

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Our open mornings have now concluded for another year, and we were delighted to welcome nearly 250 additional families to tour Stanborough School, alongside the many who attended our busy Open Evening last month. It was a pleasure to meet so many prospective students and their families. We wish everyone the very best as they make their secondary school choices for Year 7 2026. We look forward to welcoming our new cohort next year. Offers for Year 7 places will be made by the county admissions team on Monday March 2nd 2026, and I will be writing to all successful applicants when allocations are confirmed. As ever, we continue to look ahead. Our Sixth Form team is now preparing for the Post 16 Information Evening on Thursday 6th November. We warmly invite all current Year 11 students, both from Stanborough and other schools, to attend. Please confirm your attendance via the form available on our website. For further details, please see over the page.

Headteacher's Commendations

Ethan Botes, Megan Murray, Jen Quizzagan, Amelia Sycamore, Hugo Camm, Isabella Grover, Amber Saunders, Keerthi Muddi, Oscar Atkins and Zachary Winter, Yr.7 for winning a literacy prize for an amazing Reading Journey.

Ethan Hawkins, Charlie Clifford, Finley Harris, Quinton Andrews and Buddy Smith, Yr.7 for winning the Barnet Rugby Festival with their age group for a 3rd year running.

Asher Kemp, Yr.8 for an excellent start to Year 8 and a huge improvement in attitude to learning all round.

Ben Barnes, Mark Kertesz, Pietro Righetti, Alban Wadley, Holly Hunt, Rae McMaster, Sophie Martinez, Olivia Hanson and Isabella Dart, Yr.9 for excellent support with the Primary School Cross Country Final.

Amelie Couling, Yr.10 for achieving National Champion in the recent ITSD Dance Competition.

Esme Bone, Yr.11 for being selected for the British Cycling National School of Racing programme.



Quote of the week:

“Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you respond to it.”

Lou Holtz

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



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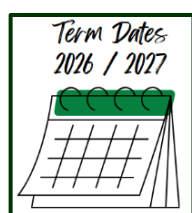


Forthcoming Events

20th – 24th October 2025

Week B

20 th	Year 9 Campus West Theatre Trip. 8.40-11am
22 nd	Year 11 Walking Talking English Mock
23 rd	Flu Immunisations Year 10 & 11 Music Students Moulin Rough Musical Trip, London
24 th	GCSE Component 1 Drama Exam
27 th – 31 st	Half Term



Term Dates 2026/2027

Term dates for 2026/2027 are now available on our website,

[Term Dates – Stanborough School](#)

Post 16 Open Evening Thursday 6th November 2025, 5.30pm

Mrs Armitage, Deputy Headteacher, writes:

We look forward to welcoming students and parents/carers to our Post 16 Information Evening on Thursday 6th November.

Year 11 parents/carers and students are asked to see the letter emailed home earlier this week for more information.

[Post 16 Admissions – Stanborough School](#)



Post 16 Information Evening Thursday 6th November 5.30–7pm

The purpose of this evening is to inform Year 11 students, and their parents, about the opportunities that Stanborough School's Post-16 provision has to offer, along with other pathways they may investigate as potential Post 16 pathways.

Please use the link on our website to indicate your attendance at this important event:

[StanboroughSchool.co.uk/Post16/Admissions](https://stanboroughschool.co.uk/Post16/Admissions)

New Year 12 students who wish to join our Stanborough 6th form community are also very welcome and should sign up using the link

Welwyn & Hatfield Consortium Schools' Post 16 Evenings November 2025



Join us to discover the broad range of subjects and opportunities we have to offer

 POST 16 EVENING Tuesday 4th November From 6.00 to – 7.30pm	 POST 16 EVENING Wednesday 5th November From 5.00 to – 6.30pm	 POST 16 EVENING Thursday 6th November From 5.30 to – 7.00pm	 POST 16 EVENING Wednesday 12th November From 6.00 to 7.30pm	 POST 16 EVENING Thursday 13th November From 5.30 to 7.30pm
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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/>



**GCSE & A Level 2024/25
Presentation Evening
Tuesday 16th December 2025**

We look forward to celebrating the success of our GCSE and A Level students who sat their exams this summer.

Year 11 / 13 parents from 2024/25 are requested to check their email for details.

For any queries or to confirm your attendance please contact
presentationevening@stanborough.herts.sch.uk



Vacancy

Admin Assistant

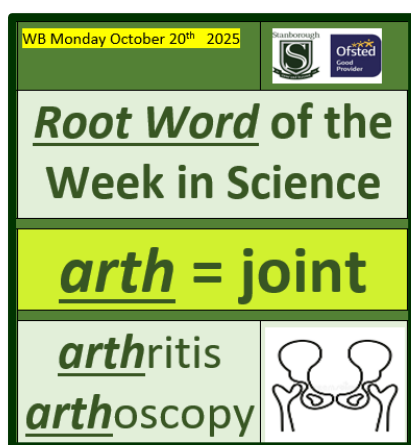
We are seeking to appoint a highly organised and efficient Administrative Assistant to support the smooth running and efficiency of the school office and reception area.

