



Headteacher's update

Week commencing Monday 2nd December will be a Week A

Rotary Speaking Competition



Huge congratulations to Zara, Freya and Amelia who represented our school at the recent Rotary public speaking competition.

The girls were fantastic and spoke with confidence about how our society supports our veterans of war.

They came second in the competition and were a credit to both the school and their families. Well done girls.

SENDCO Team

Starting from today, we will be including regular updates from our SEN team. Please see at the bottom of this bulletin an introduction to the team.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. We would suggest a minimum donation of £1 and hope that the students get involved and start the Christmas festive season off with a bang.



We always love to see the fantastic effort students put in to these events so will be excited to see the fantastic array of jumpers/t-shirts.

Christmas Variety Performance

Auditions for the Christmas Variety Performance took place on Wednesday 20th November. We had a variety of acts performing and all students were welcome. Please speak to Miss Cregg if you missed the opportunity. The variety performance will take place on Tuesday 17th December in the school hall.

Christmas Fayre

Please be reminded that we will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 18th December from 2pm to 5.30pm. If you are able to donate any items for the tombola, or you have a business and are willing to offer a larger prize for the raffle it would be gratefully received. Students will have the opportunity to attend during P5 and after 3pm all parents/carers and extended family are invited to attend.

Year 11 Celebration Evening

On Tuesday 26th November we held our Year 11 Leavers Celebration Evening. This was an opportunity to celebrate the success of our leavers as well as presenting them with their hard-earned GCSE Certificates. It was fantastic to see so many leavers return and they also loved returning to see their 'old' school and meet the teachers once again. Some of the students even stated that they missed us already! It was also an opportunity to publicly celebrate the fantastic work they had put in to achieve the GCSE grades, not forgetting the absolutely amazing 15 students who achieved one or more Grade 9s.



Mr N Moore
Headteacher



Christmas Lunch

Advance notice that we will be holding our Christmas Lunch in the school canteen on Wednesday 11th December. We will advertise the menu nearer the time.

Duke of Edinburgh



The DofE Bronze Award has now started on Friday evenings after school from 3pm – 4pm in the Lecture Theatre.

All Year 9 students are invited to take part in this very worthwhile activity. If you or students have any questions, please see Mr Hooton.

Supply Teachers

We are interested to hear from secondary level teachers in all subject areas. The need would be to step in at relatively short notice for regular staff to cover in-service training initiatives or illness.

If you would like to join our supply list, please send a full CV and any other relevant information to recruitment@stanleyhigh.co.uk.

Year 11 Revision – Autumn Term 2019

- Tuesday ‘Tech Tuesday’ with Miss Smithies and Mr Clarke
History with Miss Van-Eker
- Wednesday French with Miss Navin or German with Mrs Lee
History / Geography with Mr Baxter
- Friday RE with Miss Kent

Attendance

We have a target of 95% attendance and work hard every day to beat this. The whole school attendance for week ending 22nd November 2019 was 92.8%.

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
7JK	95.6%	8JN	93.7%	9KVE	88.6%	10EWA	89.6%	11GN	86.3%
7EC	94.4%	8JB	97%	9LW	93.5%	10MMC	95.6%	11PB	90.4%
7RP	95.3%	8TC	91.7%	9LR	92%	10JWA	94.8%	11MG	90.4%
7CS	91.4%	8HA	96.3%	9EM	97.5%	10KF	97.5%	11JR	96.8%
7LWR	91.8%	8AT	90.8%					11VW	99.6%

Congratulations to 11VW for achieving 99.6% attendance.

College Open days/evenings

As well as what we are offering in school, please encourage your child to visit the colleges on their open days / evenings the following link to view dates. <https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/School-Sefton-and-College-Open-Evenings-2019-to-2020.pdf>

Please do not hesitate to contact school or Mrs Lee, Year 11 Leader should you require any more information.



