance to the school car parks themselves to drop students off as this also causes disruption.

Thank you for your support to help keep our community safe.



Bicycles

If your child cycles to and from school please ensure they are locked securely, ideally with a D-lock. Bicycles are left at their own risk and we advise that they are not left on school property overnight.



Curriculum Booklets, 2025/26

Mr Persand, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

With this week's edition of the Stanborough Times you should find an attached booklet of Curriculum Maps for the year group of your child (Year 7-11). These will outline the curriculum offered in each curriculum area over the course of the year. Electronic copies of the booklet can be found on the relevant year group page under 'School Life' on the school website,

[Year 7 – Stanborough School](#)

[Year 8 – Stanborough School](#)

[Year 9 – Stanborough School](#)

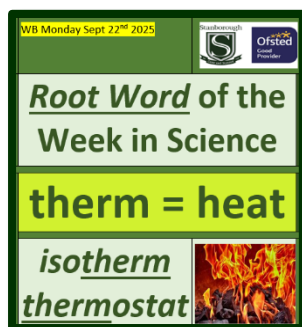
[Year 10 – Stanborough School](#)

[Year 11 – Stanborough School](#)

Individual curriculum areas also will have all their curriculum maps on their subject page which you can find in the 'Learning' section of the website, [Subjects – Stanborough School](#)

We hope you find these resources helpful in supporting your child at school. If you have any specific questions about an individual curriculum area, please do not hesitate to contact the curriculum leader for that area. These can be found in the 'Staff' section of the website, [Staff – Stanborough School](#)

**Root Word
of the Week**
W/c 22nd September 2025



Vacancies

Music & Drama Technician

We are looking to appoint a Music and Drama Technician to provide technical and general assistance to the teaching staff in the Music and Drama Departments, both in and out of the classroom.

Please see our website for more information,

[Staff Vacancies – Stanborough School](#)

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137847/EDV-2025-SS-19873>

Closing date: 29th September 2025, 9am

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JOB VACANCY



Music & Drama Technician

CLOSING DATE : 29TH SEPTEMBER 2025, 9AM

See our website for details



Science Technician

We are seeking to appoint a full time, term time only Science Technician to support the learning of science by ensuring that all practical, demonstration and assessment requirements are met on time and safely.

Please our website for more information, [Staff Vacancies – Stanborough School](#)

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137847/EDV-2025-SS-13124>

Closing date: 3rd October, 9am

Stanborough School
JOB VACANCY



Science Technician
full time or part time

CLOSING DATE : 3RD OCTOBER 2025, 9AM

See our website for details



Student Success

Maddie, 9HC and Daniel, 7HM both represented Herts Phoenix Athletics Club this summer in five league meetings. The club came 7th out of 24 teams in the Eastern Young Athletes League and qualified for the Plate Final which was held in Thurrock earlier this month. In the Final, the club came 3rd out of 12 teams. Well done, Maddie and Daniel!

Clubs & Activities, Autumn Term 2025, update

Unfortunately, Discover club on a Friday lunchtime has been cancelled for this term.



Geography Competition: Destination Stanborough!

Mrs MacDonald, Subject Leader: Geography, writes:

Some of you may have enjoyed following the BBC show 'Destination X' over the summer holiday, where contestants compete to solve clues to work out where they are. This term, the Geography department are launching our very own 'Destination Stanborough' competition. Each week, two clues will be released via 'X', Instagram and the Stanborough Times. These clues all link to **one particular city or landmark**, which could be anywhere in the world. There will be **8 clues in total** and the answer will be revealed after all clues have been shared. If you think you have solved the clues, email Mrs Macdonald (AMacdonald@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) with your answer. Points will be awarded at the end of the competition as follows:

- All entries will receive a **bronze award**
- Correct entries with *some explanation* of how the clues are linked to the place will receive a **silver award**
- Correct entries with a *full explanation of the clues* submitted within the first two weeks (4 clues) will receive a **gold award**.