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

Closing date : 21st October 2025, 9am



Root Word of the Week W/c 20th October 2025



Clubs & Activities Update

Mr Modi, Assistant Headteacher writes:

The Debate Club at Stanborough
Wednesdays 3.15-4.30pm
F6

Thanks to Ms Butcher for running this club which teaches students essential skills in communication, critical thinking and research. Students also learn to think quickly under pressure, consider multiple viewpoints and deliver persuasive speeches.

If your child is interested in joining, please sign them up on SOCS.

Student Success

- Year 7's Ethan Hawkins, Charlie Clifford, Finley Harris, Quinton Andrews and Buddy Smith play for Welwyn Rugby U12's. Here they are celebrating their win at the Barnet Festival which their age group have won for the 3rd year running.



- Well done to Mrs Vickers for completing the 10KM run at Hatfield House in support of the Willow Foundation! She was delighted to see two fabulous Year 9 students, Oscar and Daisy, who were volunteering for the charity on the day. A huge well done to all involved for supporting such a great cause!

- A group of Year 9 pupils gave up their time after school to help marshal and run as guides at the Year 5 & 6 primary school cross country finals on Thursday 9th October at Stanborough Lakes.

Alban Wadley, Ben Barnes, Mark Kertesz and Pietro Righetti ran the race twice as guidance for the primary students. Holly Hunt, Rae McMaster, Sophie Martinez, Olivia Hansen and Isabella Dart all helped marshal and guide the pupils in the right direction.

The event couldn't have run without them and they were true ambassadors for Stanborough School.



- Congratulations to Esmee, 11HM, who is one of only 15 female riders nationally to be selected for the prestigious British Cycling National School of Racing (NSR) programme for 2025/2026. The programme kicked off this weekend at the Sir Chris Hoy velodrome up in Glasgow where Esmee was presented with her official team GB jersey.
- Congratulations to Amelie, 10BM, who came third with her partner in the pair category and first in her solo dance category at the recent ITSD national grand final dance competition. Amelie is now national champion! Well done, Amelie!



Destination Stanborough: The Big Reveal

Mrs Macdonald, Subject Leader: Geography, writes:

I can reveal that the first ever location to feature in the 'Destination Stanborough' competition is..... **Edinburgh!**

An explanation of the clues is included below. Congratulations to all pupils who entered, points will be awarded on Class Charts this weekend. Special mention must go to the following pupils who each guessed the correct location with thorough explanations within the first two weeks: Ethan Quires (9HM), Edward Kane (9BM), Max Holmes (8KK), and Robin Powley (7BP).

Clue	Explanation
1. An extinct volcano	Much of Edinburgh's landscape was shaped by volcanic activity 350million years ago, including Arthur's Seat
2. Wool	A flourishing textiles industry played an important part in Edinburgh's history
3. Sherlock Holmes	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the author of Sherlock Holmes, was born in Edinburgh
4. Arthur's Seat	Arthur's Seat is a famous landmark in Edinburgh sitting at 250m in elevation and offering views across the city
5. The Royal Mile	This is the busiest tourist street in Edinburgh, containing shops, restaurants and visitor attractions
6. Heart of Midlothian	This mosaic is located outside St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh. The symbol appears on the badge of a number of Edinburgh's sports teams.
7. Edinburgh Castle	The castle has a rich and complex history that spans over a thousand years, serving as a royal residence, military fortress, and symbol of Scottish heritage.
8. Scotland Flag	Edinburgh has been recognised as the capital of Scotland since at least the 15 th century.

Look out for the launch of the next 'Destination Stanborough' competition after half term.

Question of the Week

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

Mr McCarthy writes:

List 5 things that are shared by the religions of Hinduism and Buddhism.

Please include your full name on all your replies.

Thank for playing and good luck!



Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mrs Sahjpall, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:



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MATHS QUESTION OF THE WEEK



SOLVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Deadline: 20.10.25

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

Write your full name and form group on your entry

Higher GCSE Question

$$16^{\frac{1}{5}} \times 2^x = 8^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

Work out the exact value of x.

Foundation GCSE Question

In a village the number of houses and the number of flats are in the ratio 7 : 4
the number of flats and the number of bungalows are in the ratio 8 : 5

There are 50 bungalows in the village.

How many houses are there in the village?

