

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone involved in this week's school production, School of Rock! What a fantastic show it was! Well done to all our students for their enthusiasm, commitment and talent in putting on such an enjoyable performance. My thanks also go to the staff who supported and guided our actors, singers, dancers, musicians, and technical sound and lighting teams. I hope you enjoyed it just as much as your audiences clearly did.

Today we have launched the search for our student Heads of School for 2026/27. Year 12 students are invited to submit their applications to me by 9am on Monday 23rd February. Candidates will then take part in a hustings assembly, after which students from all year groups will cast their votes. Interviews will follow, with the successful candidates announced mid-late March.

Finally, next week is half term. I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break. When students return, it will be a four-day week as we are holding a teaching and learning conference for staff on Friday 27th February, meaning the school will be closed to students on that day.

Headteacher's Commendations

Ryan Prajin and Daniel Nunn, Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming millionaire readers.

Rosie Wu, Yr.8 for outstanding commitment and hard work in the school production.

Lottie Rostron, Yr.8 for excellent performance in the school production dress rehearsal to primary schools.

Sophie Lawson, Yr.9 for outstanding work on a maths extension activity.

Leo Ormondroyd, Yr.10 for outstanding achievements in Boxing, winning the National Schoolboys 2026 Championship title.

Andreas Michael, Yr.10 for being an excellent ambassador at the recent VEX Robot Rumble.

Cecily Judge, Yr.11 for completing a mock paper in level 2 further maths and achieving a high grade.

Deborah Adesanya, Yr.11 for outstanding achievement in the Immerse Education Essay Competition, earning a 20% partial scholarship to attend a two-week Law Summer School at Oxford.

Nikita Shah and Oreoluwa Oyedare, Yr.12 for championing the valentine rose sale this year and raising over £200 for charity.



Quote of the week:

“All will concede that in order to have good neighbours, we must also be good neighbours. That applies in every field of human endeavor.” **Harry S Truman**

Wish you a restful weekend.
Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations



Forthcoming Events

23rd – 27th February

Week B

16 th – 20 th February	Half Term
23 rd – 6 th March	Year 11 Mock 2 Exams
25 th	Parents' Coffee Morning Regarding Uniform, 9-9.45am International Women's Day Careers Event
27 th	INSET Day – School Closed to Students

Respect for Local Residents' Property

- A reminder, again. Students should not be walking through the flats to get to/ from school. They should also not be sitting on people's front walls. Students doing this will be given a Headteacher detention. We need to maintain our good relationship with our neighbours, and they don't like their front/ back gardens being walked through by many students.
- As the verges are very muddy at the moment, please remind your child to only walk on the pavement to stop the spread of mud for other pedestrians.

Thank you

FFT Attendance Certificate

We are very pleased to have been awarded an attendance certificate from FFT. Thank you to all our parents, students and staff for being proactive with student attendance.




Arbor Parent Portal and App



When using the Arbor Portal or App, some of the things you can do are:

- Check the information we hold about you and your child
- Make changes to the information we hold about you and your child
- Check attendance
- Log student absences
- Make payments for meals and trips
- View public examination timetables

We hope this is a useful to you.



We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyside School of Magic
W10 5N4, London, GB

Forgotten password?

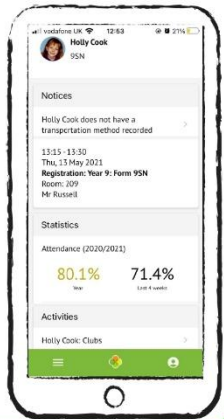
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.





Elections 2026

Heads of School

THE PROCESS

The Launch - Friday 13th February

Application
Letter of application to Mrs John
by 9am Monday 23rd February

Hustings, in assemblies
25th & 26th February
4th, 5th, 6th & 9th March

Interviews
Friday 13th March

Handover from current Heads of School
20th - 26th March



High Expectations - Mutual Respect - Quality Learning - Success for All

The search is on!

We are looking for our Heads of School team for 2026/27.

If you're a Year 12 student who thinks they've got what it takes, then send your letter of application to Mrs John by 9am on Monday 23rd February.

Good luck!

Vacancy, Exams Manager

We are looking to appoint an Exams Manager to take responsibility for the efficient and effective running of all internal and external examinations within the school. The job will include liaising with staff, students, invigilators and examination boards and ensuring a high quality of administration and communication.

