



Stanborough School Newsletter



11 November 2022

Stanborough School Motto: God is the Master of our School

Theme for the year: Jubilate Deo — Rejoice in God

Bible verse: "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice" *Philippians 4: 4*

Core Values of the School: Excellence — Respect — Courage — Resilience

Specific Values for each half-term: Autumn 1 — **Friendship**

Welcome back

I would like to thank all the staff, students and the many parents I have already met, for making my first term at Stanborough Secondary School so enjoyable. I have had a wonderful time, and am really looking forward to the year ahead. I pray that we can work together, to make our school a centre of excellence.

J. Liburd, Interim Head teacher

Our Head girl and Head boy

My name is Kari, and I'm 16 years old. My biggest interest is music – I absolutely love singing and listening to music, as well as playing the ukulele. I also play the violin and the flute; I often play in the school orchestra, in ensembles and at different school events. My other hobbies include reading, painting sunsets, and baking – my chocolate chip cookies are famous at Stanborough school!

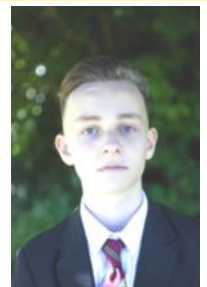
In the future, I would like to be a primary school teacher, and continue to achieve high in everything I do.

As Head Girl, I would like to do the best that I can in order to obtain top grades and set a good example to the other pupils. Furthermore, I would like to get to know the people in my school better, and continue to build the family atmosphere that Stanborough has.

Kari Year 11



My name is Theodore and I am the Head boy at Stanborough Secondary School. I believe that I am a born leader and will be able to represent the student body. I am a friendly and approachable young man. I believe that the best way to be a leader is to view your peers as equals.



I come from a family of Stanboroughians and thus, truly value the ethos and mission of our school.

My desire is to show all students how privileged we all are to have the opportunity to study at Stanborough school. I love our school and I hope to instil that feeling in my fellow peers.

Theodore Year 11

Our Prefects

Stanborough School is proud to present our team of prefects for the Academic year 2022-2023.



May you trust in God, the Master of our school, as you serve your fellow peers and grow in His Love!

GCSE report

The Stanborough School team is delighted with the GCSE results our students have achieved in the academic year 2021-2022.

This is the first set of external GCSE results after the covid-19 impact.

The Interim headteacher, Mrs Jeanetta Liburd, has commented that even though our students have faced unprecedented disruption to their education for about two years they have shown resilience and determination throughout.

We as a staff, here at Stanborough are proud of our students' achievements despite the fact they have experienced challenging circumstances.

Male	% 9-4 Grade	86%
Female	% 9-4 Grade	100%
Overall	% 9-4 Grade	91%

We wish them all well as they progress to the next stage of their life's journey.

Mr W Nalli, Exams Officer

Mean Scale Age Scores July 2022

	English	Value added	Maths	Value added	Science	Value added
Year 7	113.2	-0.1	106.7	+0.9	115.5	+0.1
Year 8	106.6	-0.6	101.3	+1.9	103.2	0.0
Year 9	105.1	+1.0	108.3	+1.2	111.9	-3.7
Year 10	108.0	+6.0	108.3	+7.5	116.6	+16.3

Attainment:

It is interesting to note that this year, we are above national average for all year groups and subjects. There is significant increase for last year 10's in sciences.

Progress:

- 72% of students made expected progress in English
- 76% of students made expected progress in Maths
- 14% of students made expected progress in Science and 86% made better than expected progress.
- More than 50% of students made better than expected progress.

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Monthly Joint Assembly

On the 30th of September, our school held its very first joint assembly with our sister primary school at Stanborough Park Church. This was our first time having a joint assembly in the church, and parents were free to attend, as well as the general public and the church members.



The programme started with an opening prayer by our head boy Ted. Some students from the primary school led out reading from God's Word. Afterwards, the primary school choir sang an

amazing song with their angelic voices, which was sung with a lot of passion and energy.



Our Assembly speaker was Pastor Terry Messenger (Senior pastor at Stanborough Park Church). He started by asking us about the different things that you could do with foods such as an apple, a banana, or a potato. He then linked this to harvest, giving back, and sharing what we have, as that day was also our school's community day.



After his inspiring message, our school ensemble, consisting of Belicia, Adrian, Thespina and I, played a touching hymn called "The Saviour Is waiting", and the program concluded with a closing prayer by Janoah.



*Kari
(Head girl)
Year 11*

Annual Community Service Day



On 30th of September, we had the privilege of celebrating Community Service Day. But what is Community Service Day? It is an annual event in which students give back to their community.



