

## Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Letters have been sent out over the last couple weeks about the trips and visits planned for July 2026. If you would like your child to take part in any of these trips please ensure consent and the deposit is made via Arbor by the deadline outlined in the letter. Year 7 are invited to PGL, Year 9 to Florence, Year 10 to Berlin and students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 who are studying sciences (or who are considering studying sciences) are able to put their name forward for a trip to CERN in Switzerland. See your letter for all the details, these are also available on our website. We are proud to be able to offer our students such incredible opportunities like this and a huge ‘thank you’ goes to the staff involved in organising and leading these trips.

## Headteacher’s Commendations

For excellent support with Summer School 2025;

**Deborah Adesanya**

**Benedicta Baffour**

**Gabriel Carvalho**

**Tandie Chitungo**

**Caolan Fanning**

**Scarlett Fowler-Wood**

**Fraser Gibbs**

**Lisa Hartley**

**Maja Hoss**

**Sophie Ikeagwu**

**Cecily Judge**

**Ella Kalarus**

**Izzy Latchford**

**Selma Mangwende**

**Marsilda Memishaj**

**Kayla Mngomba**

**Yolanda Mwanyangwa**

**Amy O’Reilly**

**Jasper Robinson**

**Tess Settle**

**Jude Sheppard**

**Tiona Shulemaja**

**Hannah Underwood**

**Olti Skenderi**



## Quote of the week:

“There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work toward the same goals.” **Idowu Koyenikan**

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



# Headteacher Commendations





## Forthcoming Events

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Week A

13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 MFL Orals Mocks 1
14 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning, by appointment only SEND Information Afternoon, 2.10-2.50pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 UK university Search Trip. 10am-2pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning, by appointment only Year 9 Campus West Trip, 8.40-11am

## Open Mornings

### By appointment only

Our final two open mornings for this year take place on

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Please contact

[openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) to book a place.

## Root Word of the Week

W/c 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

WB Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

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**Root Word of the Week in Science**

**chlor = green**

**chlorine**

**chlorophyll**

Stanborough

# Open Mornings 2025



Open mornings will run  
30<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk)

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## Student Success

Nabeel, 8BM, was recently awarded the best player for Welwyn Garden Tornadoes FC against Wormley Rovers White after scoring two goals and assisting another. Well done, Nabeel!



## Year 8 Drama Session

*Mrs Thaker, Year Leader: Year 8, writes*

Year 8 took part in drama sessions looking at the idea of consent and peer pressure. We looked at the impact of vaping, online presence and bullying. I was really impressed with the work that they produced and the mature responses given. It was a pleasure to bring real life experiences into drama.



Well done Year 8!

## Year 7 Reading Journey Winners 2025

*Ms Davies, Literacy Co-ordinator, writes:*

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 winners!

- Ethan Botes (7BP)
- Megan Murray (7BM)
- Jen Quizzagan (7HM)
- Amelia Sycamore (7SE)
- Keerthi Muddi (7SE)
- Oscar Atkins (7HC)
- Zachary Winter (7BP)
- Hugo Camm (7SE)
- Isabella Grover (7KL)
- Amber Saunders (7KK)



## GCHQ National Language Competition 2025

Mr McGowan, MFL Teacher, writes:

Calling all Year 9 students!

GCHQ, one of the UK's intelligence agencies, is running its annual week-long National Language Competition (NLC) from 17th-21st November 2025, exclusively for Year 9 students. Over the course of five days, teams will compete to score points by tackling a variety of fun, immersive, language-themed challenges of varying difficulty levels hosted on a virtual platform. No prior knowledge is required, only a keenness for languages (and a charged laptop!). The winning team with the most points at the end of the competition will be invited to GCHQ's Headquarters in Cheltenham, to be presented with their trophy! So, what are you waiting for? Assemble your team (up to 4 students per team) and speak to your French/Spanish teacher or go directly to Mr McGowan in G20 to get registered.



