

STANLEY BULLETIN

Friday 22nd July 2025



Success for All

As we end another school year and reflect on our experiences - what we have learned, enjoyed and, sometimes, endured, we can once again be very proud of both our students and school.

On every trip or visit out of school, our students; *your* children were complimented.

During every exam and assessment, our students; *your* children showed resilience and determination.

Each time our students; *your* children were involved in events within school where we had visitors, they showed themselves to be mature and responsible young adults.

Well done to all of our students for representing the school, themselves and you, in a mature, positive and well-mannered manner.

We are proud of you all.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Please follow the link below to view the term dates for the next academic year.

Please note that following Government and Sefton guidance, no holidays will be authorised during term time.

<https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/term-dates>



Start of Term

Students will return to school on

Wednesday 3rd September

Year 7 from 8.30am for a 9am assembly

Year 8 arrive for 10am

Year 9 arrive for 10am

Year 10 arrive for 10.30am

Year 11 arrive for 10.30am

PRAISE POINTS

Congratulations to the 489 students who received no behaviour points last week.



Keep up the good work.

Office opening hours

Please note that the school office will be open Monday to Friday during the summer break.

The hours will be 9am to 3pm.

School Uniform donations

As we move towards the end of another school year, should you have any uniform that is in good condition and you no longer need, we kindly ask you to donate it to the school to allow others to utilise it. Please bring all donated items to the school office.



Inclusive Education in the Performing Arts: A Celebration of Every Student's Talent
At the heart of inclusive education lies the belief that every student deserves the opportunity to thrive, express themselves, and be celebrated for who they are. Nowhere is this more powerfully demonstrated than through the Performing Arts and, this summer, our Stanley Summer Showcase has brought that belief vividly to life.

This year's Showcase has been a true testament to creativity, collaboration, and inclusivity. Students of all ages and abilities have taken centre stage, not just in performance, but in the entire creative process. From writing and directing to performing original Dance, Music, and Drama sketches, each student has played a vital role in bringing the show to life.

Importantly, the spirit of the Showcase extends far beyond the spotlight. Students have designed costumes, built props, contributed to set design, and worked backstage as technicians and stage managers. Every role has been recognised as essential, ensuring that all talents and interests are celebrated equally. It's more than a show; it's a collective achievement that reflects the diverse strengths of our school community.

As part of this project, we were proud to take several sketches out into the local community, including a special performance for the Brain Trust Charity. These opportunities not only gave students a broader platform for their work but also fostered a sense of pride and purpose through sharing their talents with others. The Stanley Summer Showcase is a shining example of inclusive education in action, where every student has a voice, a role, and a chance to shine.





On Wednesday 2nd July, Stanley High School hosted the annual Southport Learning Partnership School Council Celebration for 2025. It was a wonderful day that celebrated the amazing work that school councils across Southport have done this year.

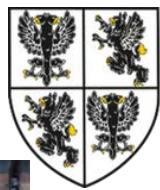
We had representatives from over twenty schools sharing their incredible achievements and were delighted that the Mayor of Sefton was able to join us for the celebration and also Patrick Hurley, our local MP.

The Stanley High School dance students gave an emotional and poignant performance of their Wally Cain dance routine and the Stanley Student Parliament showcased their achievements this year which range from raising money for the Air Ambulance Charity to collecting over 1000 items to donate to Southport Foodbank. The Stanley Student Parliament plays an important role in creating future leaders and making a difference to the local community.

Thank you to our school parliament members and Miss Ellis for all her hard work leading these students. A huge well done also goes to the Stanley students who welcomed our guests and were outstanding ambassadors for our school on the day. It was a pleasure to hear all the lovely compliments regarding our students.



What a fantastic year for DofE! Over 50 students in Years 9 and 10 have taken part in two Silver and three Bronze expeditions, showing incredible resilience, teamwork, and determination throughout. We're so proud of everyone involved. The final step for this year's participants is to upload evidence for their Physical, Skill, and Volunteering sections on eDofE. The rescheduled Bronze Qualifying Expedition will now take place on Friday 12th to Saturday 13th September 2025, with more details to follow. We're also looking forward to launching next year's Bronze and Silver Awards in the Autumn Term. A huge thank you to all the staff, parents and carers who've supported our students – the Award wouldn't be possible without you!



