



## Headteacher's update

### Covid-19 update

Prior to half term we experienced a number of positive Covid-19 cases isolated in Year 8 and Year 10. These year groups have both been accessing remote learning this week to break any potential transmission within their bubbles. Our students have been excellent in their engagement accessing remote learning and I would also like to say a huge thank you to our families and teaching staff for encouraging and supporting them while accessing Microsoft Teams. I know this can be challenging and we are looking forward to welcoming the students back to school from Monday. Please can you ensure you child is not displaying Covid-19 symptoms before returning.

Under the new national lockdown restrictions, students should not be walking to or from school in groups and should be with a maximum of one other person outside. They should not routinely be visiting shops on the way to or from school unless it is essential.

The safety of our school and local community is paramount now we have moved into a period of further National Lockdown, it is a requirement for adults and students in Secondary Schools and Colleges to wear face coverings when moving around, such as in corridors and communal areas.

Our students have been exceptional in bringing their face coverings to school and as a reminder students will not be allowed into the school building without a suitable face covering. Students must bring their own disposable or re-usable face covering to school as part of their school uniform and equipment. If a student arrives at school without a suitable face covering, they will be asked to return home to collect one or arrange for a family member to bring one to school.

We continue to encourage all students to follow the protocols of safe distancing and it is essential that all students wear a mask when out and about in communal areas also, we must ensure the safety guidelines that have been issued by the Government and Sefton Council are adhered to.

Please also refer to the guidance at the following links:

NHS Guidance for Covid-19 symptoms: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

Guidance for schools: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Should any parent/carer have any concerns or questions, please contact the school office for advice and guidance.

### Poppy Appeal



I am pleased to let you know that from yesterday students can purchase a Poppy from Room 31. This room is in the Excel zone, so students can only purchase them when they are in that zone. Please ensure they have money on their appropriate day.

Year 7 and 8 students have also been drawing Poppies in Art and History, please take a look further in the bulletin, I am sure you will agree they are excellent.



**British Youth Sailing Activity**

I am delighted to hear that Charlotte Cooper in Year 9 has is a member of the Royal Yachting Association has now been selected for the Regional Training Group – Topper (North) Winter 2020/21.

This selection recognises her potential to progress within the British Sailing Team, with the aim of winning selection for our UK Youth Squads (if not already in the Youth Squad) or beyond into our Olympic Development programmes. Charlotte has been selected on the basis of performance and commitment to a programme of training and competition over a period of several years, and this establishes her status as a British Youth Sailing sailor who we hope will represent Great Britain at major international events in the forthcoming years.

Huge congratulations for such an achievement so young. Well done Charlotte!



Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous space for young people that offers online support and counselling. Please visit the website and see what it has to offer. <https://www.kooth.com/video>



This week is National Stress Awareness week and this will also be a focus for PSHE lessons this half term. Students can sign up at Kooth.com.

**Stanley High school Christmas food hamper appeal**

Following on from the huge success we had last year with our food hamper appeal we believe this year we can go one better.

This year more than any other year families in our local community need our help.



We are asking you, our students, and your amazing families to support by bringing in vital food that will help feed our local community over the Christmas break.

Reverse Advent Calendar



This November, grab a box and instead of receiving a treat each day, add an item to create a food hamper for a family facing a tough time this Christmas.

- November 1 – Can of Baked Beans
- November 2 – Fruit Mince Pies
- November 3 – Pasta
- November 4 – Long life Milk
- November 5 – Can of Corn
- November 6 – Packet of Sweet Biscuits
- November 7 – Pack of Tea Bags
- November 8 – Jar of Pasta Sauce
- November 9 – Jar of Jam
- November 10 – Packet of Rice
- November 11 – Can of Tuna
- November 12 – Can of Tomatoes
- November 13 – Multipack 2-minute noodles
- November 14 – Packet of Cereal
- November 15 – Cake Mix
- November 16 – Packet of Dry Biscuits
- November 17 – Can of Soup
- November 18 – Bottle of Cordal
- November 19 – Long life Milk
- November 20 – Christmas Treat
- November 21 – Can of Spaghetti
- November 22 – Tinned Fruit
- November 23 – Can of Tuna
- November 24 – Packet of Jelly
- November 25 – Long life Custard
- November 26 – Christmas Pudding
- November 27 – Block of Chocolate
- November 28 – Instant Pasta dish
- November 29 – Simmer Sauce
- November 30 – Meal base

This will run throughout November. You can donate as little or as much as you want.

