

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

On Tuesday this week, we welcomed our current Year 9 parents, carers and students to an information evening about subject options for Year 10. Thank you to all the staff who took the time to speak with families about their subjects and the GCSE courses on offer. We hope the evening was informative and supported students and parents in making confident decisions for the next stage of their education.

On Wednesday, our robotics club students took part in the Robot Rumble competition. Both of our Stanbot teams did themselves proud and achieved a semi-final place in the tournament. They won third place in the skills test and took the trophy for the Design Award as decided by the judges. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork on display, well done to everyone involved.

Finally, a reminder that the school will close early next Wednesday for the Year 8 parents' evening. Students will be dismissed at 1.20pm, and there will be no lunch service on that day.

Headteacher's Commendations

Daniel Suba, Yr.7 for excellent support with the Hatfield community Christmas event.

Kayla-Rose Pappoe, Yr.7 for reading a million words and becoming a millionaire reader.

Panos Karygiannis, Yr.7 for completing his Blue Belt in his Coding Club and moving onto Purple Belt level.

Isabel Kula, Yr.7 for performing in the local Alice in Wonderland pantomime with the Digswell Players.

Luke Gleedwood, Yr.7 for making Stanborough key rings for the entire tutor group to use as bag identifiers.

Mel Suba, Yr.8 for excellent support with the Hatfield community Christmas event.

Alex Weston, Yr.8 for achieving his Yellow/White belt in Brazilian Jui-Jitsu club.

James Brooks, Yr.8 for showing excellent resilience and bravery in Music and performing in front of the whole class.

Ewan Davidson, Yr.9 for consistently being an excellent Stanborough role model.

Daniel Harrison, Yr.10 for going above and beyond to support another student with Maths homework.

Jenna Roberts, Yr.11 for an excellent performance in the recent Cinderella Pantomime at the Radlett Centre.

Waiswa Abdalla, Yr.12 for outstanding presentations delivered at the start of term assemblies to all year groups.



Quote of the week:

“Believe you can and you’re halfway there.” **Theodore Roosevelt**

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 12/13



Year 12

Student Name	Tutor Group	Score
Taylor Villiers	12K	4.00
Isobel Harrington	12H	3.75
Isabel Jarvis	12K	3.75
Serkan Savasci	12S	3.75
Lucy Shadbolt	12H	3.75
Olivia Woodhead	12B	3.67
Tami Burgess	12S	3.50
Rebecca Sanders	12K	3.50
Joia Vieira Dias Moreira	12K	3.50
Paige Wadley	12S	3.50

Year 13

Student Name	Tutor Group	Score
Martha Flint	13B	4.00
Gracie Francis	13K	4.00
Hannah Parkins	13K	4.00
Reinas Paulionka	13H	4.00
Vessell Buah	13B	4.00
Nadine Benhacene	13K	3.75
Hafiza Malik	13H	3.75
Sophie Mossman	13B	3.75

Forthcoming Events

2nd – 6th February 2026

Week B

3 rd	Year 9 Vaccinations
4 th	Year 10 Robinson College, Cambridge, Trip Year 8 Parents' Evening, via online video call, 2-6pm Early Finish for Students, 1.20pm
5 th	Year 7 & 8 MFL Onatti Theatre Performance
6 th	Year 9 Pineapple Dance Studios

Stanborough Green

We have been made aware by local residents of the poor condition of the grass along Stanborough Green. Unfortunately, the ground has become badly churned up due to cars parking on the grass, particularly at the end of the school day during pick-up time.

We would like to remind parents and carers that Stanborough Green is not a parking area and should not be used for waiting or parking when collecting children from school.

If you need to drop off or collect your child by car, please ensure that you park or stop in a safe and appropriate place away from the school, and only stop on the road where it is safe and legal to do so. It is illegal to stop on the double yellow lines, these are outside the school and surrounding areas. To ensure the safety of students and all pedestrians we ask that cars do not block the school gates or stop outside the school.

Thank you for your support and consideration for all road users, pedestrians and local residents.

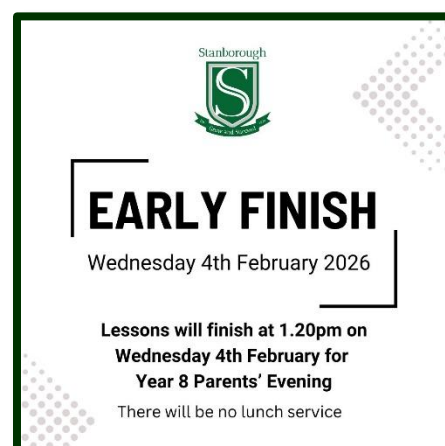
Year 8 Parents' Evening & Early Finish

Wednesday 4th February

Year 8 parents' evening takes place on Wednesday 4th February 2026, 2-6pm. The booking system will close at 11.55pm on Tuesday. Year 8 parents/carers are asked to refer to the letter emailed home for details.