See our website for more information, [Staff Vacancies – Stanborough School](https://www.stanboroughschool.co.uk/staff-vacancies)

Closing date: Thursday 26th February 2026, 9am

Stanborough School JOB VACANCY



Exams Manager

CLOSING DATE : 26TH FEBRUARY 2026, 9AM

See our website for details




Onatti French Performance

Miss Abbott, Curriculum Leader: writes:

On Thursday 5th February, Year 7 and Year 8 French students were lucky enough to have the Onatti Theatre Company visit Stanborough to perform the lively and interactive play *RSVP*. The performance brought the French language to life, with a number of students volunteering to take part and playing an active role on stage. Their enthusiasm and confidence made the show even more engaging, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



As well as being entertaining, the performance enriched students' learning by reinforcing vocabulary and cultural understanding, directly supporting their academic studies in French.



We look forward to welcoming the Onatti Theatre Company back on Friday 5th June to perform *Un ensayo desastroso* to our Year 7 and 8 Spanish students.

We want your books and batteries!

Stanborough Eco Ambassadors, write:

The half-term break is a great time for a clear out. We want your used batteries and books, so please sort them out, keep them safe and bring them into school.

Batteries: Batteries should not be put in the general waste or home recycling bins. This is your chance to get rid of that bag of batteries that you keep forgetting to take to the supermarket. The used battery collection will be a House Competition so students need to give their batteries to their form tutor or Eco Ambassador. The House collecting the most batteries will win the most points!



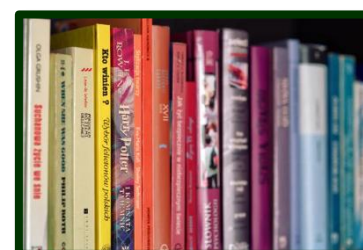
Books: Do you have an avid reader in your family? We will be celebrating World Book Day at Stanborough School on Thursday 5th March. Once again, the Eco Ambassadors will be holding a BOOK SWAP in the LRC at lunchtime. This event encourages and celebrates the exchange and sharing of pre-loved books to reduce the impact on the environment, as well as our spending money!

If students have any books at home, fiction or non-fiction, that they are willing to donate they can take them to the LRC after the half-term break or just bring them directly to the Book Swap table in the LRC on Thursday 5th March at lunchtime.

All students are welcome to select any books from our table that they wish to read, for FREE, even if they haven't donated any.

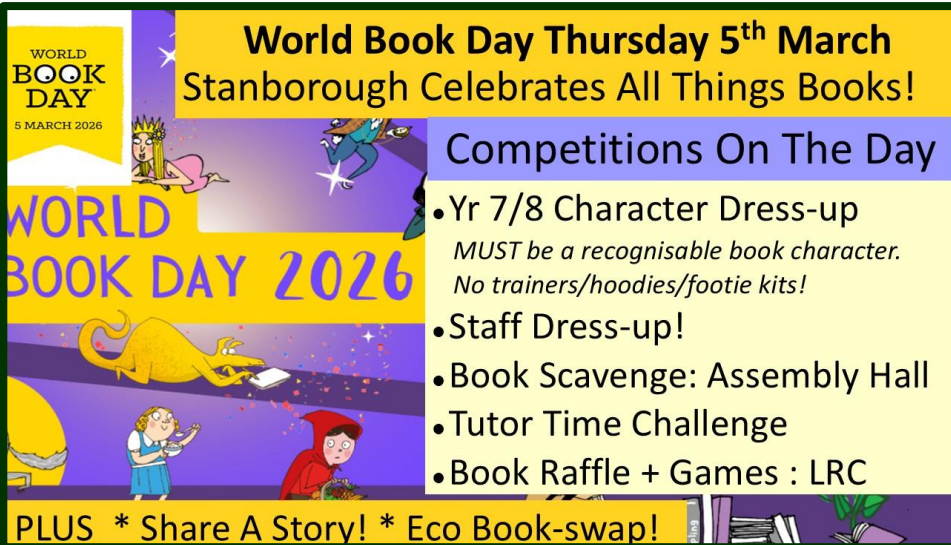
Please ensure all books are suitable for students aged 11-18.

Thank you in advance from your Eco Ambassadors!



Coming up.....

World Book Day - 5th March 2026



World Book Day Thursday 5th March
Stanborough Celebrates All Things Books!

Competitions On The Day

- Yr 7/8 Character Dress-up
*MUST be a recognisable book character.
No trainers/hoodies/footie kits!*
- Staff Dress-up!
- Book Scavenge: Assembly Hall
- Tutor Time Challenge
- Book Raffle + Games : LRC

PLUS * Share A Story! * Eco Book-swap!

