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Good afternoon Stanley Families

Happy New Year - I hope that you all had a lovely break from the morning routine and that this week has not been too traumatic.

Many children find the change from being away from school to being in school very tiring, this is for a number of reasons. When in school our nocturnal teens have to be awake, they have very limited device access, some struggle to regulate their emotions as they have not had to do this in the comfort of their home, some students miss their blankets and home comforts so much and in all honesty as teenagers they may not tell you, but they really miss the time they have been able to spend with you in whatever capacity that is.

I am really pleased to say that we have had an incredibly settled start to the year and attendance has been really high. There is a national Government push on the importance of attendance and how great outcomes link to great attendance, but also great attendance has a huge impact on the relationships students have in school with staff and their peers.

Thank you to all families who have responded to our family survey over the break, it is so important for school development that we can hear your views, good, bad or ugly as we cannot move forward if we do not listen to your experiences.

This half term we have a big recruitment drive, I am so excited to be able to expand our school team with amazing adults who can support the development of your child. Our biggest appointment will be quite an influential one in school, that role is of Deputy Headteacher. I have shown many potential candidates around the school over the past few weeks, and they have all commented on how calm and purposeful learning looks in school, but I am most proud of the candidates recognising how polite your children are and how this has shone through. As part of the DHT interview process I would really like to involve families and I am looking for a panel of 3 representatives to form a family interview panel, if you would be interested in this and have availability on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 I would love to hear from you. Please contact my PA Miss Harper through [enquiries@stanleyhigh.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stanleyhigh.co.uk) to express an interest.

This week, amongst many other activities, the school has had a Fire Safety Inspection which I am pleased to tell you went really well. We will continue to practice our fire procedures and lockdown procedures through the year. I for one hope we never have to use them in a real-life situation, but I am always pleased with the attitude students take towards them.

I believe that January is holiday booking season - if you are lucky enough to be in the situation to be considering a holiday this year or next, please visit our term dates page on our brand-new website. [Term Dates | Stanley High School](#).

And finally, I wish you a lovely weekend, I know around 1000 people who are ready for a weekend after a great week back at Stanley High School.

**Mrs J Shawe**  
**Headteacher**



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## School Term Dates

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

## Parent/Carer Consultation Evening dates

Please make a note of the following dates for your children's year. School will **close at 2pm** on these dates to allow parents/carers to attend from 3pm to 6.30pm.

Year 9 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024    Year 11 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024    Year 10 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

## Upcoming Dates and Events

Please make a note of the following dates, for your information.

### January

w/c 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Food exams
W/c 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y11 Mock exams
W/c 29 <sup>th</sup>	Options Assemblies
31 <sup>st</sup>	UK Intermediate Maths Challenge

### February

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening (booking opens 18 <sup>th</sup> January)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Options Evening
8 <sup>th</sup>	Naples visit departs
9 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 3pm
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term break
19 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day – students offsite
20 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term

## Attendance

We have a target of 95% attendance and work hard every day to beat this. The whole school attendance for week ending 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 was 89.8%.

Did you know that if your attendance is 90%, this is equivalent to 1 full day off school every two weeks and if your attendance is 95% this is equivalent to half a day off school every two weeks?

Congratulations to 7EWA, 7MRL and 7RP for achieving the highest attendance last week.

Since September, the Department for Education has issued guidance for all schools in "Working Together to Improve Attendance". This guidance forms the basis of our updated Attendance Policy - which you can find on our website at the following link.

<https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Attendance-Policy-September-2022.pdf>

## Homework Club

Our school homework club is open to all years and is held in the library every day after school from 3pm - 4pm. Students will have access to laptops should they wish to use them and there will be support from learning support staff during this time. We welcome all students to attend whether it be to complete homework, to revise for assessments, or take the opportunity to access our library for the simple pleasure of reading.



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We understand homework can be tricky for some students to navigate so please know that we are here to support where needed.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

### Maths

**PUZZLE CLUB**  
Open to all  
**FRIDAY LUNCH**  
12.20pm – 1pm  
**Room 2**

### Chess Club

**Chess Club**  
Monday Lunchtimes  
Room 31

**Fancy improving your logic?**

- It can raise your IQ. Chess has always had an image problem, being seen as a game for business and people with already high IQ.
- It helps prevent Alzheimer's.
- It exercises both sides of the brain.
- It increases your creativity.
- It improves your memory.

