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Good afternoon Stanley Families

Please see below information, advice and guidance for you and your children. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

If you would like to request anything related to this newsletter, please contact the school on the enquiries email. enquiries@stanleyhigh.co.uk.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Shawe
Headteacher

Student Opportunities

Please see below some very exciting opportunities for your children.

Cadets have the chance to learn new skills and engage in adventurous activities in disciplined and well-structured organisations based on the traditions, values and standards of the armed forces or emergency services.

Sea Cadets

<https://www.sea-cadets.org/southport>

[Home - Sea Cadets Southport \(sea-cadets.org\)](https://www.sea-cadets.org/southport)

Sea Cadets (including Royal Marines cadets) aims to give young people the best possible head start in life through fun and adventurous nautical activity. From learning new skills and working in teams, Sea Cadets offers an environment where young people find confidence and inspiration.

Sea Cadets follows the customs and traditions of the Royal Navy, its biggest supporter. Across the country, over 14,000 young people in 400 units in towns, cities and ports challenge themselves and develop new skills, like sailing, boating and rock climbing. They are supported by nearly 5,000 volunteers whose dedication makes Sea Cadets possible.

The Army Cadet Force

<https://armycadets.com/county/merseyside-acf/>

[Merseyside Army Cadets | Army Cadets UK](https://armycadets.com/county/merseyside-acf/)

For action and adventure, fun and friendship, the Army Cadet Force (ACF) is hard to beat. With over 37,000 cadets (aged 12 to 18) and more than 9,000 adult volunteers across the UK, the ACF is one of the country's largest voluntary youth organisations. It is also one of the oldest and celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2010. We welcome boys and girls from the age of 12 (and in at least year 8 at school), of all abilities and backgrounds and, through a broad range of exciting, challenging, educational and adventurous activities, help them develop physically, mentally and socially. Some of our activities have a military theme, others have more of a community focus. Combining military and community activities in this way, enables us to offer our young people a unique blend of personal development opportunities, all designed to promote fun and friendship while also helping them prepare for success in their chosen path in life, whatever that might turn out to be.



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The RAF Air Cadets

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/find-a-squadron/?squadron=/aircadets/find-a-squadron/north/merseyside-wing-hq/281-southport/>

[Find your local squadron | Royal Air Force Air Cadets \(mod.uk\)](#)

If you're a fan of aviation, action and adventure, love sports and getting to know people, then you're in the right place. Every year, over 44,000 Air Cadets and volunteer staff take part in exciting events in over 900 squadrons across the UK.

Our aims are to:

- promote and encourage a practical interest in aviation and the Royal Air Force among young people
- provide training which will be useful in the services and civilian life
- encourage the spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship and there's one more important thing it's a lot of fun!



Fire Cadets

<https://www.merseyfire.gov.uk/get-involved/youth-engagement/fire-cadets/>

[Fire Cadets | Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service \(merseyfire.gov.uk\)](#)

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service currently run the National Fire Cadets Programme in a number of fire stations across Merseyside for 13-17 year olds.

The aim of the Fire Cadets is to enable young people to gain skills and knowledge and have positive experiences in a fun, safe and secure environment, while developing life skills and inspiring positive life choices about their futures.

Activities include:

- Practical Firefighting Drills
- Fire Safety Awareness
- Promoting Community Engagement
- Fundraising
- First Aid Awareness
- Road Safety Awareness
- Water Safety Awareness
- Team-Building Activities

Cadets also work towards gaining certification and accreditation.

Police Cadets

<https://www.merseyside.police.uk/police-forces/merseyside-police/areas/careers/join-us/police-cadets/>
[Police cadets | Merseyside Police](#)

Volunteer Police Cadets participate in a one year development program for young people aged 16-18 years.

The program is an exciting, well established opportunity to develop life skills, enhance your CV and help prepare for future careers both within the Police and other professions.

The Cadet program is nationally accredited and led by a team of Police officers, staff and volunteers who have experience of working with young people.



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St John Ambulance Cadets

[https://www.sja.org.uk/get-involved/young-people/cadets-ages-10-17/Youth Volunteering & First Aid Training - Cadets | St John Ambulance \(sja.org.uk\)](https://www.sja.org.uk/get-involved/young-people/cadets-ages-10-17/Youth%20Volunteering%20&%20First%20Aid%20Training%20-%20Cadets%20|%20St%20John%20Ambulance%20(sja.org.uk))

Young people aged 10-17 can join one of our Cadet units, which operate across England. Units meet once a week.

Life saving skills are at the heart of our Cadet programme. There is also the opportunity to use these first aid skills by supporting our adult volunteers at events.

Cadets are given the opportunity to work towards their Grand Prior's Award. As part of the Award, you will be able to take part in a wide range of activities.

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 1st February 2024 Year 11 Thursday 14th March 2024 Year 10 Thursday 2nd May 2024

Upcoming Dates and Events

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

January

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

February

1 st	Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening (booking opens 18 th January)
8 th	Year 9 Options Evening
8 th	Naples visit departs
9 th	End of Term 3pm
12 th – 16 th	Half Term break
19 th	INSET day – students offsite
20 th	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 12th January 2024 was 89.5%.

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 9HW, 8KP and 11CR for achieving the highest attendance last week.



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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.

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 make your IQ. Chess has always had an image problem, being seen as a game for Emotions and people with already high IQ.
- It helps general 'Fitness' of the brain.
- 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

Technology

War Hammer Club
Thursday Lunch
KS3 Welcome
R45
Mrs Lyon

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



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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>

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://www.stanleyhighschool.co.uk/eplatform)

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

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>



Set Up Safe Checklist



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 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/internetmattersorg)



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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/worried-about-a-child).

Kooth is an online mental well-being website. 0203 984 9337 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

Samaritans is where you can access confidential emotional support at any time by calling 116 123 or emailing jo@samaritans.org 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

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

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

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

Bullybusters is an anti-bullying initiative for children and young people. 0800 169 6928 www.bullybusters.org.uk

Parenting 2000 provides therapy, clinical help, and rehabilitation services. 01704 380047 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

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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Childhood Bereavement Network

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

www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk
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/

Winstons Wish

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

www.winstonswish.org

Hope Again

Resources for Children and Young People who suffered bereavement.

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/

The Good Grief Trust

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

www.thegoodgrieftrust.org/

The Compassionate Friends

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

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/>