

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

Yesterday, our Year 7 and Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic celebration of World Book Day. Throughout the day, they took part in a variety of engaging activities including reading time, a book scavenger hunt, a raffle, games and an eco-friendly book swap. It was wonderful to see so many students and staff embracing the spirit of the occasion by dressing up as their favourite book characters. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day fun. A particular thank you goes to our Literacy Coordinator, Ms Davies, for organising such an enjoyable and inspiring event for our students.

This week, we opened the booking system for the Year 10 Parents' Evening, which will take place on Thursday 26th March. We strongly encourage all Year 10 parents/carers to book appointments with subject teachers. This is a crucial year in preparation for GCSEs, and these conversations play an important role in ensuring your child remains focused, well-supported and ambitious in their progress. Full details can be found in the letter emailed home earlier this week and on our website.

Please also note that school will close early on Thursday 26th March for all students. There will be no lunch service available on this day.

Headteacher's Commendations

Isabel Kula, Yr.7 for excellent work with the Student Stanborough Times, interviewing the Headteacher and a Governor about their roles within the School.

Olive Frederic, Livia Gorelli Simone, Annabel Sharp and Rosie Wu, Yr.8 for excellent work with the Student Stanborough Times, interviewing the Headteacher and a Governor about their roles within the School.

Ava James, Yr.7 for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader.

Maia Siciliano, Yr.7 for successfully completing the 'That Reading Thing' programme.

Panos Karygiannis, Yr.7 for an impressive 200 day streak on Duolingo.

Ellie Beades, Yr.7 for being asked to support her Gymnastics Coach to obtain the next level assessment and giving up 3 days in her half term break for this.

Isha Samad, Yr.8 for making an outstanding personal contribution to our lesson by sharing a powerful real-life example of blogging.

Olivia Hanson, Yr.9 for outstanding work and dedication to lessons in English.

Leah Pedley, Yr.9 for achieving 6th place in Trampolining, earning League qualification and the opportunity to represent her club in Newcastle.

Ianis Marcu, Yr.9 for consistent effort in all lessons and being an excellent Stanborough role model.

Thomas Hawkins, Yr.10 for being shortlisted for the 'Young Volunteer of the Year' for his coaching with the U6's and U7's at Welwyn Rugby Club.

Ritisha Datta and James Robinson, Yr.12 for championing the Valentine Rose sale this year and raising over £200 for charity.

Quote of the week:

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."

Viktor Frankl

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations





Forthcoming Events

9th – 13th March

Week B

9 th	Year 11 Group Leavers Photograph
10 th	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
11 th	Year 10 Drama Exam Component 1
12 th	Year 12 Parents' Evening, online
13 th	Year 12 Guest Speaker

Changes to the School Day from Monday 16th March 2026

All students should arrive at school by 8.25am to be in time for registration. Students must be punctual to registration and all lessons.

If students arrive after 8.30am they must report and sign in at the dining hall entrance before proceeding to their tutor group. Students will be given a 20 minute lunch time detention if they are late.

Registration starts at 8.35am.

The school gates to the playgrounds open at 8.10am, and the school building doors open at 8.20am.

The school gate, and entrance doors will lock at 8.30am to allow for an ordered start to the school day.

Year 10 Parents' Evening, Thursday 26th March 2026

Year 10 parents' evening takes place on Thursday 26th March, 2-6pm. All appointments are via an online video call. Appointments can be made from now until midnight on Wednesday 25th March. Below is a link to the booking system, this can also be found on the letter emailed home earlier this week and on our website under Useful Links,

<https://stanborough.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We hope all Year 10 parents/carers can participate in this event as it is an ideal opportunity to discuss your child's progress with teachers.

If you have any queries please contact parentsevening@stanborough.herts.sch.uk



Early Close for students – Thursday 26th March 2026

School will finish at 1.20pm for students on Thursday 26th March for the Year 10 Parents' Evening which runs from 2pm to 6pm.

Post 16 lessons will continue as normal, if the teacher is not involved in the parents' evening. Post 16 teachers will inform their class about this in advance.

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



Wear it Red Day, Monday 9th March

Mr Modi, Assistant Headteacher, writes:

Students are invited to wear a red accessory as a visible sign of support and solidarity against sexual violence & harassment. This could be a tie, socks, headband, or a similar small item. Students should otherwise attend school in normal uniform/appropriate school dress.