Here are the second set of clues, Good Luck!

Question of the Week

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

Mr McCarthy, writes:

A big thank you for all who entered last week. The correct answer was

Swastika

Chakra

Aum

Shiva Lingam

Lotus

A silver awarded to all.

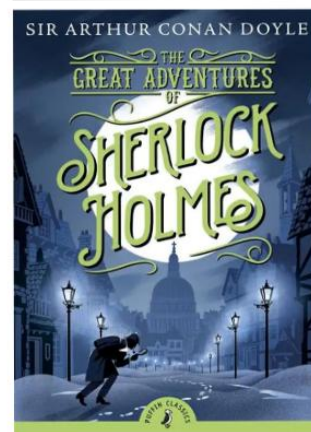
This week's question is from Judaism:

Becoming a teenager brings rewards and responsibilities. Judaism practices a rite of passage for its teenage boys and girls. What is each rite of passage called?

Please include your full name on all returned answers. Closing date for submissions is midnight on Sunday. A silver for all correct answers received.

Good luck and thanks for playing.

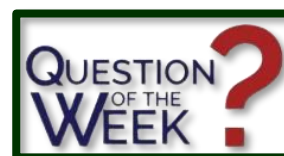
Clue #3



Clue #4



King Arthur



Question of the Week

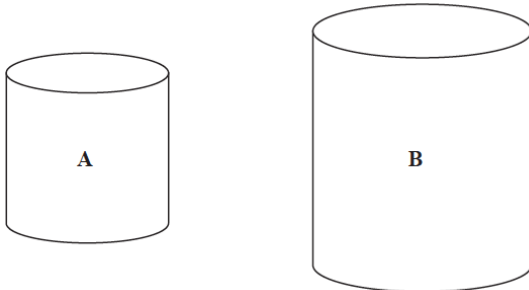
Mathematics

Mrs Sahjpall, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:

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Higher GCSE Question

A and B are two similar cylindrical containers.



the surface area of container **A**: the surface area of container **B** = 4 : 9

Tyler fills container **A** with water.

She then pours all the water into container **B**.

Tyler repeats this and stops when container **B** is full of water.

Work out the number of times that Tyler fills container **A** with water.

You must show all your working.

Foundation GCSE Question

Andy went on holiday to Canada.

His flights cost a total of £1500.

Andy stayed for 14 nights.

His hotel room cost \$196 per night.

Andy used wifi for 12 days.

Wifi cost \$5 per day.

The exchange rate was \$1.90 to £1.

Work out the total cost of the flights, the hotel room and wifi.

Give your answer in pounds.

Clubs and Activities Autumn 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	Mr Torindo
Tuesday	Whizzy Wizards' Writing Workshop	Year 7-9	F5	Miss Davies
Wednesday	Concert Band (Woodwind & Brass)	All Years	MD4	Miss Naylor
Thursday	Music Theory Club	All Years	MD3	Miss Naylor
	LGBTQ+ Group	All Years	F6	Ms Butcher
	Script Writing Club	Year 9+	C4	Mrs Buist
Friday	Music Technology Club	Year 10 & 11	MD3	Mr Mollison

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
	Sound and Light Team	All Years	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
Wednesday	School of Rock	Performers	3-4pm	MD1	Miss Naylor, Mr Mollison, Mr Jones, Mrs Thaker
Thursday	Chess Club	All Years	3-4pm	LRC	Miss Wilson
	Instrumental Club	Year 7-9	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
Friday	Maths Enrichment	All Years	3.30-4.30pm	C3	Mrs Coldwell

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	Year 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Minion
Tuesday	Dance	All Years	Gym	Miss Novelli
	Basketball	Year 7, 8 & 9	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
Wednesday	Volleyball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
Thursday	Girls Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Miss Novelli
Friday	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris

	Afterschool (3.00-4.15pm)	Year	Location	Teacher in charge
Monday	Girls Football	All Years	Field	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
	Boys Football	Year 7	Field	Mr Foster
Tuesday	Netball	Year 8	Courts	Mrs Harris
	Boys Football	Year 8, 9 & 10	Field	Mr Harris, Mr Foster, Mr Minion
Wednesday	Netball	Year 10 & 11	Courts	Miss Novelli
	Volleyball	Year 11	Sports Hall	Mr Harris, Mr Foster, Mr Minion
Thursday	Netball	Year 7 & 9	Courts	Miss Cheal
	Basketball	Year 9 & 10	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
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	C2	Mrs Stratton
Year 7 -11	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	3-4pm	C2	Mrs Stratton

Subject	Year Group	Day	Time	Location	Staff Member
Music GCSE Drop-in	Year 10 & 11 Music Students	Monday	1.30-2pm	MD3	Miss Naylor
KS3 Maths	Year 7, 8 & 9	Monday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan
3D Catch-up	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
Hospitality & Catering Catch-up	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A5	Miss Hagan
Art Catch-up	KS4	Tuesday	3-4pm	A1	Mrs Pearson
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
MFL Homework Club	All Years	Thursday	3-4pm	G19	Miss Abbott
Maths Revision KS5	Year 12/13	Friday	1.20-2pm	C8	Mrs Coldwell

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/>



Co-parenting with Care Programme for Parents

Family lives are delivering **Co-parenting with care for parents with children with SEN** programme during the Autumn term, funded by Herts County Council for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.



Co-parenting with Care programme for parents with children with SEN.

This 6-week online programme offers a structured approach to help you navigate your unique challenges, improve your relationship, and create a more supportive environment for your SEN child/ren .

The programme covers themes including:

- Understanding SEN and its impact on children and family dynamics
- Effective Communication Skills
- Managing Emotions & Stress
- Collaborative Problem Solving
- Building a Supportive Network
- Creating a Unified Parenting Approach



These 2 courses will be delivered via MS Teams, over 6 sessions on the following dates/times:

Date: Wednesday 15, 22 October and 5, 12, 19 & 26 November

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Date: Thursday 16, 23 October and 6, 13, 20 & 27 November

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

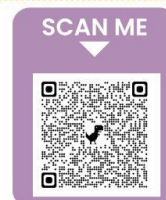
For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699

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EVERY FRIDAY
12TH SEPTEMBER - 5TH DECEMBER '25
(EXCEPT THROUGH HALF TERM)
10AM - 12PM

St Philip Howard Primary School
Woods Avenue
Hatfield
AL10 8NN

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WELWYN & HATFIELD PARENT SUPPORT SESSIONS

Struggling with your child's behaviour at home?
Feeling stressed, tired, or isolated?
Join our support sessions for guidance and connection.

You'll have the chance to talk with a NESSIE therapist, a Family Support Worker, and other parents facing similar challenges.

Together, we'll provide support, discuss concerns, problem-solve, and explore strategies or resources to meet your family's needs.

Thursday 18th September
12:45pm - 2:45pm
St Philip Howard Primary
School, Woods Avenue,
Hatfield
AL10 8NN
[BOOK HERE](#)

Thursday 2nd October
10am - 12pm
Holwell Primary School,
Holwell Road,
Welwyn Garden City
AL7 3RP
[BOOK HERE](#)

Thursday 13th November
12:45pm - 2:45pm
St Philip Howard Primary
School, Woods Avenue,
Hatfield
AL10 8NN
[BOOK HERE](#)

Thursday 4th December
10am - 12pm
Holwell Primary School,
Holwell Road,
Welwyn Garden City
AL7 3RP
[BOOK HERE](#)

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12-12:45pm, Saturdays 9-10:30am, Saturdays
10:30-12pm, Saturdays

6 - 18 years: Main Company
9:15-12:15pm, Saturdays
12:45-3:45pm, Saturdays

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WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

Ages 4-5 years
9:30-11:30am
£17

Stanborough School,
Lemsford Lane, WGC