On Thursday 10th July, with proud parents/carers and staff in attendance, we held our celebration evening, and what a celebration it was.

To kick off the evening, students and their families enjoyed a reception in the blue yard in the evening sunshine.

Staff and families mingled, took selfies and tucked in to delicious nibbles and drinks. During the course of the evening, our Heads of Year delivered short speeches to recognise the students that had best demonstrated excellent effort and achievement in subjects throughout the year before inviting them up to the stage to receive their award in front of proud parents/carers and staff.

Recognition was given from each subject and Heads of Year nominated students who live and breathe our school values everyday: Aspire, Challenge and Excel.

The evening was filled with humour, heartfelt messages, inspiring speeches thanks to Mrs Goodier and Miss Gregg, and a good time was had by all.

Thank you to event organiser and host, Mrs Goodier, for a fabulous evening, and thank you to the families who joined us. We will make the event an annual celebration for our students.





Sophie in Year 9 attends a dance school and has achieved an outstanding level of performance. She will be involved in government funded training next year. This week, Sophie has been taking part in the global dance finals. We await the results. Well done, Sophie!



Joseph Theatre Trip

On Tuesday 15th July, we took 40 students to see 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' at the Liverpool Empire Theatre. The students were impeccably behaved, had a fantastic time and, most importantly, it's really got them in the mood for our forthcoming production of Joseph next year!

Year 10 Work Experience Week

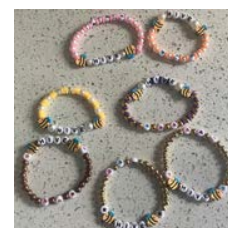
During the week of Monday 7th July to Friday 11th July, Year 10 students took part in an enriching work experience programme that offered them a valuable insight into the professional world.

For many, it was an eye-opening exploration where they not only learned new skills but also discovered more about their own strengths and interests, all while gaining experience working alongside adults in a real-world environment.

The feedback from employers was overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the students for their maturity, strong work ethic, and commitment. Some students even received offers for apprenticeships and part-time positions, highlighting the success of the programme.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our parents and carers for their continued support as we strive to enhance and refine this work experience initiative for future students.

Jess W (Year 7) and a few friends from Churchtown Primary have been busy making bracelets to raise money for Bebe's Hive CIC. After raising £281 at the Emergency Services Day at Haig Avenue, they went on to raise an incredible £1,311 at their recent stall in the Botanic Gardens. Since then, demand has soared and their homes have turned into bracelet factories! A fantastic effort – well done, everyone!



School Rewards Trips

On the 14th of July, students across Years 7 to 10 enjoyed a fantastic day out on a range of school trips. Year 7 visited Blackpool Zoo, while Years 8, 9, and 10 had the opportunity to explore Alton Towers, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Ninja Warrior, Chester Zoo, and the cinema.

All students had a brilliant time and their behaviour throughout the day was exemplary. They represented the school with pride and maturity, making the day a memorable and positive experience for everyone involved.



Literacy

During the Spring Term this year, Y7 were visited by award winning author, Mitch Johnson. The students were thoroughly excited to meet Mr Johnson as they had studied his book as part of their transition to Stanley High School.

The book, Kick, deals with some powerful themes such as child exploitation and human rights, but at the centre of the story is a twelve-year-old boy who dreams of becoming a famous footballer – an ambition many of our students can identify with! As well as opening doors to an unfamiliar world, Mr Johnson's visit also allowed all Y7 students to have a glimpse into the world of a successful writer. Mr Johnson's engaging assembly explored the process of writing and how to pursue ambitions in the world of literature.

Moreover, Mr Johnson then delivered a creative writing workshop, giving our students a unique insight into the process of writing creatively and enabling them to see the links between the work they do in the classroom and the real-world benefits that are possible.

As a result of this visit, several of our Y7 students now actively engage in our creative writing club and are continuously seeking ways to become better writers – with some hoping to become published in the future.