Please refer to the letter emailed home earlier this week.

Rail Safe Friendly Bronze Award

We are very pleased to receive the bronze rail safety friendly award.



THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME
 Discover our FREE rail safety videos and keep your children safe by visiting railsafefriendly.com

The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.

DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC

QR Code: SCAN ME

"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"
 Simon Frazer, Principal, Guilsborough Academy

According to the **ORR Report**, April 23 - March 24 on UK railways:

12 people died in accidents while trespassing	58% were struck by a train or tram	42% were electrocuted
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According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

120+ companies support the programme	11,000+ schools in the UK have engaged	20,000+ UK schools still need to be reached
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CultureFest - 25th March 2026

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



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*



HOUSE MUSIC 2026

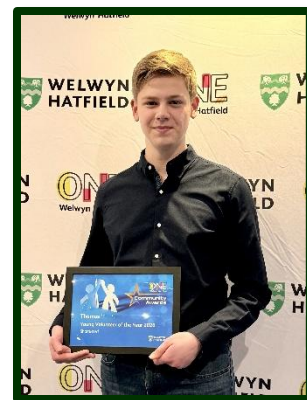
Friday 20th March

Doors open at 4.15pm
 Show time 4.30-6.30pm

Tickets available via Arbor
 Adults £4
 Concessions £2

Student Success

Thomas, 10BM, was shortlisted for the Young Volunteer of the Year at the One Welwyn Hatfield Community Awards, for coaching the U6s and U7s age groups at Welwyn Rugby Club which he has been doing for several years now, working with the kids, refereeing matches, and taking on a leadership role. We're all so proud he has been acknowledged for this, well done, Thomas!



Young carers action day, 11th March 2026

Mrs Stratton, Deputy SENDCO, writes

Young Carers Action Day 2026 takes place on Wednesday 11 March and focuses on the theme '**Fair Futures for Young Carers**'. The day calls for action to ensure young carers have the same opportunities to learn, grow and thrive as their peers, with the right recognition, support and chances to reach their potential.

If you think you are a young carer, please contact myself, Mrs Stratton sstratton@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Root Word
of the Week

contra = against

contrast
contrasting

Root Word of the Week
W/c 9th March
2026

Stanborough School
JOB VACANCY



Communications Administrator

CLOSING DATE : 13TH MARCH 2026, 9AM

See our website for details




Vacancy

Communications Administrator

We are seeking to appoint a highly organised and efficient Communications Administrator to undertake responsibility for electronic communications with parents, students and staff via school-based systems and social media. Please see our website for more information, [Staff Vacancies – Stanborough School](#)

Closing date: Friday 13th March 2026, 9am

Inspirational Women In Work Careers Event

Mrs Shankland, Careers Coordinator, writes:

This inspiring careers event brought energy, insight and ambition to the school hall on Wednesday 25th February, as 30 professional women from a wide range of industries met with all Year 9 students for a fast-paced morning of conversation and discovery. The hall was transformed into a buzzing hub of opportunity shortly after 10am, with volunteers seated and ready as students arrived in groups of four. Across two lively sessions, each lasting an hour, students rotated between speakers for six-minute conversations, a format that kept discussions focused, dynamic and engaging.

Representatives from sectors including construction, healthcare, science, engineering, finance, creative industries, law, public services, technology and many more generously gave up their time to speak openly about their career journeys. The 30 women shared honest accounts of the different pathways they had taken, highlighting that success rarely follows a single straight line. Many brought along visual props to spark conversation, from science equipment and uniforms to company literature and career timelines. These small touches proved powerful conversation starters, helping students connect classroom learning to real-world roles.

A key focus of the event was helping students understand employability and transferable skills. Speakers shared how communication, resilience, teamwork and adaptability had shaped their own careers, sometimes in unexpected ways. By illustrating how experiences and decisions influence future opportunities, the volunteers helped broaden students' perspectives on what is possible.