### Drama

**RISING STARS**

Are you in Year 7 - 9 and have a flair for the dramatic?  
Do you want to build your confidence and make new friends?  
Do you have an eye for direction and want to devise your own performances?

If you have answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then 'Rising Stars' is the Drama club for you!  
Sign up today! (Places are limited)  
**WEDNESDAY FROM 12.30 - 1PM IN RM 14**

**War Hammer Club**  
Thursday Lunch  
KS3 Welcome  
R45  
Mrs Lyon

### Technology

**GCSE Food and Nutrition Aim Higher Session with Mrs Lyon**  
Tuesday Week B  
3pm

**Mr Sconce's KS3 Cooking Club**  
Tuesday Week A  
Sept- Oct  
half term  
22 places

**Tech Tuesday**  
**3-4pm**  
TUESDAY WEEK A  
STARTING W/C 4TH OCT  
Miss Green R46  
Mrs Lyon R44  
Coursework Catch-up

**Tech Tuesday**  
**3-4pm**  
TUESDAY WEEK B  
STARTING 27TH SEPT  
MISS GREEN R46  
SIGN UP FROM 14TH SEPTEMBER  
22 PLACES

### Online Safety – Mrs Fraser-Orr

Please visit the National Safety Online Facebook page at the link below to see their latest important information. You will also see any historical information that we have shared with you.

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety>



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## NSPCC

How much does your child know about staying safe online?

Test their knowledge and start a discussion with our online safety quiz! 👉

<https://bit.ly/3ZUdW28>



### Literacy ePlatform – Mrs Kelly

Our students have started to enjoy the benefits of our new library platform ePlatform.



Students can log in using their normal school login: [Stanley High School - Stanley High School \(eplatform.co\)](https://stanleyhighschool.eplatform.co)  
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### 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/> to keep up to date with events and activities in school.

### The Sefton Directory

You will find useful information regarding Adults, Families and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities on The Sefton Directory pages. Please use the links below:

<https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/home.page>

<https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>

<https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=3>

### Advice, help and support available

You may wish to get in touch with Sefton's Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service, SENDIASS (Tel. 0151 934 3334) or by email [seftonsendiass@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:seftonsendiass@sefton.gov.uk)

SENDIASS is a free, confidential, and impartial service for parents and carers, children, and young people (up to 25 years), who help parents and carers make informed decisions about their children's special educational needs and to support children and young people to have their voices heard and to talk over their options for next steps and future transitions. They can advise and support parents and young people up to and including mediation and tribunal.

<https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/advice.page?id=x8sKvkxyZyo>

### Sefton Emotional Health Partnership

Please follow the link below to see some important links and contact details for emotional and mental health support providers.

<https://mailchi.mp/a1413fe6bcb9/december-2022-newsletter-sefton-emotional-health-partnership>



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# Set Up Safe Checklist

**internet  
matters.org**

Set your child up for online safety with these simple tasks

## Manage broadband & mobile networks



At home, access your broadband network and set applicable controls.



On the go, set up controls on the relevant mobile network.

**See step-by-step guides to help**

## Prepare their device



Explore the **device controls and settings** to set limits on inappropriate content, screen time, spending and more.



Download and install the apps and games you're okay with your child using.



Set up controls in these apps and games to help keep your child safe while they play, browse or chat.



Install or set up additional **parental control apps** for further protection.

**Explore step-by-step guides for social media and video gaming**

## Talk & learn regularly

Together, learn about online safety issues that might impact your child.

Together, explore privacy and safety settings on their favourite platforms.

Ask them to teach you about their favourite online platforms to create an open environment for conversation.

Keep these conversations going for continuous support.



