



9th August 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you

I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to all the staff, who have worked through the ever-changing circumstances, including the second school-wide lockdown in January 2021, for always putting the children's happiness and progress at the heart of their work. Thank you, also, to every single parent for their support and thank you to all the students who have impressed their teachers and me, with their adaptability and application to their work this year.

Despite the disruptions to their classroom experience, they have engaged well with their learning, both at home and in school. Despite the impact of the pandemic locally, attendance has remained consistently above the national average. For this, I must thank you, our parents and guardians for your consistent, positive reinforcement of the importance of regular attendance, and therefore allowing your children to reach their full potential.

Farewell to Year 11 students

I would like to recognise those students who made up our Year 11 Class of 2021. They remained engaged and motivated throughout, despite knowing early on in the year that their formal GCSE examinations were cancelled and were to be replaced by the Teacher Assessed Grades. We look forward to welcoming them back into school to receive their GCSE grades on Results Day (Thursday 12th August 2021).

We have a proud history going back over a hundred years and every child and family that has passed through the doors has played a unique part in putting Stanborough at the heart of our community. Please do keep in touch and visit us in the future.

Year 11 Timetable for next year

Please note that all Year 11 students (current Year 10) will be expected to attend sessions after school, for an additional hour in the next academic year (Monday to Thursday). Further details will follow shortly. This is to ensure that teachers are given the appropriate amount of time to cover all of the curriculum and to give your child the best opportunity to be successful in their GCSE's.

Returning to School

I have inserted below, guidance on school attendance for September 2021:

- Families who have travelled abroad, or are planning to travel during the summer period, need to ensure that children are ready to return to school for the beginning of the autumn term.
- This includes any children who have travelled to red list countries, so families do need to consider whether they can manage any financial obligation caused by the requirement to hotel quarantine, as financial hardship can no longer be accepted as a reason not to be at school. Any quarantine/isolation that needs to be done, will need to be completed by the beginning of

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the autumn term. If parents request for their child/children to be out of school during term time, they will no longer be offered remote learning and their absence will be unauthorised.

Continuously Raising Standards

The 2021/2022 academic year will signal my third year as Interim Head Teacher at Stanborough Secondary School. Together with senior leadership, class teachers, administrative staff and the governing board, we have been preparing for our next visit from the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), which is now due in 2021 -2022. Our last visit from the ISI showed that we were compliant in all areas. Next year's visit will assess the educational quality. I am looking forward to sharing with the inspectors how we have continued with our commitment to excellent care and teaching, and I am confident that the report will positively reflect our wonderful school, with the additional developments which have been made over my time as Interim Head Teacher.

Security

Safeguarding and Health & Safety have always remained a priority for the school. To improve our security, we have recently requested that the gate at the bottom of the BUC be locked at all times and a fob key be given to members of the public on a needs basis. This request has been granted and the gate will soon be locked throughout the day. This will help to keep our precious children safe.

Parent Survey

We are always looking to improve the quality of education we provide our students and have listened to the constructive feedback and will focus on areas, like parent communications, for the next school year. Parents, please complete the survey below by 1st September 2021, as this will help to improve standards at our school. This will help us to:

- Find out what we're doing well and what we could do better.
- Decide which areas to prioritise, when developing our school improvement plan.
- Make sure we're meeting the needs of your children.



<https://forms.gle/xos99Fm6w2HeTgEn6>

Our school theme for the next academic year is: Audax at Fidelis - Bold but faithful

Bible Text/Scripture: ¹¹according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. Ephesians 3: 11-12

Our values for the next academic year are:

<u>Autumn</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>
Respect	Self-Control	Tenacity
Integrity	Resilience	Helpfulness

The new school year will begin as follows-:

12 August 2021	GCSE Results Day
1 September 2021	Safeguarding Training /Induction for New Staff
2 September 2021	INSET
3 September 2021	New Pupil Induction 09:30 – 10:30
6 September 2021	School begins at 08.35
14 September 2021	Year 11 Extraordinary Parents Evening (5pm) & Non School Uniform Day
20-24 September 2021	Spiritual Emphasis Week
22 September 2021	National Fitness Day

Please also find attached the school uniform requirements.

We thank God, for our supportive school community, who work in cohesion and support each other. We look forward to 2021/2022 with hope. Always remember that God is Master of our school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr K. James
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