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# Stanborough School Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM

## Term one at a glance

By Giovanna C., Nidia G. & Viola F.

### Boarding School Life

Have you ever lived in a Boarding School? Living in the Boarding School is something we have experienced this term. Before coming, we thought it was going to be scary and we were not going to be able to do the things we usually do in our country, such as going out, sleeping until late and having our privacy. However, we've lived here for three months now and we found out that we actually can enjoy living in a Boarding School. One of the best things about living in a Boarding School is that we have always people around us, like our family. The Staff are friendly with you and do care about us. For example, one day we asked Miss Taleetha if she could take us to London. Even though it was her day off, she took us and spent the whole day with us. Furthermore, the weekends are the funniest part of the week. On Friday nights we spend time together while we enjoy drinking hot chocolate with biscuits. And on Saturdays we can either go out or stay in Boarding, taking part in such activities as hide and seek, *just dance* or going to the gym. We like the Boarding School, nevertheless, we feel our privacy is intruded at times because of the CCTV monitoring. We cannot be naughty! ;)

### The Best Lesson

This term we had so many good lessons. However, our favourite one was Cooking Class with Mrs. Annalisa Buraglio. She gave us the chance to make a big salad, something we had been asking her for a long time. To prepare for the lesson she asked us what were our favourite ingredients. Then, she bought everything we wanted: avocado, cherry tomatoes, olives, sweet corn, vegan mozzarella cheese, peppers, mushrooms, and artichokes. After we had finished making it, we enjoyed the salad all together with a variety of salad dressings. Yum!

### A Life Lesson

This term we learnt that before you trust people you should get to know them well. People should earn your trust because it's valuable to have good friendships. For instance, you should be careful if someone is gossiping about others with you, because this person could be talking about you behind your back. Once you get to know people, you will realise if they are trustworthy. Then, friendship is built on a good foundation.



### Our Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations, Nathanael L. and Zahra B.!



### Our Prefects

Congratulations, Michael O., Tabasom M., deputy head boy and girl, Grace A. Hilda A., Jazzmine P, Luana R., Nikhail V., Vitor F. and Zin Kai H.!

# Speech Night 2016

By Ms Pizzuto

On Thursday 20th October 2016, we celebrated the achievements of our students in the academic year 2015-2016. It was a memorable occasion!

Clyde A. mesmerised the audience at the start of the evening with his piano rendition of Sonata in C Major by W. A. Mozart. He played it by heart and received a well-deserved standing ovation.

The Head Girl, Zahra B., introduced our Guest Speaker, Mr Victor Pilmoor, a former student, teacher and governor of Stanborough Secondary School. In his address Mr Pilmoor shared his experiences from his time in the Boarding School, including some mischievous deeds, like how he used to change the clock time for the bells, so he wouldn't have to worry about being late.

The School Orchestra and School Choir, both conducted by Ms Ji Eun Ahn, graced



*Mr Pilmoor and Gabrielle G. during the awards presentation.*

the evening with their performances of "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar and "When You believe" from the Prince of Egypt.

The Fletcher Cup, awarded to alumni who have overcome life obstacles and excelled, was presented to Mr Jean-Paul Theanne.

An outstanding evening with congratulations to all those involved!

## THE STANBOROUGHIAN

On Speech Night all students received a copy of the latest issue of *The Stanboroughian*, our annual magazine. Check it out!

<http://www.spsch.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Stanborough-Yearbook-2016-Website-copy.pdf>

## The ADRA Gift Box Appeal



Our love parcels are on their way to Ghana! Thank you all for supporting the ADRA Gift Box Appeal 2016. Together we packed 93 beautifully-decorated boxes and donated £207.64 towards shipping costs.

Additionally, staff members donated £283.21 to top up all the boxes, making sure they were packed to the rim with toys and school supplies.

Each box will bring a sparkle of joy to an underprivileged child in Ghana. Thank you for your generous giving!

Why Ghana? The Republic of Ghana, is a sovereign unitary presidential constitutional democracy, located along

the Gulf of Guinea and Atlantic Ocean, in the sub-region of West Africa.

Since the mid-1980s, Ghana's impressive development has made the country one of the strongest performers in Africa. While Ghana's overall poverty rate has declined, the three regions in the north have seen only marginal decreases.

Small-scale farmers in Ghana's poor rural areas have limited access to the assets that would facilitate a shift from low-productivity subsistence farming to modern, commercial agriculture. This is where ADRA is helping to improve the lives of the poor and where your gift boxes will make a difference.