School will finish at 1.20pm for all students. Post 16 lessons will continue as normal if the teacher is not involved in the Parents' Evening. Post 16 teachers will have informed their classes about this in advance.

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



Student Success



Congratulations to Alex, 8KK, who was recently awarded his yellow/white belt at his Brazilian Jui-Jitsu club, Ethos.



Well done, Isabelle, 7KL, who achieved a personal Best in backstroke at the county championships.



Nabeel, 8BM, was recently awarded one of the Players of the Week for Welwyn Garden City U13 Tornados against Welwyn Garden City U13 Cyclones after scoring two goals and assisting two.

Robot Rumble Competition

Mr Brown, Curriculum Leader: Computer Science, writes:

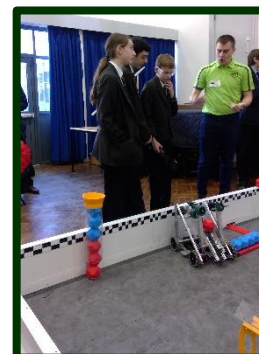
After months of dedication, working late into the evening to design, develop and build their own robot, the day of Robot Rumble arrived! On Wednesday 28th, our exemplary engineers in Year 9 and 10 spent the day competing against 14 other schools in the region, all with their eyes on the prize. All the teams had to undergo rigorous scrutineering, skills tests, interviews with judges and, of course, the main competition tournament.



Between our two teams of Stanbots, they did themselves proud and achieved a **semi-final** place in the tournament, won **third place** in the skills test and took the trophy for the **Design Award** as decided by the judges.

The teamwork and support the pupils demonstrated throughout the day was exceptional. In-between matches all hands were on deck to repair, refine and improve, and the driving was shared by all. Even when the luck of the draw saw Stanbot vs Stanbot in the semi-final, both our teams showed respect and encouragement towards each other, no matter what!

Well done, Stanbots!



Stanborough Student Times Group

Miss Davies, Literacy Co-ordinator, writes:

Our Stanborough Student Times reps meet each week and are currently working on the school's end of spring term edition. The students were thrilled to be given the opportunity to interview Mrs John and school governor, Mr Mossman, about their leadership roles and future hopes for Stanborough School. All will be revealed in the second edition of the Student Times at the end of this term. Watch this space - it promises to be an epic read!



Staff Profile

Mrs Sultan, Deputy Curriculum Leader: English

With nearly ten years of teaching experience across colleges and secondary schools, I've had the privilege of working as an English resits and EAL teacher before moving fully into secondary education. These experiences have shaped my belief that strong foundations in literacy are essential - not just for exams, but for success and confidence later in life.

I come from a close-knit family that has always valued hard work and education. My father immigrated to the UK, and my mother was the first in her family to attend university. Watching their determination and sacrifices inspired me to make them proud and motivated my passion for supporting EAL students and adults who come to the UK to build better lives for themselves.

I was raised in Manchester with my parents and brother, in a family where we support one another to reach our full potential. I remain forever grateful for everything my parents gave up to ensure my brother and I could achieve what we have today.

Professionally, I've held a variety of leadership roles, including English Apprenticeship Lead, KS3 Lead, acting Head of Department and Deputy Head of English; a role I have held for five years. Each position has strengthened my commitment to inclusive, ambitious education for all learners.

Outside of school, I love reading psychological thrillers, hiking, and spending time with my family, who live far away but remain incredibly close to my heart.



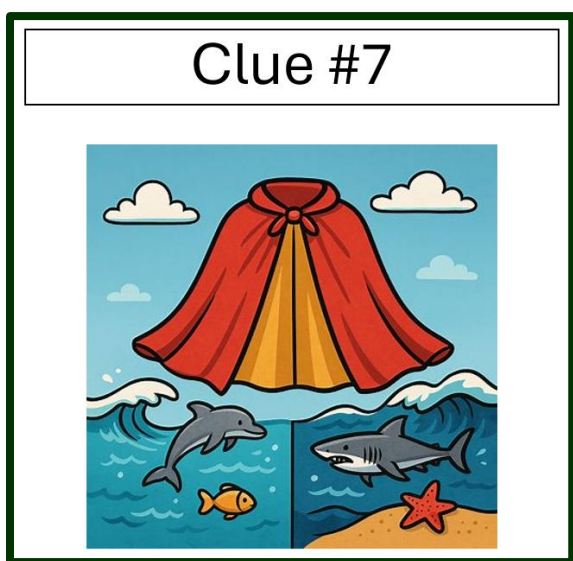
Geography Competition: Destination Stanborough!