Finally, it is through the ambition that we hold for our Y7 students, and the engagement with award winning texts, that our students are able to understand and pursue the highest levels of academic excellence and ambition for themselves.

Well done Year 7. We look forward to your creative output in Year 8.





Members of Stanley's Eco Council branch of the Student Parliament were fortunate to attend Greenbank's Green Future Visionaries conference.

Our students were thoroughly inspired by the speakers they heard, the range of careers they were exposed to, and left with many ideas of how to bring about a greener Stanley.

Alongside helping with the planning of some "litter repurposing" projects for the next academic year, Adia has been busy with her own poster campaign to encourage better recycling habits around school. We are really proud of Adia's initiative and her passion for the environment.

Sefton Immunisation Team



Has your child missed a vaccination?

It's not too late, contact the team on
0151 247 6130 to book an appointment.

Clinic dates:

- **23 July 2025** Prince Street Family health centre, Waterloo L22 5PB
- **31 July 2025** Southport Health and Wellbeing PR9 0PQ
- **5 August 2025** Litherland Town Hall Health Centre L21 9JN
- **12 August 2025** Maghull Health Centre L31 0DJ





Drop-in Sessions with Star

What is on offer?

Star Centre staff are providing drop in sessions in Talbot and Linaker Street centre's in Southport, this service is available for all those children, young people, parents and people in the community that may be currently struggling as a result of the tragic events in Southport last summer. Our trained counsellors and therapists will provide a listening ear, support and advice in a safe and confidential space at this challenging time. You don't need an appointment or a referral to access this service, just drop-in.

Who is it for?

Both children and adults who continue to be affected by the events in Southport last summer. Anyone who feels they need support can attend.

How can you get support?

No referral needed, simply just turn up on the day and you will be able to access support from one of our therapists.

Dates and Times:

Talbot Street Family Wellbeing Centre:

Wednesday 23rd July 9am - 5pm x 1 room

Wednesday 30th July 9am - 5pm x 1 room

Linaker Street Family Wellbeing Centre:

Wednesday 23rd July 9am - 5pm x 1 room

Thursday 24th July 9am-5pm x 2 rooms

Wednesday 30th 9am - 5pm x 1 room

Thursday 31st 9am - 5pm x 2 rooms



Sports News

Football

Football has always been extremely popular with fantastic attendance at our extra-curricular clubs which have seen both individual and team success. Individually, we must congratulate Jack Brookfield who this year secured his professional scholarship with Salford City. Jack has been a fantastic role model and ambassador for Stanley High and we look forward to watching the next steps of his football journey.

Our five football teams entered the Sefton Cup this year and our Year 10s progressed to the semi-final against eventual winners, Maricourt. All of our teams progressed to the later rounds and although this year there was no Sefton Cup silverware, there were plenty of positive performances which suggests potential future success.

Once again, Stanley hosted the North Sefton schools football festivals. These festivals usually act as a qualifier to represent Sefton at Finch Farm, the home of Everton Football Club training ground. Our students this year not only went to the home of Everton, but to Liverpool FC. Our Year 7 & 8s had the chance to represent school at the North West Finals where our Year 8s finished 3rd overall.



Basketball

At Stanley, we have a great tradition of basketball success. This season was no different with our boys winning their respective competitions in Year 7, 8, 9. The success of our basketball teams means that now we will be linking up with Edge Hill University, who have kindly offered to host the basketball tournaments at their campus.

This will provide a greater challenge for our students, and the regional winners across Merseyside will be invited to compete against our players.

We look forward to the challenge and seeing our students rise to the occasion.





Glasgow trip – March 2025

This year we ran our first football trip to Glasgow.

During the trip, students were trained by members of the Celtic coaching team and had the opportunity to attend a tour of the stadium. They also attended a home fixture between Celtic and Hearts.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Celtic needed the win to clinch the title and we were able to witness a 3-0 victory to Celtic. Our teams played against some strong local opposition and all of the games were evenly contested and played with a high level of sportsmanship throughout.

Special mention, however, goes to our Year 11 team on the final fixture on the final day who secured a win which meant the journey home was full of high spirits, despite the tired bodies after the busy week.