Word of the week

As you may know, we have a word of the week that we encourage students to use during their day-to-day learning and each week the word will be displayed in classrooms and around school. The word for next week will be 'hubbub' and we hope students do their best to use the word within lessons.

hubbub – noun – a chaotic din caused by a crowd of people, a busy, noisy situation

Art



Year 7 have excelled themselves this week with their Dinosaurs.

Their brief was to create a dinosaur for a children's book illustration.

Here are some amazing examples. Well done Year 7.



English

The English Department are promoting a 'Creative Writing Project' for all students in Year 8. We wish to encourage as many students as possible to develop their writing stamina. Our topic is 'Scary Stories.'

Horror Stories – we've all heard them and we've all been scared by them at one time or another. They can be terribly scary or simply funny, but either way they have been an attention-grabbing form of storytelling for centuries and leave people wondering whether what they've heard is fact or fiction!

Our short story project has been set as Year 8 homework for this half term. Whether you choose to write a spine-chilling tale packed full of suspense, or a ghostly story that's actually quite funny, we'd love to read it! All successful stories will be on display in our library to be shared with other budding storytellers!



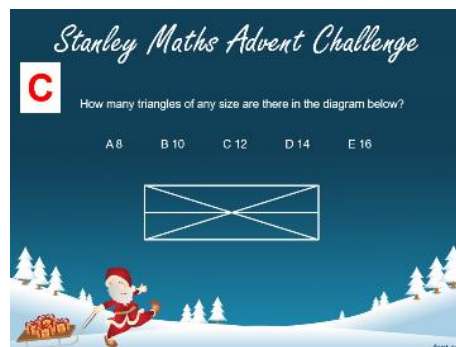
Rules

- Stories are to be presented as a mini- novel (as discussed in class)
- Illustrations can be included
- Stories should contain a front cover and a blurb.

Completion dates have been set by individual class teachers.

Maths

On Monday 2nd December, the Maths department will be launching a Christmas Advent Calendar/Treasure Hunt for Years 7, 8 and 9 throughout December – students will be given full instructions on Monday.





Maths and English Form time Challenge

All challenges and answers can be found at the link below, students had until today to enter. We had five forms enter the draw previously with the winners being 9EM and 10KF. Well done to them – prizes are on their way.

Last week we had six correct entries from forms, with 8HA winning the English prize and 7JK winning the Maths prize. Answers for the challenges can also be found at the following link. <https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/fortnightly-challenges/>

Letter Swap

Remove one letter from the first 4 – letter word and add it to the second 4 – letter word to leave a 3 – letter word and create a 5 – letter word. Letters for each word remain in the same order.
Eg ACRE, RASH – move C = ARE AND CRASH.
Swapped letters spell out a word related to the puzzle

STAG () TILE
PEAR () ANTS
BEAD () DRAM
TEEN () SLAT
STOP () RAIN
RAFT () DEER
PARE () CRAM
RANT () ROVE

#22

FORTNIGHTLY ENGLISH CHALLENGE #22
OPEN TO ALL FORMS

WRITE YOUR ANSWER ON A PIECE OF PAPER
WITH YOUR NAME
AND GIVE IT TO MR HOOTON IN ROOM 2

PRIZE FOR FIRST CORRECT ANSWER DRAWN
OUT OF THE HAT ON FRIDAY LUNCHTIME

FORTNIGHTLY MATHS CHALLENGE #22

OPEN TO ALL FORMS

WRITE YOUR ANSWER ON A PIECE OF PAPER
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OUT OF THE HAT ON FRIDAY LUNCHTIME

#22

Matching Sequences

When will these sequences be of equal length AND have their last term the same?

-6, -1, 4, 9.....
21, 25, 29, 33



PE

Basketball

Our Year 9 students recently participated in the North Sefton Schools Basketball championship at Birkdale High. Following on from the success of our Year 7 students our Year 9 players went one better by winning all of their matches, with outstanding performances against Meols Cop and Christ the King in their group, before a comprehensive victory against Birkdale High School in the final. The boys dedication to Basketball should be applauded as they practice every break time and have helped Mr Walsh with the coaching of Year 7 players. Well done to all the team.