CultureFest - 25th March 2026

We are looking forward to our annual CultureFest day on Wednesday 25th March. A chance for students, and staff, to wear their national dress and show aspects of their culture.

More details to follow soon.



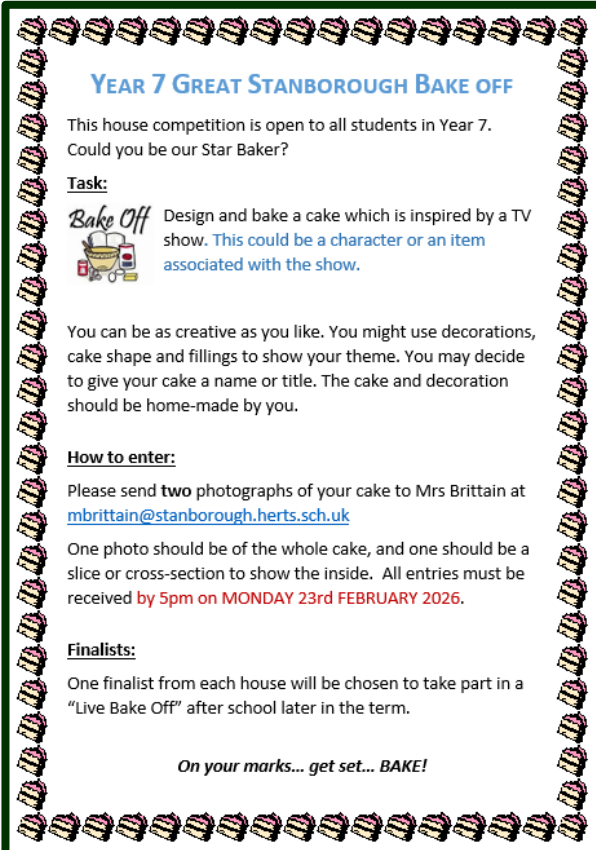
CULTUREFEST AT STANBOROUGH

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Stalls and Performances on the field celebrating our community's diverse culture

*Students should wear clothing from their culture
This is not a non uniform day
National football shirts & flags are acceptable*

Year 7 Great Stanborough Bake Off



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!

Root Word of the Week
W/c 23rd February 2026



Root Word of the Week

struct = to build

construction
deconstruct

Staff Profile

Mrs Jagusiak, Higher Level Teaching Assistant



After graduating with a master's degree in economics from the University of Gdansk in Poland, I moved to London, driven by a curiosity to discover new places, cultures and languages. Travelling has always been an important part of my life, and over the years I have explored Europe, South America, South Africa, the USA, Thailand and Cuba. I have always planned these trips independently with my husband, which reflects my love of organisation and adventure.

Before starting my family, I worked in a variety of roles that allowed me to develop strong administrative, organisational and communication skills. While working at Enterprise company as a Team Leader in the Commercial Department, I further developed my interest in languages by studying Spanish at intermediate level at the Instituto Cervantes in Central London.

When my children were born, I chose to stay at home with them and enjoyed watching them grow and flourish. During this time, I started working at a Polish Saturday School in Finchley in an administrative role, with responsibility for admissions and finances, a position I continue to hold to this day. Once my daughters joined secondary school at Dame Alice Owen's, we moved to Potters Bar, and I decided it was the right time to return to work full time.

Through working closely with children and supporting them academically, I discovered how rewarding it is to help young people build confidence and achieve their potential. This led me to pursue a career in education, beginning in a primary school and later moving into secondary education in Potters Bar. I joined Stanborough School as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, where I was immediately impressed by the welcoming staff, supportive ethos and well-organised structure of the school. I am proud to be part of a team that is committed to providing high-quality support and positive learning experiences for all students.

Outside of work, I love skiing, travelling and spending time in nature. Music is another passion of mine - I play the guitar and I also enjoy reading and walking.