The school splits the students by year groups and we participate in various charity tasks. This year some groups went to our sister school, Stanborough Primary School, to paint some of the walls and other areas, while others went to the Meriden Food Bank – Food for All UK run by Mrs Buraglio-Molteni, our Library volunteer, and packed food supplies. It is an amazing work that Mrs Buraglio-Molteni is doing for our community addressing poverty and helping those in need. Her work is commendable!



Some students stayed at school and helped at our Boarding School. These students assisted with its preparation for its reopening in the Spring for International students. It was closed in 2020 due to the pandemic and has stayed shut since. It is close-



ly linked to our fantastic international programmes with our sister SDA schools all across the world, from Brazil to Russia, to Japan. It is a vital and key part of our school and I can say that we, as students, are excited for the re-opening of the Boarding School and the International programmes.



Year 11s, my year group, were allocated to raise money for the One-Vision charity. We were happy to visit the Abbotswood Park Co-Op supermarket, in Garston. One Vision has a few projects that they are working on, some of these are their food program where they help break the cycle of poverty, mental health awareness programs, and the Watford Youth Council which supports young people. As a school, we have worked with One Vision many times before and contribute to the good that they do for



our community.

When my class went out to collect money for the One-Vision charity, we could really feel that the money that we were

collecting could truly help people in need in our community. It also reminded me that there is still kindness in our world as I was given a £10 note by a shopper. As a whole, a lot more people gave us money than I expected and I would really recommend going out and collecting money for a cause that is near and dear to your own heart.

Theodore (Head boy) Year 11



Music at Stanborough School

What Makes Music at Stanborough So Wonderful?



Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord! (Ephesians 5:19)

Sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! (Psalm 105:2)

Have you ever heard a Stanboroughian play music to praise God, the Master of our school? Then you would agree that the experience was stunning! But what exactly makes it so great? I think that it would be safe to say that there is not one factor that makes music at Stanborough so wonderful, but multiple.

One of the things that makes the music at Stanborough great is our unique music program. Every student at Stanborough from Years 7-9 is required to learn a musical instrument of their choice, and it allows the students to try something they may not try otherwise. The teachers are all highly professional musicians, meaning that they teach and support us in the best way possible, and they all put a lot of time and effort into their jobs so that we can improve and stretch to our highest potential. 'The teachers have a passion for teaching in music and convey that passion to their students'. We have a very hands-on head of music; she knows our capabilities, is extremely passionate and hard-working, and encourages us to try harder and put our best effort in. In addition to our dedicated head of music and teachers, we have an active music committee - they help plan programs, such as the Carol Service, and put together powerpoints for these services, as well as lead and participate in various musical items.

Stanborough also has an amazing orchestra, and it

often plays at school events. All the orchestra members work very hard; the music teachers help the students learn their parts in individual lessons so that orchestra practice can be more effective. Even though many of the orchestra members are beginners when they join, our orchestra creates a great tone. People have said lovely things about our orchestra; one of the school's senior teachers observed that 'the quality of sound is delightful – the students, as well as the participating teachers, are all in harmony when performing'. Additionally, Stanborough has a choir for Years 7-9, and additional voluntary members from above years. Although this has been put on hold temporarily due to COVID restrictions, we sang at our last Speech Night and carol service, and a member of staff stated that the 'choir is wonderful; the voices blend nicely and the quality of music is very good'.

The beauty of the orchestra and choir is that it gives the students an opportunity to come and perform together, as well as work as a team, whether they are a beginner or more able musician. 1 Corinthians 12:18-20 says that God created us all with different talents and roles, but the beauty is when we play together as one like different parts of our body together to form a body.

The most significant school events for the music department are the school's annual Speech Night and Carol Service - they allow the students to showcase all their hard work, and celebrate their talents and efforts. These events are recognised and greatly appreciated by the local community. Many of the locals inquire about the next time they would be able to listen to our school play - they are enthusiastic, and are very willing to support us by coming to see our performances. We also include many musical items in other events, such as the Art Festival, International Night and Stanborough's Got Talent, and we participate in other church services. They are always enjoyed by the other students and teachers.

Our music teachers always provide opportunities for us to perform in order to gain confidence and to develop our leadership. We have multiple ensembles in our school, such as bell ensembles, various chamber music groups (piano duets, a piano trio and a piano quartet, amongst others), a wind ensemble, a guitar ensemble and many more. The students involved spend a lot of their free time in school rehearsing together in order to play in harmony with each other, and the end result is always worth the time and effort put in. When students come to practice, joyful sounds/noises can be heard in the music corridor, and they are always enthusiastic about what they do.