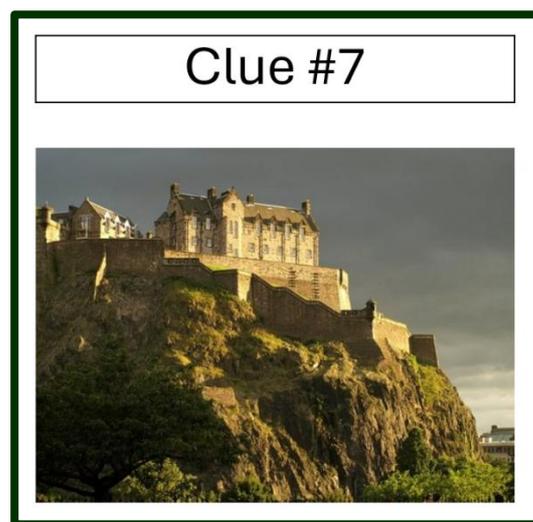
## Geography Competition: Destination Stanborough - Final Week!

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**.

The final set of clues are below - answer to be revealed in next week's Stanborough Times, Good Luck!



# Geography Competition Winners!

Mrs Macdonald, Subject Leader: Geography, writes:

In July, the Geography department launched the 'Young Geographer of the Year 2025' competition. This encouraged pupils to explore the unique geography surrounding the fascinating and diverse islands on our planet. A number of students entered, producing work of an exceptionally high standard, and all participants should be commended for their effort and enthusiasm.

After some deliberation, the winning entries have been selected and can be seen below. Huge congratulations to Edward Kane 9BM and Sofia Protic 9BP. We wish both students the best of luck as they progress to the national competition.

## UNDERSTANDING ISLANDS

### TENERIFE

### CRETE

**LOCATION**

- Tenerife is the largest of the Canary Islands, located to the west of north Africa, and southwest of mainland Europe. It is in the Atlantic Ocean, and is owned by Spain.
- It spans 2,000 square kilometres. It is a triangular shape and is approximately 90 km wide.

**GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES**

- Tenerife is a volcanic island and features the highest peak in Spanish territory, Mount Teide. This is an active, but dormant volcano, and is a staggering 3,715 metres tall!
- Black sand beaches- many of the beaches on Tenerife have 'black sand' due to a combination of volcanic activity and erosion. These beaches are known to be very popular with tourists.
- Tenerife was inhabited mainly due to its volcanic soil, known for being very fertile and easy to grow crops on.

**HISTORY**

- Tenerife was first inhabited by indigenous people from North Africa, until 1494 when the Spanish began their conquest and took control of Tenerife, along with all the Canary Islands.
- The capital of Tenerife is Santa Cruz de Tenerife, a very popular and busy place, being a very touristic area.
- Mount Teide almost splits the island into two halves; the cultural north, mainly inhabited by locals, and the touristic south, full of holiday makers and overly expensive prices.
- Tenerife has a population of 965,000 but receives over 5 million tourists a year.

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

- Due to climate change, Tenerife has faced extreme temperature rises and decreased rainfall, causing many droughts.
- An increased number of wildfires have also been occurring due to these dry and hot conditions, destroying many unique habitats and damaging precious ecosystems.

**LOCATION**

- Crete is located in the Mediterranean Sea, south of its owner, Greece, and north of Libya and Egypt. The sea in between Crete and Greece is known as the Sea of Crete (southern Aegean Sea).
- Crete is by far the largest of Greece's 230 inhabited islands, spanning 8,340 square kilometres.

**GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES**

- Crete was formed through tectonic activity over millions of years, involving the collision of the African and Eurasian tectonic plates. Erosion and sedimentation has created mountains, gorges and plains.
- The highest mountain on Crete is Mount Ida (also known as Psiloritis), which is 2,450 metres tall.
- Crete has an elongated shape, stretching 260km in length and varying in width from 12km to 60km.

**CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS**

- Just like Tenerife, Crete is experiencing extreme temperature rises and a decrease in rainfall, causing severe wildfires all around the island. Crete and Tenerife are not alone, as climate change is causing wildfires in mainland Greece, California, Turkey and many other countries.
- Floods and extreme weather are also some of the impacts of climate change affecting Crete.

**HISTORY**

- Crete only became part of Greece in 1913, after being its own separate civilization for years during the rule of the Ottoman empire.
- It is confirmed to have been inhabited since 7,000BC, although other sources go way further back.
- The Capital of Crete is Heraklion.
- Today, Crete has a population of 670,000 but receives approximately 5 million tourists per year.