Football News

The Year 7 football teams participation in the Sefton Cup continues after a thrilling 3-2 victory against a strong Range High School. The match, despite being played in tough weather conditions, resulted in a well deserved victory as the students displayed fantastic skills and attitude. The semi-final will take place after half term where we will play either the winners of Maricourt or Chesterfield High School. A massive well done for your achievements so far and let's hope we can reach the final in our first season.

GCSE Handball

Our Year 11 girls participated in the latest round of practical moderation's focusing on Handball. Handball is quickly developing into an extremely popular activity in both curriculum and extra-curricular at Stanley High School. Next week we will be fortunate enough to host Andy Clarke from England Handball who will be providing some coaching sessions to some of our local teachers, but also to our Year 10 GCSE Students. Our Year 11 students are currently preparing for their mocks and will have a badminton moderation on 9th December with our partner schools and a full practical moderation day on 13th December. Good Luck to all our students.



Gymnastics Judging Course



Can I please thank both Mr Corcoran from Marshside Gymnastics Club and the 14 pupils we had from Year 7-9 who completed a three hour training course in judging training for the Level 2 'English Gymnastics Schools' Key Steps Competitions.

The course was led by Mr Corcoran; the students spent the morning learning about the following aspects of being a judge analysing the correct performance of individual elements of routines, making decisions, learning to mark and score routines. These selected students will now put their new learned skills into action in our up and coming Level 2 School Games Primary Gymnastics Competitions that will be held at Stanley High School next term. Well done to all the students that took part in the training.

Upcoming fixtures/dates

Tuesday 3rd December – Year 9 Sefton Cup vs Deyes High School at Stanley High 1.30pm

Wednesday 4th December – Year 8 L2 School Games Basketball Competition at Birkdale High 3.45pm

Wednesday 4th December – KS4 L2 Girls Badminton competition at Stanley High 3.45pm

Thursday 5th December – Indoor Cricket at Stanley 3.45-5pm lead by Lancashire Cricket Club

Parent/Carer Parent Evening dates

The yearly parent/carers evenings will be taking place on the following dates between 4-7pm. The booking system will open 2 weeks prior to each date and will close the day before. You will be notified nearer the time via email with details of how you can book your appointments.

16th January 2020 - Year 11

6th February 2020 - Year 8

12th March 2020 - Year 9

6th May 2020 - Year 10

Should you need any assistance with booking your appointments or about how to use the system, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Extra-curricular

A revised extra-curricular programme is available for the Autumn term. Please follow the link below to see what is available. <https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/extra-curricular/>

Parent/Carer contact details

Can I please remind you to update the school office should you move house, change your phone number or email address. We send the majority of our communication home via email, which relies on an up to date email, and we need up to date telephone details for communication should your child be unwell etc. Please telephone the office or email enquiries@stanleyhigh.co.uk with any updated details.

School Term Dates

Please follow the link to see all available term dates. <https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/term-dates/>



Online Information and Apps

If you have changed your email address or any other contact details please let the office know by emailing. You can also follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stanleyhighsouthport/> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/shs1952> to keep up to date with events and activities in school.



Meet the SENDCO Team

I would like to introduce you to our Special Educational Needs and Disability Team (SEND) at Stanley High School.

The team works tirelessly to support our students who may have needs that cause learning to be a little more challenging. The team is made up of nine dedicated, experienced staff who I would like to introduce you to.



Back row, left to right: Miss Davenport (SENDCO), Mrs Wignall (Assistant SENDCO), Mr Thorpe (TA)
Middle row, left to right: Miss Moss (TA), Mrs Bowers (TA), Miss Marsden (TA)
Front row, left to right: Mrs Coggins (TA), Mrs Keen (TA), Mrs Dean (TA)

Miss Davenport – In September 2019 I took on the role of SENDCO at Stanley and although I am not new to the school, as I have been teaching Science here for the past three years, I feel truly honoured to work at Stanley High. Our students are the reason I love being here and enjoy coming to work each day. The students are so kind, generous and hardworking and I am proud to be able to support them through their school career to enable them to reach their full potential.