Visit [internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org) for more advice

[InternetMatters](https://www.facebook.com/InternetMatters)  
 [@im\\_org](https://twitter.com/im_org)

[@InternetMatters](https://www.youtube.com/InternetMatters)  
 [Internet Matters Ltd](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Internet-Matters-Ltd)

[@internetmattersorg](https://www.instagram.com/internetmattersorg)  
 [@InternetMatters\\_org](https://www.pinterest.com/InternetMatters_org)



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## Online help and advice

If you have any worries or concerns regarding a child while school is closed please take a look at how you can report something that doesn't fit right with you [Worried about a child \(sefton.gov.uk\)](https://www.sefton.gov.uk).

**Kooth** is an online mental well-being website. 0203 984 9337 [www.kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

**Childline** is a free, private, and confidential service that you can access online and on the phone. They can provide help and support for people up to their 19th birthday. 0800 1111 [www.childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)

**Samaritans** is where you can access confidential emotional support at any time by calling 116 123 or emailing [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) [www.samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)

**Shout** is a 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258. [www.crisistextline.uk](https://www.crisistextline.uk)

**Police** If you or somebody else is in danger, or it feels like a situation might get dangerous and you need support right away, click here to find out how to contact the police. [www.police.uk](https://www.police.uk)

**NHS Choices** Mental health services are free on the NHS.

To get urgent medical help, use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111 if you're unable to get help online. For life-threatening emergencies, call 999 for an ambulance. [www.nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk)

**Report abuse** CEOP help children stay safe online. If anybody acts inappropriately towards you or another child or young person online (such as sexual chat or being asked to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable); you can report it here. [www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)

**Bullybusters** is an anti-bullying initiative for children and young people. 0800 169 6928 [www.bullybusters.org.uk](https://www.bullybusters.org.uk)

**Parenting 2000** provides therapy, clinical help, and rehabilitation services. 01704 380047 [www.parenting2000.org.uk](https://www.parenting2000.org.uk)

### The Universal Services Guide

Sefton have created a guide detailing information for children aged 0-25 and their families who want to find out about support services available to them. This includes information about health professionals for all ages, leisure services, inclusive activities, and lots more.

[https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/advice.page?id=GK\\_tnRp\\_Tc](https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/advice.page?id=GK_tnRp_Tc)

If you are worried about a child, please contact the Police in an emergency or to make a referral to Children's Social Care please follow this link <https://tinyurl.com/yywyg3or>

For non-emergencies, call [111](tel:111) or the MASH Team on [0151 934 4013](tel:01519344013).

### SEND Support

Please follow the link below to see what support is on offer to families in the community of children who may have additional needs or struggles. There are sessions on sleep management, sensory workshops, eating etc. so help is available in so many ways.

<https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/news/newsletters>



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## Online help and advice

### Childhood Bereavement Network

A website of resources to support children and young people who have suffered bereavement.

[www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk](http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk)  
[www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/training.aspx](http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/training.aspx)

### Young Minds

Young Minds is a general mental health website, with a section on supporting children through grief and loss.

[www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-grief-and-loss/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-grief-and-loss/)

### Winstons Wish

A website offering support for a child or young person around bereavement.

[www.winstonswish.org](http://www.winstonswish.org)

### Hope Again

Resources for Children and Young People who suffered bereavement.

[www.hopeagain.org.uk](http://www.hopeagain.org.uk)

Losing a child is the most traumatic experience anyone will face. There are specialist support services available for families that can be accessed directly by the family. Here is a list of resources available to help families in this difficult time.

### Sands

A charity that supports families who have suffered a still born or miscarriage of a child.

[www.sands.org.uk/](http://www.sands.org.uk/)

### The Good Grief Trust

A website that offers general advice about bereavement including the loss of a child.

[www.thegoodgrieftrust.org/](http://www.thegoodgrieftrust.org/)

### The Compassionate Friends

A website that offers support for families who have lost a child.

[www.tcf.org.uk/](http://www.tcf.org.uk/)

### NHS Chathealth

If you are a parent of an 11–19-year-old, the NHS have launched a Chat Health text message service on 07312 263291. This service is confidential and anonymous.

### E-safety

<https://www.familyeducation.com/mobile-apps/a-complete-guide-to-potentially-dangerous-apps-all-parents-should-be-aware-of>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>