# ISLANDS

**What is an Island? Challenges they may face**

An island is a piece of land completely surrounded by water. They can be volcanic, coral, or formed by erosion. They vary in size from tiny rocks to large, inhabited areas.

Islands face challenges from isolation, limited resources, and dependence on imports. They are also vulnerable to storms, volcanic eruptions, rising sea levels, and in some cases, global economic shifts.

**The Azores**

The Azores are a group of nine volcanic islands, governed by Portugal. Its population relies on tourism, fishing and tourism. The main language spoken here is European Portuguese.

Location: North Atlantic, 37°44' N, 25°40' W  
Size: 2,300 km<sup>2</sup>, nine islands  
Population: 240,000  
Human: Dairy, tea, fishing, pineapples, tourism  
Physical: Volcanic, fertile soils, mild climate  
Challenges: Isolation, imports  
Solutions: Eco-tourism, tourism

**Madeira**

Madeira is in the North Atlantic, also Portuguese. Known as the 'Island of Eternal Spring', it is famous for its wine, bananas, and laurel forests. The main language here is European Portuguese.

Location: North Atlantic, 32°45' N, 16°57' W  
Size: Approx. 300 km<sup>2</sup>  
Population: Approx. 250,000  
Human: Wine, bananas, pineapples, tourism  
Physical: Mountains, valleys, laurel forests, mild climate  
Challenges: Erosion, steep land, tourism reliance  
Solutions: Eco-tourism, tourism

**Cape Verde**

Cape Verde is an independent archipelago off West Africa. Although the islands are volcanic, they have a semi-arid climate and are drier than the others. Emigration has shaped its culture. The main language here is Portuguese.

Location: Central Atlantic, 15°00' N, 23°30' W  
Size: 4,000 km<sup>2</sup> (ten islands)  
Population: Approx. 550,000  
Human: Fishing, farms, tourism, emigrant links  
Physical: Volcanic, semi-arid, dry climate  
Challenges: Desertification  
Solutions: Desalination, renewable energy, tourism

**Canary Islands**

The Canary Islands, span out off the northwest coast of Africa. This archipelago has the largest population of the four, and attracts millions of tourists. The main language here is Spanish.

Location: East Atlantic, 28°15' N, 15°35' W  
Size: 7,500 km<sup>2</sup> (8 islands)  
Population: 2.2 million  
Human: Tourism, business, tourism, wine  
Physical: Volcanic, semi-arid climate, beaches  
Challenges: Water shortages  
Solutions: Desalination, tourism

**Similarities**

All four archipelagos have volcanic origins and strategic ocean locations. They face common challenges: isolation, limited resources, environmental vulnerability, and reliance on tourism. Their cultures and biodiversity connect them, and solutions like renewable energy, sustainable tourism, and eco-tourism help support a bright future for all of these islands.

Credits: 1- The Boston Globe, 2- Madeira.com, 3- Europe.com, 4- Tourism.com

**Differences**

The Azores are cooler and wetter, with fertile soils supporting dairy farming and unique crops such as tea. Madeira is greener, with grapes and bananas thriving in its mild subtropical climate. Cape Verde is much drier, shaped by drought and emigration. The Canary Islands are the most populated and economically developed, with mass tourism driving prosperity.

Credits: 5- Portugal.gov.pt, 6- travel.com, 7- hotels.com, 8- findmytravel.com

## Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mrs Sahjpall, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:



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**SOLVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO EARN A GOLD AWARD**

Deadline: 15.10.25

Submit your entry by email on [Ssahjpall@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Ssahjpall@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) or on paper (Maths office)

Write your full name and form group on your entry

### Higher GCSE Question

In 2003, Jerry bought a house.

In 2007, Jerry sold the house to Mia.

He made a profit of 20%

In 2012, Mia sold the house for £162 000.

She made a loss of 10%

Work out how much Jerry paid for the house in 2003.

### Foundation GCSE Question

Tom and Adam have a total of 240 stamps.

The ratio of the number of Tom's stamps to the number of Adam's stamps is 3 : 7

Tom buys some stamps from Adam.

