

Southport Learning Trust

26th January 2024

**Happy Friday Stanley Families** 

This past two weeks has brought us snow, wind, rain, a touch of sun and we got the absolute pleasure of a full moon. It is rather incredible how weather really does have an impact on how we feel. The wind definitely does something special to children.

This week we have had a representative in school from Runshaw College taking a German masterclass, working with our Year 11 students. Languages is a key part of our curriculum at Stanley High School, not only do we teach students how to interpret, write and speak languages, we also work hard to immerse them in culture and understanding of other countries, cultures and traditions. We are looking forward to having the Liverpool University team in school again after half term to run an Italian masterclass and the Confucius Institute from Edge Hill College will be delivering a Chinese themed day in school.

I have to celebrate the incredible resilience and work of our Year 11 catering team who have been hard at work each day on the practical element of their Food and Nutrition course. The food that they have produced is beyond expectations and the maturity they have demonstrated throughout will support with some amazing results.

Parents of Year 11, we hit that time of year where your children will be completing a further round of mock examinations. Mock examinations allow students to recognise the impact of the revision and hard work they are doing in preparation for the summer exams. It also allows our practitioners to identify where any gaps in knowledge still exist. During this time you can support your child by helping them stay in good sleeping routines and eating routines. Revision is best done in small chunks supported by fresh air and exercise/movement. If your child has not found any revision techniques that work for them yet, our Year 11 form tutors and class teachers can support.

This week we have had two big recruitment days, as we looked to appoint a Deputy Headteacher. During these days the candidates has a series of tasks including an interview with parents from our school and sitting in front of a panel of our student interviewees. It really was a team effort with many stakeholders involved in making the best decision for our school. I am pleased to let you know we have offered a position to a candidate, and I look forward to introducing them formally very soon.

Are you struggling getting your child into school? Please contact your child's form tutor or our pastoral team to see how we can support. Missed learning hours create gaps in understanding, missed days create gaps in friendships and lessens the feeling of belonging.

And finally, this week, we are looking to introduce a literacy dog into the school. Pickle the Cavapoo joined us in school today for the morning, on his first day of school socialisation. We are sure he will make some great friends and hear some fabulous readers. Next week we will be introducing him to Kobi our mental health dog and issue him with this timetable.

Have a lovely weekend (hopefully a dry one).

Mrs J Shawe Headteacher





# STEM Faraday Challenge - Miss Wright

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 6 keen Year 8 Scientists competed in a Faraday challenge day hosted at North Liverpool Academy.



During the day, the team competed against other schools to complete a STEM challenge. The students worked really well as a team and won the challenge!

We are so proud of their efforts and may be invited to a national final! Well done to the team! Thank you to Miss Wright and Miss

Buckley for accompanying the students.



# Year 11 Runshaw College German Masterclass - Miss J Navin

On Friday 19th January, some of our Year 11 German students had the opportunity to take part in a revision masterclass with Paul Wyton, the course leader for German from Runshaw College.

As the mock GCSE exams are approaching, the session focused on ways to avoid throwing away marks in the listening and reading exams.

Mr Wyton showed the students how close the boundaries between grades can be and how every mark matters.



Students worked on areas such as distractors, synonyms, numbers and important "little" words that can change the meaning of a sentence. Mr Wyton was extremely impressed with the students' engagement and focus, and we hope to arrange a session for Year 10 students later in the year.

# Art - Mrs Ward

Scarlett Sinclair in Year 11 has finished her A3 acrylic painting this week, based on portraits.

Scarlett has fully used her blending skills with the acrylics to produce this excellent painting. Well done Scarlett.



# **Together Trust Sleep Support**

Please see below information regarding a sleep support session being held in Knowsley. Whilst we acknowledge this is some distance away from Southport, they have recommended the sessions due to the fantastic success of previous participants. Please contact the SENDCO department should you want further information. There is no cost to these sessions and if you are interested, please email the email below. <a href="mailto:admintss@togethertrust.org.uk">admintss@togethertrust.org.uk</a>.









# Sleep Support for parents and carers

Knowsley parents and carers are invited to join the Together Trust for a free session on sleep followed by time to chat with a Specialist Sleep Practitioner

The session will take place on the following dates and times and is relevant for children aged 2-18 years:

Wednesday 07 February

Community Room Tesco Prescott 12-2pm

Wednesday 28 February

Community Room Tesco Prescott 11-1pm

Wednesday 13 March

Community Room Tesco Prescott 11-1pm

Wednesday 27 March

Community Room Tesco Prescott 11-1pm

#### Session content

The session will include a presentation from a qualified Sleep Practitioner with tips and strategies followed by a Q&A session.

This initiative has been supported by Knowsley Council's Youth Community Fund and Short Breaks Small Grants Programme

togethertrust.org.uk

There is no charge but due to restriction on numbers, if you would like to attend, please email: admintss@togethertrust.org.uk

Presented by The Together Trust's **Specialist Sleep Practitioners** 





#### **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 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)

 $8^{th}$  Year 9 Options Evening  $8^{th}$  Naples visit departs  $9^{th}$  End of Term 3pm  $12^{th}-16^{th}$  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 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 was 89.4%.

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 8JSC, 8VW and 8EGB 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.

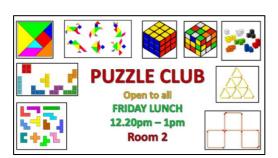
We understand homework can be tricky for some students to navigate so please know that we are here to support where needed.





#### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

#### Maths



#### **Chess Club**



**War Hammer Glub** 

Thursday Lunch

KS3 Welcome

#### **Drama**



# **Technology**









#### 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. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety">https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety</a>

# **NSPCC**

How much does your child know about staying safe online?

Test their knowledge and start a discussion with our online safety quiz! <a href="https://bit.ly/3ZUdW28">https://bit.ly/3ZUdW28</a>





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# 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: <u>Stanley High School - Stanley High School (eplatform.co)</u> 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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stanleyhighsouthport/">https://www.facebook.com/stanleyhighsouthport/</a> 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 <a href="mailto:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:sefton:seffton:sefton:sefton:sefton:seffton:seffton:seffton:seffton:seffton:seffton:seffton:

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





























# 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).

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 <a href="www.childline.org.uk">www.childline.org.uk</a>

**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. <a href="www.crisistextline.uk">www.crisistextline.uk</a>

**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. <a href="www.police.uk">www.police.uk</a>

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. <a href="www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a>

**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. <a href="www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre">www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre</a>

**Bullybusters** is an anti-bullying initiative for children and young people. 0800 169 6928 <a href="https://www.bullybusters.org.uk">www.bullybusters.org.uk</a>

**Parenting 2000** provides therapy, clinical help, and rehabilitation services. 01704 380047 <a href="https://www.parenting2000.org.uk">www.parenting2000.org.uk</a>

#### **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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yywyg3or">https://tinyurl.com/yywyg3or</a>
For non-emergencies, call <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yywyg3or">111</a> or the MASH Team on <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yywyg3or">0151 934 4013</a>.

#### **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





# 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

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. <a href="https://www.winstonswish.org">www.winstonswish.org</a>

#### **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/