Our teachers reported that the impact was immediate. Students left the hall animated and inspired, already discussing new career ideas and subject choices. Please see some of the comments from students below;

'Thank you for giving up your time, I learnt so much and I feel more confident about future options'

'It really helped to know that what I choose after school I can change and do different careers throughout my life'

'They inspired me and I realise there are lots of different pathways to get where I want to go'

'I didn't know there was such a variety of jobs and that women do them'

'All the women I spoke to were very kind and they were passionate about their jobs'

'I now know what I want to do after school, I didn't know the job existed before'

The school extends its sincere thanks to all 30 women who contributed their time, experience and encouragement. Their generosity made a lasting impression and provided a powerful reminder of the importance of representation, guidance and community support in shaping the aspirations of young people.

It was, by every measure a memorable morning and a fitting tribute to **International Women's Day** which is celebrated on Sunday the 8th of March this year.



Geography Competition: Destination Stanborough!

Mrs Macdonald, Subject Leader: Geography, writes:

Welcome to the latest instalment of 'Destination Stanborough!' 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 second set of clues for this half term's destination are below, Good Luck!

Clue #3



Clue #4



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/>



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: 11.03.26

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

Write your full name and form group on your entry

Higher GCSE Question

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$$x \square y = (x + y)^2 - (x - y)^2$$

Calculate

$$6 \square 4 = (x + y)^2 - (x - y)^2$$

$$\sqrt{15} \square \sqrt{15} = (x + y)^2 - (x - y)^2$$

Foundation GCSE Question

In a game a character gains experience points (XP) to level up.

Each level requires a certain amount of XP to achieve.

The amount of XP required to reach each level follows a specific pattern.

The XP required to reach Level 1 is 100.

From Level 2 onwards, each level needs an additional 50 XP compared to the previous level. How much XP is required to go from Level 99 to Level 100?



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	Basketball	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mr Foster & Mr Minion
	Table Tennis	All Years	Gym	Mr Harris
Wednesday	Volleyball	Year 11	Sports Hall	Mr Harris, Mr Foster, Mr Minion
Thursday	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



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Services for
Young People

February 2026

Dear Parent or Carer,

I am pleased to inform you of an exciting and unique opportunity for your child to become involved in. Hertfordshire Constabulary is working in conjunction with Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People to create a Young People's Race Inclusion Forum. This Forum is being created to enable black young people to have the opportunity to scrutinise and inform the Constabulary's processes and to involve black young people in the governance and oversight of policing in Hertfordshire. This is the second phase of the program; you can read about the success of the initial Forum here:

<https://www.herts.police.uk/news/hertfordshire/news/2026/january-2026/young-peoples-forum-recognised-by-constabulary/>

We are asking black young people, aged 14 to 18, to volunteer to be part of this Forum. Participation will involve attending a meeting (wherever possible), hosted in one of HCC Services for Young People, Young People's Centre's in Hertfordshire. We expect to run two to three meetings during each school term. The meetings will last no longer than two hours, with the option to attend online if attending in person is not possible. Each meeting will explore different areas of policing to seek insights and feedback from Forum members. Topics we expect to cover include stop and search, along with recruitment challenges, and broader areas of policing management. By taking part, the young people's feedback will make a tangible impact on the Constabulary for the future. Youth Workers from HCC Services for Young People will

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also be present at Forum meetings to support the young people and work with the Constabulary in progressing this important agenda.

To register your child's interest, please complete this short form (a QR code is available at the end of this letter):

<https://forms.office.com/e/5pZcKnsnpr>

The Young People's Race Inclusion Forum is part of Hertfordshire Constabulary's response to the National Police Race Action plan which you can read about on the following website:

<https://www.college.police.uk/support-forces/diversity-and-inclusion/action-plan>

This is a great opportunity for your child to have their voice heard and be involved in how Hertfordshire is policed, particularly from the perspective of the black community. Certificates of participation will be provided to all who take part, along with the opportunity for references to be provided to support future opportunities for your child. Please register as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

I hope you will consider registering your child to be involved in this one-of-a-kind opportunity. Once registered, there will be an opportunity for you to ask further questions should you have any.

Yours Sincerely

Matt Barton
Superintendent
Hertfordshire Constabulary

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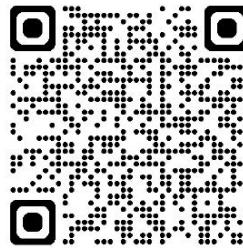


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QR Codes:

Register Interest Form:

Read about the Police Race Action Plan:



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