The ratio of the number of Tom's stamps to the number of Adam's stamps is now 3 : 5

How many stamps does Tom buy from Adam?

You must show all your working.

## 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
<b>Monday</b>	Young Carers Group ( <b>invite only</b> )	Year 7 - 11	G6	Mrs Stratton
	Culture & Change Society	All Years	G1	Mr Torindo
	Art Club, KS3 (Wk B)	Year 7-9	A5	Mrs Pearson
<b>Tuesday</b>	Whizzy Wizards' Writing Workshop	Year 7-9	F5	Miss Davies
<b>Wednesday</b>	Concert Band (Woodwind & Brass)	All Years	MD4	Miss Naylor
<b>Thursday</b>	Music Theory Club	All Years	MD3	Miss Naylor
	LGBTQ+ Group	All Years	F6	Ms Butcher
	Script Writing Club	Year 9+	C4	Mrs Buist
<b>Friday</b>	Music Technology Club	All Years	MD3	Mr Mollison
	3D Design Club, KS3	Year 7-9	A4	Mr Beevor

### 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
	House Dance Rehearsals	All Years	3-4.15pm	Gym	Miss Novelli
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nature & Eco Club	All Years	3-4.15pm	Meet in S10	Dr Jolly
	Sound and Light Team	All Years	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
	Coding Club (Wk A) Lego Robotics (Wk B)	All Years	3-4pm	C1	Mr Brown
<b>Wednesday</b>	School of Rock	Performers	3-4pm	MD1	Miss Naylor, Mr Mollison, Mr Jones, Mrs Thaker
<b>Thursday</b>	Chess Club	All Years	3-4pm	LRC	Miss Wilson
	Instrumental Club	Year 7-9	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
	3D Design Club	Year 7-9	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
<b>Friday</b>	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](#)

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

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

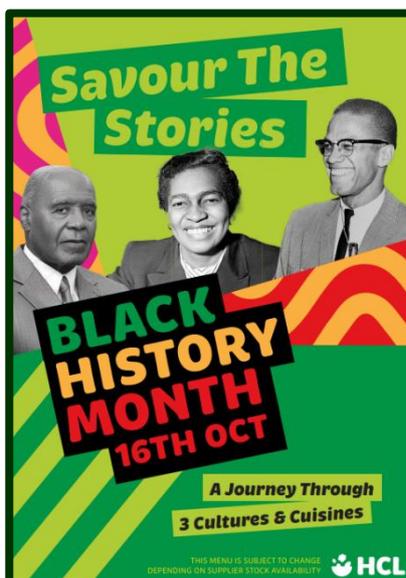
Year	Day	Time	Room	Staff Member
Year 7	Wednesday	3-4pm	C2	Mrs Stratton
Year 7 -11	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	3-4pm	C2	Mrs Stratton

Subject	Year Group	Day	Time	Location	Staff Member
<b>Music GCSE Drop-in</b>	Year 10 & 11 Music Students	Monday	1.30-2pm	MD3	Miss Naylor
<b>KS3 Maths</b>	Year 7, 8 & 9	Monday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan
<b>3D Catch-up</b>	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
<b>Hospitality &amp; Catering Catch-up</b>	KS4	Monday	3-4pm	A7	Miss Hagan
<b>Art Catch-up</b>	KS4	Tuesday	3-4pm	A1	Mrs Pearson
<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>GCSE Further Maths</b>	Year 10 & 11	Thursday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan
<b>MFL Homework Club</b>	All Years	Thursday	3-4pm	G19	Miss Abbott
<b>Maths Revision KS5</b>	Year 12/13	Friday	1.20-2pm	C8	Mrs Coldwell

## New from The Kitchen

October is Black History Month and over the next few weeks there will be a special menu, the next is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## Oaklands College new prospectus



If your Y11 child might be considering a college course at Oaklands next year, please ensure you have a look around the relevant faculty area and speak to staff **this Saturday 11th Oct** for the Welwyn Garden City campus and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October for the St Albans campus.

Register on the Oaklands website for a place and check you attend the right open day and campus for the courses you are interested in.

## Barracudas October Camps

🎃 Barracudas October Camps - 3 Weeks to Go! 🍁

October Half-Term Camps are nearly here, and spaces are going fast!

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