## TRIPS GALORE



## The London Central Mosque

As part of the RE curriculum, Mrs. K. Jackson organised a trip to the London Central Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre, on Wednesday 28th September. Students in year 10 and 11 took part in this educational trip to discover more about the Islamic culture and faith.



## Newbold College

Our FIE Japanese students visited Newbold College for a Taster Day on 28 September 2016. Newbold arranged interactive English lessons for them, they also had a chance to eat at the Cafeteria and spend a night in the dorms.



## Windsor Castle

On 28 September 2016 our EFL students visited the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world, Windsor Castle. The students truly enjoyed the music played by the marching band during the Changing of the Guard and the intricate details of the library in Queen Mary's Dolls' House. Ms Pizzuto, who visited the Castle many times before, was pleasantly surprised by "Fashioning a Reign", a beautiful exhibition that marks the goth Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen through a display of fashionable dress!

## Half-Term fun!

By Ms Pizzuto

Have you ever wondered what boarders do during school breaks? During our last half-term break *International Stanborough School* and *Stanborough Boarding School* joined forces to organise a variety of activities and trips. On Sunday 24 October our boarders visited Cadbury World to discover the delicious history of chocolate! In the afternoon, the history theme continued. This time, the boarders used their chocolate-fuelled energy to explore Warwick Castle, a medieval castle developed from an original built by William the Conqueror in 1068. It was a great day out!

But that wasn't all! On Monday 25 October, our boarders visited one of the most famous megalithic monuments in the world: Stonehenge. It was a such a windy day, but they managed not to fly away like Mary Poppins. In the afternoon, another surprise awaited: a visit to Bath. The students had the opportunity to explore the beautiful Roman Baths and even to do some shopping. It was a fantastic school break; how will we ever top it?



On Sunday, 25 September 2016, our boarders had a fun day in London. For some of them, it was the first time seeing London's attractions! out!

# Special Lessons & Events

This term was packed with special lessons and events:

On the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September our students attended a **Study Skills Training Session** delivered by Mr Gordon Sparke from *Study Skills Zone*. Our students learnt a variety of skills, including how to improve your memory, how to discover your learning style, 'mind mapping' and how to 'grow' your brain!

On the 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September our students took part in a series of **Awareness Sessions**, focusing on the harmful effects of **pornography**. Ps Ray Patrick, Little Eden's Chaplain, Gloria Tukeba, from *Our Great Commission*, and Carole McWhinney, from *No Ordinary Woman Chat Show*, delivered these relevant sessions.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> October Ms Sinclair organised an **Art Lesson** at the Tate Britain museum. Students from Year 7, 9, 10 and 11 had the opportunity to admire British contemporary art and engage in workshops with artists in residence.

Night photography can produce some great images! On the 26<sup>th</sup> October, Mrs Smith delivered a fantastic **Photography Lesson**. Using torches, sparklers and glow sticks, the students learnt about long exposure while having lots of fun.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November our football team visited Francis Combe Academy to play a friendly **interschool match**. Our team took the opportunity to unveil the new school kits. Even though Francis's team won the match (5:2), it was a great learning opportunity, and the event was well-supported by students and staff.

As part of the celebration of Black History Month, on the 1<sup>st</sup> November the School's Cafeteria hosted an **African and Caribbean Food Fest**. They served a delicious variety of dishes such as: banku and okra stew, vegetarian curry goat, rice and peas, and fried plantain. Yum!

On the 4<sup>th</sup> November our students attended a whole-day **Leadership and Self-esteem Training Session** delivered by Mr Jackson Ogunyemi, better known as "Action Jackson."

On the 8<sup>th</sup> November the School's Cafeteria hosted a **Brazilian Food Feast**. Students and staff were truly delighted to try *Feijoada* (bean stew), *Farofa* (fried cassava flour), *Pão de queijo* (cheese bread) and even *brigadieros* (Chocolate truffles)!

On the 20<sup>th</sup> November the PTA held a fantastic **Quiz & Curry Night** at Saffron Restaurant. The *Top Cats* team, Sheila, Karen

and Mike, won resoundingly! The event raised £110.



## FREE Safeguarding Resources for Parents:

Sexting: How to talk to children about the risks of sexting and what you can do to protect them. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting/>

The guideline: a parent's guide to addressing pornography with children <https://store.fightthenewdrug.org/products/the-guideline-pdf>

For more information on children's wellbeing, resilience and safety, visit <http://parentinfo.org>



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