After the wonderful success of this trip, the PE department has already planned the next trip to Spain with 40 students from next years Year 9 & 10s who will be flying out in March 2026 to represent the school against continental opposition.



Cross Country

Throughout the year, Sefton have hosted three cross country races. One of the venues is our own Stanley High and students from Years 7, 8 and 9 have had both individual and team successes.

Through various inclement weather conditions, our students have shown great determination and have had top ten finishers in all of the year groups; however, the highlight of the cross-country season has to be when Stanley hosted 22 primary schools in May with approximately 1,100 pupils ranging from Years 3-6 taking part in the Sefton Primary School competition.

We had over 100 students acting as Sports Leaders performing marshalling duties, pacemaker duties and some students were attached to the different primaries helping to organise them.

Our students were truly remarkable ambassadors for our school and this allowed them to showcase all of their talents. Well done to all the students who helped and supported that day but also a massive thank you on behalf of the PE department to all of the sports leaders. They have supported all of the activities we have hosted at Stanley High School for our Primary Schools as well as the amount of curriculum days that are a regular part of our school calendar.



Cricket

Wow, what a year! The great British summer has seen rising temperatures which were only matched by the exemplary performances that our students have produced this season. In the local north Sefton cricket competitions that we play at Fleetwood Hesketh, Stanley were victorious in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10.

However, it was the success in the Lancashire Cup where our U13 and U14 reached the quarter final stage that stands out. Special mention to the U15s who played at the finals day at Northern Cricket Club and finished 3rd overall in Lancashire, only losing one game all year.

Our students have had some wonderful experiences along the way with our U15s being made up of Year 7 and 8 students so the future looks good. Let's go one step further next year and win the cup!



Handball

Our Year 11 GCSE students have been taking part in a number of practical GCSE moderations for their upcoming GCSE exam.

This includes Football, Netball, Badminton, Rugby Union and Handball. The standard of performance so far has been exemplary and bodes well for some promising marks in the summer.

Special mention to the students who participated in Handball and then went on to win the Year 11 Handball competition. This is a new activity that we have brought into our curriculum, and it is fantastic to see such progress made with our teams.



Rugby

At Stanley, rugby is an emerging and growing sport which has seen us play in fixtures against some of our local schools.

Students have been supported by members of Southport Rugby Club, who have assisted and supported in our extra-curricular sessions.

On behalf of the PE department, we thank Southport Rugby Club for providing members of their staff to support our students but also for providing their facilities to host a number of tournaments that we organised across the age groups.

It is pleasing to see that several of our students have accessed this pathway and are now regularly playing in Southport RFC.

Well done to all students who have participated in rugby this year.



Sports Hall Athletics

Each year, our Year 7 and 8s have the opportunity to take part in Sports Hall Athletics events which range from running, jumping and throwing against other Southport and Formby schools. Year 7 finished second and Year 8 were comprehensive winners and qualified for the Merseyside Sports Hall competition which was held at Wavertree.

Our athletes competed very well on the day and, out of 20 schools, we finished 4th overall in Merseyside. The indoor athletics certainly gave a preview of the success we went on to have at the Southport and Formby Championships at Edge Hill and the Sefton Division 1 at Wavertree. In both of these competitions, Stanley secured both individual and team success.

Well done to all students who took part.





Dodgeball

This year we hosted our first ever inclusive dodgeball tournament with our North Sefton schools. The focus was on targeting students who had not had many opportunities to represent many of our school teams.

Stanley entered Year 7 & 8 teams and both teams had a fantastic time and played their games with determination and a willingness to win. Both teams finished second overall.

Due to the successes of this tournament, this is now a competition that will be included each year in the sport calendar.



Netball

This year, we have entered all the Sefton competitions and because of our students' hard work and dedication, we have been able to secure some excellent results.

A special mention to our Year 7 girls who finished in third place out of the six schools. What a great achievement!

A special thank you to Year 10 who have given up their valuable time to assist in coaching their peers – you have been outstanding role models for our younger students!



Girls Football

This year has been a successful year for girls' football!

