

## Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

This week began with a special moment for our Year 11 students as they gathered on Monday for their official group leavers' photograph. It was a lovely opportunity to bring the year group together and mark their final months at the school. The photograph will be available for parents and carers to purchase in a few weeks' time, and I hope it will serve as a lasting memory of their time here for many years to come.

Meanwhile, students from all year groups are busy preparing for one of the highlights of our school calendar. Next week they will take part in their final full rehearsal ahead of the annual House Music Concert, which will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the concert are now available to purchase via Arbor, and we look forward to welcoming many of you to what promises to be a fantastic evening of music and house spirit.

## Headteacher's Commendations

**Amelia Sycamore, Yr.7** for being awarded the 'Player's Player' trophy for the U12s Girls category with the Welwyn Wasps Hockey Club.

**Elizabeth Moldovan and Charlie Sexton, Yr.7** for reading a million words since September and becoming a millionaire reader.

**Kruthi Kasiviswanathan, Yr.8** for consistent hard work and excellent attitude to learning across all subjects.

**Leah Elsley and Kyan Shah, Yr.9** for consistent hard work and excellent attitude to learning across all subjects.

**Grace Ashton-Jones, Yr.10** for demonstrating exceptional courage and bravery in reporting a concern.

**Thomas Hawkins, Yr.10** for consistent hard work and excellent attitude to learning across all subjects.

**Jude Sheppard, Yr.11** for recognition of your thoughtful, positive and articulate contribution to a class discussion, and for always showing an encouraging and uplifting attitude.

**Malcom Chitongo, Yr.12** for excellent community conduct and kindness within the sixth form and great diligence within the reader leader programme.

**Gracie Francis, Yr.13** for exceptional commitment and working capacity with her academic work.



## Quote of the week:

“Change is slow and gradual. It requires hard work, a bit of luck, a fair amount of self-sacrifice, and a lot of patience.” **Robert Greene**

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



# Headteacher Commendations



## Forthcoming Events

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March

Week A

16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 Assessments
16 <sup>th</sup>	Stanborough's First Iftar Dinner, 5.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 GCSE Drama Live Moderation Year 7 SEND Review Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	House Music Rehearsals Grey & Pink Kangaroo Year 7 Movie Night, 4.30-7pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	House Music Rehearsals House Music Concert, 4.30-6.30pm



## Root Word of the Week

W/c 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Root Word  
of the Week

tonos  
= stretch/tension

tone  
tonal

## Year 10 Parents' Evening & Early Finish

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Year 10 parents' evening takes place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 2-6pm. The booking system will close at 11.55pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. Year 10 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.



## Use of Public Library, and other public spaces

We have had communication from our local library staff that they have experienced some anti-social behaviour recently and wanted to flag this up to local schools. Just to be clear, there is no suggestion that any of our students are engaging in poor behaviour in these spaces, nor are they impacting people's working spaces negatively. We did, however, agree to share a reminder that we expect civilised behaviour from our students both in, and outside, of school.

Thank you in advance for remaining positive role models in our local community.

## Student Success

Congratulations to Amelia, 7SE, for being awarded the "Player's player" trophy for the Under 12s Girls category by her team mates at Welwyn Wasps hockey club.



## Geography Competition: Destination Stanborough!

*Mrs Macdonald, Subject Leder: 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](mailto: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 third set of clues for this half term's destination are below, Good Luck!

### Clue #5



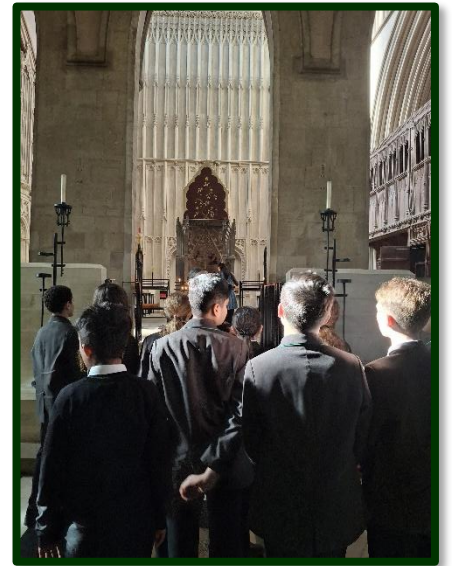
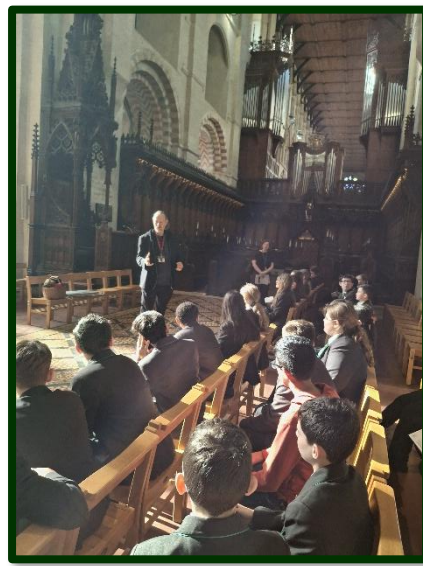
### Clue #6



## Year 7 History trip on the Peasants Revolt to St Albans Abbey

*Mrs Stamp, Joint Subject Leader: History, writes:*

On Thursday 5th March and Friday 6th March 126 Year 7s participated in an educational visit to St. Albans Cathedral to find out how the Peasants Revolt of 1381 played out at St Albans Abbey. Students were beautifully behaved and it was a pleasure to hear this from the Education officers on site. We went on a guided walk to see key locations of the Revolt, the students completed workshops and role plays inside the beautiful Cathedral.



## Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mrs Sahjpal, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:



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$\lambda$  **MATHS QUESTION OF THE WEEK**



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

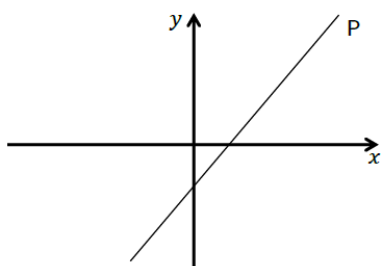
Deadline: 18.03.26

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

Write your full name and form group on your entry

### Higher GCSE Question

The line P has the equation  $y = 3x - 2$



The line P is reflected in the  $y$ -axis.

Find the equation of the line.

The line P is reflected in the  $x$ -axis.

Find the equation of the new line.

### Foundation GCSE Question

A water tank can be filled by two pipes, Pipe A and Pipe B.

Pipe A can fill the tank in 6 hours, while Pipe B can fill the tank in 10 hours.

If both pipes are opened at the same time, how long will it take to fill the tank?



East of England  
Community and School-Aged Immunisation Service

### **Important Information: Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccination**

As you may be aware from recent media coverage, there has been an increase in measles cases due to outbreaks in parts of North London. Considering this, we strongly encourage parents and carers to ensure that their child has received both doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine.

Measles is a highly contagious disease and, in some cases, can lead to serious complications. As part of the routine UK childhood immunisation schedule recommended by the UK Health Security Agency, your secondary school aged child should have been offered:

- The **first MMR vaccination at 12 months of age**
- The **second MMR vaccination at 3 years and 4 months**

If you are unsure whether your child has received both doses of the MMR vaccine, or if your child has not yet received their MMR vaccinations and you would like to arrange this, please contact our service on **0300 555 5055 (option 7)** or email [hct.csaishwe@nhs.net](mailto:hct.csaishwe@nhs.net). We run regular catch-up clinics across various locations in Hertfordshire.

If your child has received vaccinations abroad or in another area of the UK, these records may not appear on our system. In this case, please email a copy of your child's immunisation history, including their full details, to [hct.immshistories@nhs.net](mailto:hct.immshistories@nhs.net) so that we can update our records.

Further information about the MMR vaccine is available on the NHS website, attached are two useful links below.

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS](#)  
[MMR vaccination for all eligible](#)

**Yours sincerely,**

Hertfordshire and West Essex Immunisation Service

*This service is provided by **Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust** and covers Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Hertfordshire and West Essex, Mid and South Essex, Norfolk and Waveney, and Suffolk and North East Essex*

[www.hct.nhs.uk](http://www.hct.nhs.uk)

## 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
<b>Monday</b>	Young Carers Group ( <b>invite only</b> )	Year 7 - 11	G6	Mrs Stratton
	Culture & Change Society	All Years	G1	Mr Torindo
<b>Tuesday</b>	Whizzy Wizards' Writing Workshop	Year 7-9	F5	Miss Davies
<b>Wednesday</b>	Concert Band (Woodwind & Brass)	All Years	Ensemble Room	Mr Router
	Guitar Club	All Years	MD2	Mr Acardo
<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
	Art Club KS3	Year 7-9	A5	Miss Claydon & Miss Wypych Symonds
<b>Friday</b>	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
<b>Monday</b>	Show Band	Invitation Only	3-4pm	MD1 / MD3	Mr Mollison
	Chorus	All Years	3-4pm	MD2	Miss Naylor
<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>	Show Band	Invitation Only	3-4.30pm		Miss Naylor & Mr Mollison
	Debate Club	All Years	3.15-4.30pm	F6	Miss Butcher
<b>Thursday</b>	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
<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>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>	Basketball	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mr Foster & Mr Minion
	Table Tennis	All Years	Gym	Mr Harris
<b>Wednesday</b>	Volleyball	Year 11	Sports Hall	Mr Harris, Mr Foster, Mr Minion
<b>Thursday</b>	Rugby	All Years	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>Maths</b>	Year 7-10	Monday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan
<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>GCE Maths Revision KS5</b>	Year 12/13	Friday	1.20-2pm	C8	Mrs Coldwell
<b>GCSE Maths Revision KS4</b>	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/>





# CULTUREFEST AT STANBOROUGH

**Wednesday  
25<sup>th</sup>  
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*

## CultureFest - 25<sup>th</sup> 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.




### Telephone/Zoom Surgery

Thurs 19th March 2026  
09:30 - 11:30am

- \* A chance to discuss your concerns with one of our School Family Workers
- \* 15 minute time-slot allocated

Please go to this link to book:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/iargRQ2D0n>

or click on the QR code on this page




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