Mrs Wignall – Over the past 11 years that I have worked at Stanley High, I have had the good fortune to work alongside a truly dedicated team of support staff. My role enables me to liaise with outside agencies and co-professionals, which helps ensure that our students have access to the support and resources they need to become independent learners, confident individuals and ready for life after Stanley High. I believe that all children have talents, it just takes some of them longer to open their gifts.

Mr Thorpe – I have been a TA for 3 years at Stanley High School and previous to that I was supporting at Churchtown Primary. I really enjoy working with our students and enjoy the many trips and workshops I have had the pleasure to take students to. As well as supporting in class, I am a technician for the Dance and Drama productions, where I support and at times manage the audio and visual aspect of school productions. This is a real passion of mine and I get a huge sense of achievement in supporting our students through their GCSE Dance, Drama and Extra-curricular clubs.

Miss Moss – Although I have only been at Stanley since September 2019, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, working predominantly with the wonderful Year 7s, throughout the whole curriculum. My passions outside of school include adventure sport where you can regularly find me hanging off the top of a cliff, which I am hoping to start inspiring students at Stanley to take up.

Mrs Bowers – As a TA I have been privileged to work at Stanley High for the past 17 years. My expertise is in the Arts, Design & Technology and I recognise the importance that creativity has in building students confidence and self-esteem. Personally, I gain a great deal of satisfaction from supporting our inspiring students and in helping them to realise their potential.



Miss Marsden – I began my Stanley High School journey when I joined the staff in September this year and I am thoroughly enjoying my time here. I am predominantly based with our lovely year 7's and no two days are the same! I am finally working in a post where I feel challenged and greatly rewarded by what I am doing and achieving. I am also loving the learning and education I too am receiving from the fantastic teachers here at Stanley.

I used to work in apprenticeship recruitment prior to starting my role as a teaching assistant and I have to say it is certainly very different from a 9-5 office job! It is also great to be working back in a familiar educational environment because after completing my PGCE and then raising my two young children I have missed having a career that I am passionate about. Working at Stanley has been a lovely way to get back into something I am trained to do, but working on a more personal, hands on and one to one basis with the children.

Mrs Coggins – I am absolutely passionate about our local community High School, Stanley, and am proud to have worked alongside the most fantastic 'professionals' as a Teaching Assistant for near on 20 years. Originally based in the Music department then seconded into Maths, I have spent many marvellous moments with students and teachers building beautiful relationships in the classroom, on the corridors, on the field and yards.

I love school and love learning everything about any subject matter. Alongside, I try to understand how to support everyone, while working enthusiastically with learners. My most proud achievement was gaining a grade A in Maths, which I took alongside the students.

I love homework and use newfound knowledge to read new books, listen to new music, go to new places and also be creative. I have found myself quite 'arty' over the last 2 decades! My daily favourite sayings are 'Rise above It', 'Take it on board and see it as a challenge' and 'see it, say it, sort it'.

Mrs Keen – I have been a member of the Teaching Assistant team for the last 19 years and have enjoyed supporting the students in a variety of subjects, gaining a wealth of knowledge and experience during that time. At present I am mainly working in the English department helping our students who are struggling to access the curriculum and offering praise and encouragement, and thus helping them to keep on task. I think it is very important to be a listening ear and know the students particular needs.

Mrs Dean – I have been a TA at Stanley High School for 13 years, where I have supported and encouraged our students with SEND. More recently I have been predominantly based in the Science department working with a great team of committed and dedicated staff. It is difficult to put into words the sense of pride and joy that I have watching our students achieve their potential and goals, but also overcoming any challenges they may have. Being a TA isn't easy, but if asked would I change it, the answer would most definitely be NO! ☹️

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