Mrs Macdonald, Subject Leader: Geography, writes:


'Destination Stanborough' is back for the first Geography competition of 2026! Each week, two clues will be released via 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 based on how many clues you need and how detailed your explanations of the clues are.

The final set of clues for this half term's destination are below, Good Luck!



Root Word of the Week
W/c 2nd February 2026

Stanborough

WB Feb 2nd 2026

*Root Word
of the Week*

tri = three

triathlon
triathlete

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/>





YEAR 7 GREAT STANBOROUGH BAKE OFF

This house competition is open to all students in Year 7.
Could you be our Star Baker?

Task:

Bake Off



Design and bake a cake which is inspired by a TV show. **This could be a character or an item associated with the show.**

You can be as creative as you like. You might use decorations, cake shape and fillings to show your theme. You may decide to give your cake a name or title. The cake and decoration should be home-made by you.

How to enter:

Please send **two** photographs of your cake to Mrs Brittain at mbrittain@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

One photo should be of the whole cake, and one should be a slice or cross-section to show the inside. All entries must be received **by 5pm on MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2026.**

Finalists:

One finalist from each house will be chosen to take part in a "Live Bake Off" after school later in the term.

On your marks... get set... BAKE!

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mrs Sahjpal, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:



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SOLVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

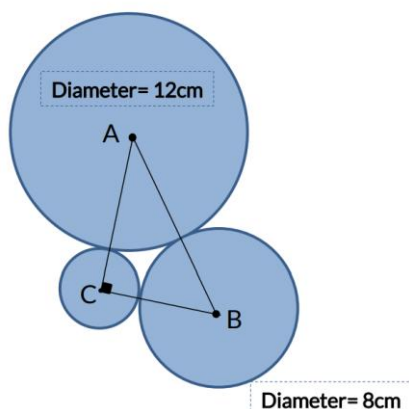
Deadline: 01.02.26

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

Write your full name and form group on your entry

Higher GCSE Question

Three circles with centres A, B and C are shown.



ABC is a right-angled triangle. Find the radius of the smallest circle.

Foundation GCSE Question

A train travels from Town A to Town B at an average speed of 60 km/h.

On the return journey from Town B to Town A, the train travels at an average speed of 40 km/h due to a mechanical issue.

The total journey time for the round trip is 10 hours.

What is the distance between Town A and Town B?



Clubs and Activities Spring Term 2026

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	Ensemble Room	Mr Router
	Guitar Club	All Years	MD2	Mr Acardo
Thursday	Music Theory Club	All Years	MD3	Miss Naylor
	LGBTQ+ Group	All Years	F6	Ms Butcher
	Script Writing Club	Year 9+	C4	Mrs Buist
	Art Club KS3	Year 7-9	A5	Miss Claydon & Miss Wypych Symonds
Friday	Music Technology Club	All Years	MD3	Mr Mollison
	3D Club	Years 7-9	A4	Mr Beevor

After School

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time	Location	Member of staff responsible
Monday	Show Band	Invitation Only	3-4pm	MD1 / MD3	Mr Mollison
	Chorus	All Years	3-4pm	MD2	Miss Naylor
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 Production Rehearsals until Feb ½ term	Invitation Only	3-4pm	MD1	Miss Naylor, Mr Mollison, Mr Jones, Mrs Thaker
	Show Band	Invitation Only	3-4.30pm		Miss Naylor & Mr Mollison
	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
	3D Club KS3	Year 7-9	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
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
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 until Feb ½ term	Year 8	Courts	Mrs Harris
	Basketball	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mr Foster & Mr Minion
	Table Tennis Starts 2 nd February	All Years	Gym	Mr Harris
Wednesday	Netball until Feb ½ term	Year 10 & 11	Courts	Miss Novelli
	Volleyball	Year 11	Sports Hall	Mr Harris, Mr Foster, Mr Minion
Thursday	Netball until Feb ½ term	Year 7	Courts	Mrs Dean
	Rugby	All Years	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
Maths	Year 7-10	Monday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan
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
GCE Maths Revision KS5	Year 12/13	Friday	1.20-2pm	C8	Mrs Coldwell
GCSE Maths Revision KS4	Year 11	Friday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan

Family Lives Free Online Group for Herts Parents - Getting on with your pre-teen/teen

Tuesday 3 February to 17 March 2026

7pm to 9pm

To book a place please click here

[Referral Form for Family Lives Herts Parenting Groups and Workshops](#) for our online referral form or scan the QR code on the attached flyers

You can also email services@familylives.org.uk or call us on 0020 4522 8701 / 204 522 8700 for more information.