Our aim is to create enough food hampers to feed the families who would benefit from this in our community.

You can also create a food hamper at home and bring this in at the beginning of December. Or equally, students can bring in their food donations and these are to be dropped off at the zone pastoral area.

**Mr N Moore**  
**Headteacher**



## SEND update

Hello from the learning support team. Over the coming weeks you will be able to check your newsletter for weekly updates to do with SEND and learning support within school and our wider community.

Today I would like to bring to your attention a new card that has been produced for students with autism spectrum condition.



New card to help people with Autism Spectrum Condition Merseyside Police and Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service (MFRS) have joined together with the Cheshire Autism Practical Support (ChAPS) and Autism Together charities to launch a new initiative called the Attention Card.

The scheme helps people with Autism Spectrum Condition receive appropriate support in an emergency and provides training for staff to engage more effectively with people with hidden vulnerabilities.

Jo Garner, founder and managing director of ChAPS said: "We are delighted that this initiative is being rolled out. "People on the autism spectrum cannot always understand complex or abstract questions, and can appear to have disregard for authority by not being able to give clear adequate explanation for their behaviour, or even understand the situation they find themselves in. "This card is vital in helping both the cardholder and emergency services ensure situations do not become difficult. It means for those people who carry the card they can be assured they will be understood and receive the appropriate support."

To apply for the card visit [www.cheshireautism.org.uk/news/attention-card/](http://www.cheshireautism.org.uk/news/attention-card/)

For more information about the charity and how it can help your family (with or without diagnosis) please visit [www.cheshireautism.org.uk](http://www.cheshireautism.org.uk)

## Coats and Uniform and equipment

Student's uniform has been brilliant this half term. We would like all students to continue meeting these high uniform expectations. Full uniform is expected each day unless lessons are in the Discovery zone and PE kit must be worn.

A number of students are forgetting equipment when in the Discovery zone. Please help us to keep your child safe by ensuring they are taking responsibility for their own equipment and not borrowing any.

- All students should be in black leather or leather look shoes
- Blazers must be worn unless in the Discovery learning zone
- Skirts must be at a respectable length
- Ties must be tied long enough to show the school crest
- Coats can be worn and are advised as the weather gets colder; the wearing of a coat, over a blazer, is at the teachers discretion in their classroom
- Masks should be plain

We are incredibly proud of how our students look and want this to continue to be the case. We are also very pleased with the response from families to face masks being compulsory. Thank you.

Should a child not have a piece of uniform please put a note in their planners. Please let us know if you are having difficulty with uniform.



### School Lunch ordering online

Please continue to order your school lunches and pay in advance for your child’s lunches, to ensure the kitchen can provide the service adequately. Please check regularly for the upcoming weeks link to enable you to order in advance. Please note that you can order and pay for more than one week at a time to save multiple transactions. Each week that is available will have a deadline on the Sunday one week prior to the start date.

Week commencing Monday 16th November is available to place your order and the closing date to order will be Sunday 8th November.

Please follow the link to order your meals in advance <https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/school-meals/>

### Arriving at School

Please be reminded we have a staggered start in operation to ensure the safety of our community and to minimise congestion at key points of the day. Please ensure your child arrives at their allocated time as below:

**Year 10 & 11 – Arrive no earlier than 8:20am**

**Year 7, 8 & 9 – Arrive no earlier than 8:40am**

In addition to this we must stress that students should be going straight home or to a safe place following the end of school, as this reduces chances of spreading COVID-19. Students gathering outside school who may not have been together in our setting, may cause additional transmission links that we are unable to track and trace in case of an emergency. This also ensures their safety.

### 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 with a PowerPoint during form time. This year we are also introducing a cognate of the week which are words in two languages that share a similar meaning, spelling, and pronunciation.