We entered a range of sporting fixtures and tournaments throughout the year which gave our girls plenty of opportunities to play the game they love!

Year 8 had plenty of success and have won two Sefton competitions, both of which went down to the very last game!

Year 7 also shared the success, finishing as runners up in their Sefton competition.

The girls have all made such great progress and worked so well in their teams! Well done on all of your achievements!





Rounders

This is always a popular summer sports club and this year, we saw outstanding numbers across all year groups.

We once again hosted the annual Sefton rounders tournament at Stanley which had over 150 students on the day.

Well done to Year 9 who finished as runners up in their competition. Some very exciting and competitive games were played which created a great atmosphere throughout the afternoon.



Indoor Athletics

Year 7 and 8 students took part in the North Sefton indoor athletics competition at Greenbank High School where five schools competed across the tournament. Our students represented our school in an outstanding manner.

The girls performed brilliantly on the day and showed impressive results in both track and field events.

Year 7 finished in third place and Year 8 finished in second place. Outstanding performances!



Summer Athletics

Huge success was achieved in the two athletic competitions this year. The first competition was the Southport and Formby Championships held at Edge Hill University. The winners included Poppy (Y7 Discus), Jess (Y7 Hurdles), Lola (Y8 High jump) and Rebecca (Y10 Hurdles).

This was great preparation for our next competition: the Sefton Schools' Athletics Division One at Wavertree Sports Centre.



Again, because of our students' desire to succeed, there was great success in both the individual and team events; a special mention to Poppy (Y7) who finished first place in discus across both competitions!

Both boys and girls gave it their all and managed to remain in Division one for next year. Well done, everyone!



Trust Golf Competition

After last year's success, Stanley was keen to participate in the annual Trust golf competition once again.

Four students competed in the 9-hole competition and were extremely close to maintaining last year's success story.



They narrowly missed out on first place, and all students demonstrated excellent performances. The standard of competition looked to have gone up a level, but all our boys should be proud of their efforts!

Well done on finishing in an impressive second position!

Tag Rugby

We recently took part in a mixed touch Rugby tournament. Year 9 finished a commendable 4th place. The event was a great introduction to competitive Rugby for both boys and girls, providing a fun and inclusive experience for all involved.

The students showed fantastic teamwork, enthusiasm, and a real willingness to learn.

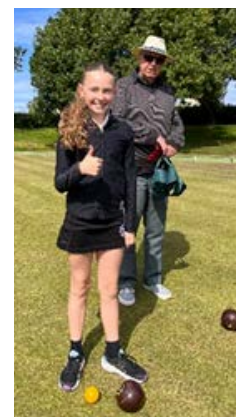
We are excited to continue developing in Rugby and are looking forward to building on this experience in future competitions.



Year 7 Bowls Competition

Year 7 girls have been involved in a bowls competition this summer term. This was held at Southport Flat Green Bowling Club and was an excellent opportunity for our students to experience a sport they had not tried before.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the morning and were massively inspired by our champion bowler, Elsie (Y8).





Primary School Sports Events

Stanley High School has proudly hosted a wide range of primary school sports events throughout the academic year, strengthening community ties and offering enriching leadership opportunities for our students. These events have included boys' and girls' football tournaments across all primary year groups, gymnastics competitions, multi-skills festivals, softball, dodgeball tournaments and even footgolf competitions.

A particular highlight was the North Sefton Cross Country Championships, which saw over 800 young athletes from across Southport and Formby come together in a remarkable display of endurance and teamwork. The event was a resounding success, showcasing the enthusiasm and sporting spirit of our local primary schools.

Stanley High's dedicated Sports Leaders played a vital role in the smooth running of all these events. Our students took on a variety of responsibilities, including officiating matches, judging performances, coaching younger participants, and helping to organise and manage logistics.



Through these roles, our Sports Leaders have developed a wide range of valuable leadership skills. They've demonstrated communication and decision-making in high-pressure situations, problem-solving during live events and time management. They have shown empathy—encouraging young competitors, celebrating every child's effort and creating a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for all.

Stanley High School is proud to be at the heart of local primary sport and remains committed to providing opportunities that inspire leadership and growth.