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Getting on with your pre-teen or teen

Sign up to our 6-week online group

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to know how best to support them?

Learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Date, time and venue

- Tuesday 3rd February to 17th March 2026
- 7pm to 9pm
- This course will be delivered online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Louise on **0204 522 8700**, email services@familylives.org.uk or scan our QR code to use our online referral form

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Amended start dates for Who's in charge

Who's in Charge?

8 week course (no session in half-term)

Monday evenings from 23rd Feb 2026

6:30-8:30pm

Venue: Onslow St.Audrey's School

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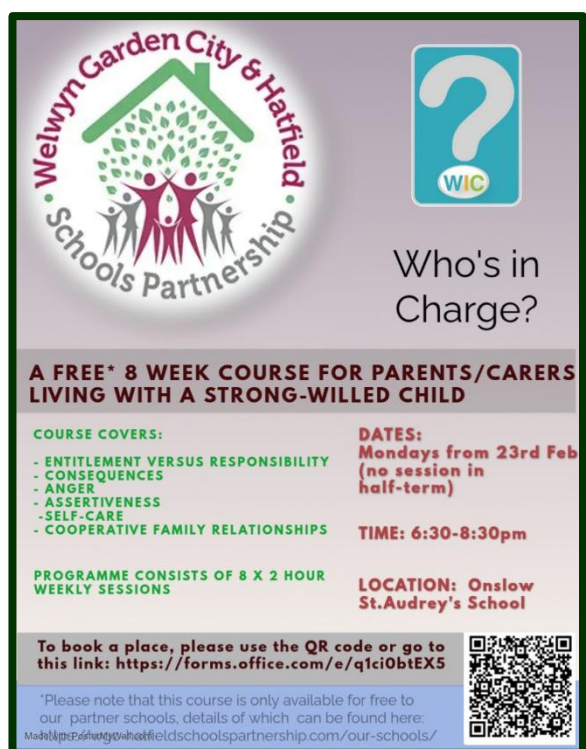
8 week course (no session in half-term)

Starting Weds 25th Feb 2026

9:30-11:30am

Venue: Peartree Primary School

Unfortunately, children cannot be accommodated at the course, parents/carers will need to make childcare arrangements.



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A FREE* 8 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS LIVING WITH A STRONG-WILLED CHILD

COURSE COVERS:

- ENTITLEMENT VERSUS RESPONSIBILITY
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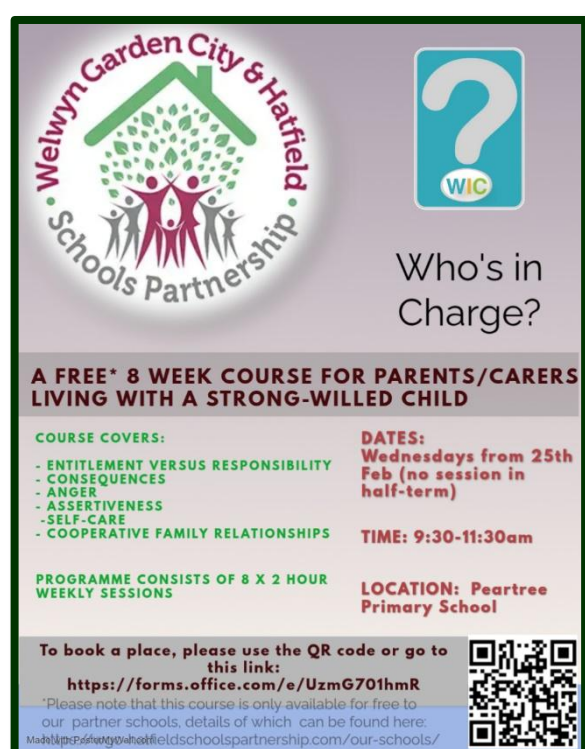
TIME: 6:30-8:30pm

PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

LOCATION: Onslow St.Audrey's School

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/q1ci0btEX5>

*Please note that this course is only available for free to our partner schools, details of which can be found here: <https://www.welwynhatschoolspartnership.com/our-schools/>



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DATES: Wednesdays from 25th Feb (no session in half-term)

TIME: 9:30-11:30am

PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 8 X 2 HOUR WEEKLY SESSIONS

LOCATION: Peartree Primary School

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/UzmG701hmR>

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