The word for this week was **‘log/logy’** and the cognate was **‘reading’**. We hope students had the opportunity to use both words within their lessons and beyond, it is also nice to know that they often like to catch the teachers out by using it when least expected!

After half term the word will be **‘mono’** and the cognate will be **‘remember’**.

**Mono**                      Ancient Greek for one

**remember**              recordar – Spanish  
record – English

*Monochrome – monotonous - monarchy*

### Duke of Edinburgh



Year 10 students who started their Bronze DofE Award last year are asked to attend DofE in Room 44 on Friday afternoons (2.40pm - 3.45pm). This is to enable them to complete a "Certificate of Participation" for their Physical, Skills and Volunteering.

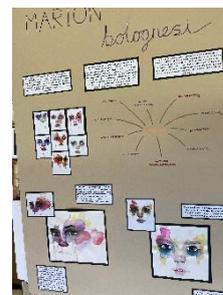
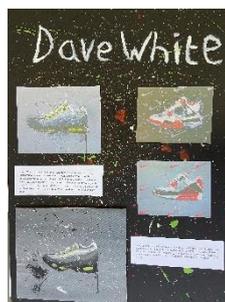
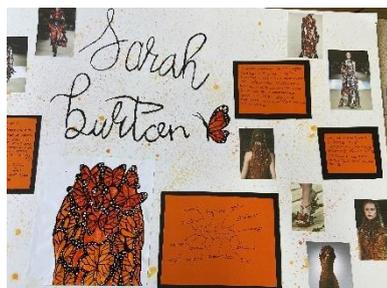
Details of Expeditions for Year 10 (Bronze) and Year 11 (Silver) will follow as soon as it is safe to run such activities.



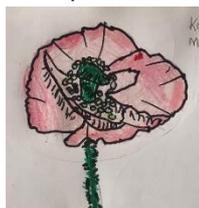
**Art**

Year 11 have been working hard on their homework, Artist research boards this week. I am really impressed with the high quality and research that they have shown.

It is great to see everyone has their own personal artist that they have researched. From Dress Designers to Graffiti Artists to Landscapes and Abstract Painters and Trainer Designers. Well done Year 11 I am really looking forward to seeing the final pieces that are developing from being inspired by these artists. Thanks Mrs Ward.



Year 7 and 8 students have been drawing Poppies in Art this for Art and History. Please see below some fabulous examples.



**English**

Our Year 8 students were busy studying 'War Poetry' last half term. Mrs Abram's Year 8 class have used their knowledge of Wilfred Owen's war experiences to create their own Remembrance Day tribute.

It was lovely to see the students so engaged and showing such respect and appreciation for those who have risked their lives for others. Next week, our Year 7 students will be creating their own poetic tribute following their study of 'In Flanders Fields.'



**Music**



Please be aware that there is keyboard club that takes place in Music for Year 7 students on a Tuesday and Year 8 on a Thursday until 3.45pm

We also have a Year 11 BTEC Music Intervention session on a Monday which is open to all BTEC students from 2.40pm to 3.40pm.



### Technology

Please be aware that there will be a GCSE Technology after school session on Wednesday's from 2.40pm to 3.10pm. This will be for Food, Media and Design Technology.

### Lego Club

Please be reminded that there will be a Lego club for Year 7 students on Monday and Year 8 students on Tuesday in Room 45. Please see Miss Smithies for more information when you are in the Discovery Zone.



### Attendance

We have a target of 95% attendance and work hard every day to beat this. The whole school attendance for week ending 22.10.2020 was 90.9%.

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
7JK	89.1%	8EC	95.5%	9JN	83.7%	10KVE	87.5%	11JR	91.8%
7RP	92%	8CS	90.1%	9JB	84.1%	10LW	92.3%	11JWA	91.3%
7LWR	98%	8DE	92.4%	9TC	91.3%	10LR	93.5%	11KF	88.2%
7GN	96.6%	8NT	94.2%	9AT	86.5%	10EM	95.6%	11EWA	88.3%
7PB	92.9%	8PV	96.1%	9HA	90.1%				
7MG	91.3%								

### 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](mailto:enquiries@stanleyhigh.co.uk) with any updated details.

### 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.

### School Term Dates

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