Knife Angel Art Competition

Mrs Pearson, Curriculum Leader: Art, Design & Technology, writes:

The Police & Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire has launched a Knife Angel art competition as part of a wider programme related to the Knife Angel's Hertfordshire visit.

The competition is open to any resident in Hertfordshire under 25 years old, with one category for Primary School-age pupils, and another for secondary school-age and up. Entrants under the age of 18 will require permission from a parent, guardian or teacher in order to take part.

Submissions can take the form of any medium – photography, art, poetry – anything that allows young people to express how the Knife Angel and the wider issue of knife crime makes them feel.

The Commissioner and the Chief Constable will shortlist entries and display them on their website to allow the public to vote for their favourite artwork throughout December.

To enter the competition, please complete an application form using the Microsoft Forms link below, and email high quality photographs or other files depicting your artwork to knifeangel@herts.police.uk before Friday November 7th at 8pm.

Application form: <https://forms.office.com/e/mDrMRJEv05>

Full details of the competition's rules can be found here:

[OPCC Knife Angel Art competition Ruleset and Media topline](#)

Any entries that copy in Mrs Pearson apearson@stanborough.herts.sch.uk will gain Class Chart points.



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	All Years	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
	Coding Club (Wk A) Lego Robotics (Wk B)	All Years	3-4pm	C1	Mr Brown
Wednesday	School of Rock	Performers	3-4pm	MD1	Miss Naylor, Mr Mollison, Mr Jones, Mrs Thaker
	Debate Club	All Years	3.15-4.30pm	F6	Miss Butcher
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 & 9	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	Courts	Mrs Dean
	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

Black History Month and Diwali in 'The Kitchen'

Menu
West African Flavours

Suya Chicken
served with Jollof Rice
OR
West African Style Sweet Potato Stew
served with Flatbread (Ve)
served with
Green Salad

Coconut Rice Pudding

Paul Stephenson

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
23RD OCT

HCL

Menu
Diwali Delights

MAIN MENU
Creamy Chicken Curry
served with
Brown and White Rice
OR
Carrot Biryani (Ve)
served with
Raita and a Mixed Salad

DESSERT
Turmeric and Orange Shortbread

DIWALI
OCT 21ST

HCL

Menu
Grab 'n' Go

Sweet Potato and Pea Burrito Samosa (Ve)
Balti Mince Naan
Bombay Toastie (v)
Pineapple and Coconut Kheer

DIWALI
OCT 21ST

HCL

Potential Kids

Half term sessions from Potential Kids are now available to book.

There is also a brand new space at the Galleria in Hatfield.

As well as their garden and Hub there is now The Zone situated on the ground floor of the Galleria Shopping Centre. They will be using this space for social opportunities for neurodivergent children and young people. A place where they can connect and make friends. They will also be holding early years session for 3-5 Year olds who are diagnosed or suspected of being neurodivergent and wellbeing sessions for parents/carers.



HALF-TERM Activities

POTENTIALKIDS.ORG.UK/EVENTS

[BOOK NOW](#)

Tuesday

HALLOWEEN FUN

28TH @ 11:12:30
AGE 4+ £8

POTENTIAL KIDS GARDEN

Tuesday

SOFT PLAY SEN FUNZONE

28TH @ 19:00-20:45
AGE 4-12 £8.95

BIRCHWOOD LEISURE

Wednesday

FUN RINGS

29TH @ 13:00-14:00
AGE 6+ £6
(UNDER 8S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT ON SLOPES)

GOSLING SPORTS CENTRE

Thursday

TRAMPOLINING

30TH @ 18:00-19:00
AGE 5+ £6.50

GOSLING SPORTS CENTRE

SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS

Saturday

FAMILY FOOTBALL

25TH @ 16:00-17:00
AGE 6+ / FREE

HATFIELD LEISURE CENTRE



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Play



Home Ed



Chill & Connect...



Relax



Game Zone...



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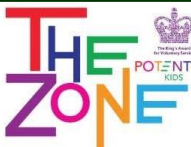
YOUNG ADULTS: 16-25 Connect Groups, Drop-Ins

Unit 55 The Galleria
Comet Way
Hatfield, AL10 0XR

For further information email: info@potentialkids.org

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A Safe and Supportive Space for
Neurodivergent Young People
and their Families

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We empower young people and their families to build confidence, share experiences, and explore self-care through mentoring, coaching, and wellbeing.

Our WELLBEING SERVICES

Offer includes:

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT:
Neurodiversity Support & Guidance, Mentoring/Coaching

PARENTS /CARERS: Parent/Carer Wellbeing

LEARNING: Life Skills, Resilience & Self-Care Workshops, Health & Wellbeing Talks

COMMUNITY DROP-INS

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