Finally, the teachers are not only professionals, but they care a lot about their students, and it makes a huge difference. Since our school is an Adventist Christian school, the teachers care for all the students individually according to our own needs. Also, our school has a strong family atmosphere, where the students are often more than willing to help each other out. This is especially evident in our orchestra's section practice, which is where different sections of the orchestra work together in order to improve their parts.



All in all, music at Stanborough is wonderful because of the passion, dedication, time and effort put in by students and teachers alike. The professional music teachers give us an edge, as they are able to help us improve as much as possible, and the music program that we have means that everyone gets the



chance to learn an instrument. 'At first, many might have trouble, but at the end of the day, a wonderful piece is made – hard work pays off and it really shows.' 'From a cacophony of sound comes a harmonised tuneful music pleasing to the ear'. We will keep marching on our journey with joyful sound and praise our Master until the day Jesus comes, as it says in Psalm 104:33 - 'I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.'

Kari (Head girl) Year 11



Slough Church Visit

On Saturday, 1st October 2022, a group of students together with our Interim Head teacher, Mrs Liburd, Mrs Anderson went to Slough church to participate in the main service. We did a variety of different things for the glory of God such as leading out in song, doing the children's story and participating in musical items which included a piano solo and an ensemble piece.

Our children's story was about integrity. We told a story of a girl who stole from a shop and got caught. We also played a game of two truths and a lie where every statement was a lie to show how easy it is to tell even the smallest lie. Our children's story aimed to teach and encourage not only the children, but the adults too about lying and why it isn't good. The Bible says that "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out." Proverbs 10:9. This was a key lesson in our story.

The guest speaker was Mrs Allen, a former Stanborough teacher. Her sermon had a very interesting and powerful message about being a blessing to those around us. Because of our firm foundation in God, we need to reflect His character in our dai

ly lives and showcase to the world what being a believer really is about.

On top of the inspiring sermon, we felt very welcomed by the Church members and they gave us a filling meal after the service.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time together at Slough Church and we are looking forward to going back soon.

Ruby and Thespina Year 9

Week of Spiritual Emphasis

The week of Spiritual Emphasis is a highlight in our school. This year Pastor Peart blessed us with her lively messages about

Values.



Children's Corner—Integrity

A boy called Ricky and his sister Isabella were aught by their parents to always tell the truth. How many children always tell the truth? One day, Isabella and Ricky went to the corner shop to get groceries. Isabella saw an appetising chocolate chip cookie on the shelf. She loved at the cookie and she wanted it, but she knew the answer is she asked her mum. The rest of Isabella's family was in another aisle and she thought that nobody could see her. Isabella seized the opportunity and ate the cookie as fast as she could so no-one would notice. She then went back to her mum and acted like nothing happened. Her mum realised that she had lost their house keys so Isabella, Ricky and mum went to look for the keys but couldn't find them. Isabella's mum asked a shop assistant for the security footage to see where they left the keys. "I last saw them in the cookie aisle," she said. "No! Don't check the footage! shouted Isabella. Her mum reassured Isabella that it would be OK and insisted they checked the footage in detail. Isabella turned away in fear as everyone saw her gobbling the cookie on the camera. They also saw Ricky peeking from behind the aisle at his sister eating the cookie.

Isabella realised that Ricky saw everything and threw her under the bus by telling their mum. Their mum told Isabella that she knew all along and

Events and key dates

7—11 November	Careers Week
21 November—1 December	Year 11 Mock exams
13 December	Carol Service 6pm
17 December—2 January	Christmas Holiday

that she would've bought the cookie if Isabella had asked nicely. She then bought Ricky two cookies for telling the truth and told Isabella that she wasn't allowed more treats for the rest of the month.

We have to learn to be like Ricky and always tell the truth even if nobody's watching. That's called integrity. Jesus had integrity and the Bible tells us that "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out", Proverbs 10:9. This means that when we tell the truth it makes God happy but if we lie we will get found out and God will not be proud of us.

Ruby and Thespina Year 9

Enrolment is open!

Please note that we are accepting pupils this year. Prospective parents who would like to discuss our admissions procedure further, please contact the school at info@spsch.org.

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Contacting a member of staff

We are always looking at ways to increase parental engagement and have introduced a new way for parents to contact members of staff. If you need to contact a member of staff, please feel free to use the **Contact** page on our website. Members of staff will get back to you within 48 hours.

<http://www.spsch.org/contact/>