DSPL5 Spring Newsletter

The Spring newsletter from DSPL5 is available to download from our website, https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/DSPL5-Spring_1-Newsletter-for-Families.pdf



February 2026 LSP newsletter

The latest LSP newsletter is now available to download,

<https://stanborough.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/WGCH-Newsletter-Feb-2026-WelHat-compressed.pdf>





MATHS MODEL COMPETITION



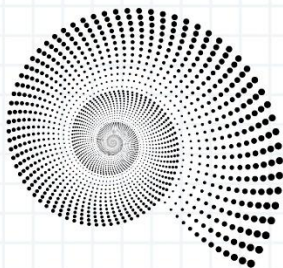
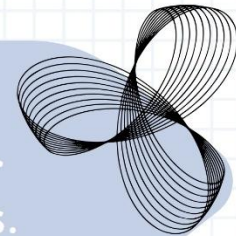
THE CHALLENGE:

Design and build a 3D mathematical model of any size using any materials.

Your model should show interesting mathematics in 3D and help people see how maths works.

GUIDELINES

- YOU CAN ENTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A GROUP.
- ANY MATERIALS CAN BE USED.
- SUBMIT WITH A SHORT EXPLANATION OF THE MATHS.
- THE MODEL MUST BE SAFE TO DISPLAY AND THE WORK MUST BE YOUR OWN.



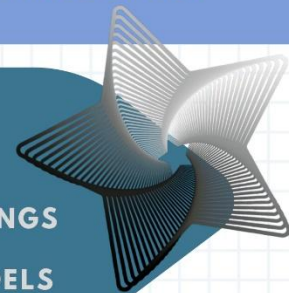
PRIZES

WINNING MODELS DISPLAYED
AWARDS FOR YOUR HOUSE
TROPHIES AWARDED IN ASSEMBLY



IDEAS

NATURE: FRACTALS, SPIRALS, HONEYCOMB PATTERNS
ARCHITECTURE: BRIDGES, DOMES, TRIANGLES IN BUILDINGS
SHAPES: PYRAMIDS, PRISMS, 3D NETS, TORUS
OPTICAL ILLUSIONS: VISUAL TRICKS, PERSPECTIVE MODELS
SEQUENCES: GOLDEN RATIO MODELS, 3D TESSELATIONS



SUMBIT BY 13/03/26 TO MRS SAHJPALL, G10

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

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/>



Heart Health Month: Show your heart some love this month

To mark Heart Health Month, BeeZee Bodies have pulled together some simple yet powerful tips to support healthier hearts for the whole family and this is just a glimpse of the support they can offer!

Beezee Families run a FREE heathy lifestyle programme that nutritionists deliver across Hertfordshire. The 12-week programme supports families to build healthy habits around food, physical activity, and how to have fun while doing so!

Current programmes are in full swing but you can secure your FREE spot now for April. Places fill up fast so make sure to book soon! If you can't wait to get started on your healthy lifestyle journey, you can learn at your own pace over on our Academy website.

[Visit their website for more details](#)

Beezee FAMILIES

Ready to start making healthy habits as a family?

Sign up for Beezee Families today and find FREE healthy lifestyle support that's right for your family. We can help you with healthy eating, getting more active, and having fun while doing so! You can:

- Join us for 12 weeks of in-person group sessions
- Log in for 10 weeks of online group sessions, plus 2 check-in calls
- Get two appointments and an action plan with a dedicated Wellbeing Co-Ordinator
- Learn at your own pace by enrolling onto the Academy

Sign up for your FREE PLACE today

BZBinfo@maximusuk.co.uk

01707 248648

hrt.maximusuk.co.uk

Hertfordshire

Our in-person and online group programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

Beezee FAMILIES

Show your heart some love this February

It's National Heart Health Month and we're here to help you and your family take gentle, everyday steps to look after your hearts together. Little changes to what you eat and how you move as a family can make a big difference. Here's some simple, fun tips to help everyone get involved.

Activity 1:
Move a little together, every day
 Whether it's a mini dance off in the kitchen or a short family walk, small bursts of movement will keep everyone's hearts happy.

Activity 2:
Fill your plates with colourful foods
 Boost meals with colourful fruit, veggies and wholegrains to grab kids attention.

Activity 3:
Get kids involved in the kitchen
 Let them wash veggies, pick toppings or help stir. It makes healthy eating fun and helps them learn habits that stick.

Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Your heart works hard for you, so let's show it some love as a team!

Want more healthy lifestyle support?
 Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here or Click the link

hrt.maximusuk.co.uk

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

Hertfordshire

★ Aged 10-18 and living in Hertfordshire?

★ Interested in getting involved in research about health, family lives and communities?

JOIN THE HERTS YPAG!



The University of Hertfordshire young people's research advisory group are looking for new members.

★ Learn new skills, meet new people and have fun!

Scan me for more info!



★ Get thank you vouchers and pizza!

Watch our film

Check out the film we made:

