



9th February 2024

Good afternoon Stanley Families

Happy half term! If you have noticed that your child is more tired and potentially short tempered than normal, that is because they are ready for a break. So far this year a child in Stanley High School with full attendance has attended 485 learning hours of subject curriculum learning time and 32 hours of our form time curriculum in which we focus on values, behaviours, citizenship and guided reading.

It has been lovely to see families of Year 9 students over the past couple of weeks as we review their in-class performance and look forward to the future GCSE selections they will be making in the coming weeks. Thank you for attending these evenings to support your child. If you have missed any aspect due to other commitments, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. We can then support you in understanding of any gaps in knowledge and with information to enable you to make appropriate decisions when selecting options.

I would like to say a thank you to the vast majority of Year 11 who have been extremely dedicated to their mock examinations over the past two weeks. Mock examinations give students a real taste of what the real exams will feel like in the summer. It is not easy, some of our students are showing and developing some great resilience and strategies to maintain revision schedules and stamina. I look forward to seeing many of you over the half term, making the most of the in-school sessions delivered by our teachers.

Next half term brings us to one of my favourite school events. This is where we take a number of Year 7 students away to Wales on an outward bounds trip. It is such a great time for them to go away. During the next half of the year, we often see Year 7 having a change of friendship groups as they continue to navigate the year. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through their first year at Stanley High School. This trip really allows students to challenge themselves but also explore different friendship opportunities.

If you have a Year 10 child at home, can you please focus on supporting them to organise their work experience arrangements. This can be a terrifying time for these young people as they take steps to talking to employers and making a great impression to potential strangers. I am so excited that we are able to re-introduce this into school.

Please be reminded that the school holidays for the remainder of this year and the next academic year are on our (new) school website, please be mindful of these dates if you are booking time away as I am unable to authorise any holidays or time away from learning, unless it is exceptional circumstances.

I am looking forward to more hours of sunlight in the day, getting students outside for more fresh air and seeing everyone return happy and healthy after half term.

Please stay safe.

If you are worried about a child, please contact the police in an emergency or make a referral to Children's Social Care. Information is below of how you can do this:

Making a safeguarding referral to Sefton Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub - members of the public can make a telephone referral 03451 400845.

In an out of hours situation (after 5:30pm) try the Duty team on 0151 934 3555. In an emergency, always ring 999.

Mrs J Shawe
Headteacher



9th February 2024

Student Success



Astrid in Year 10, will be on BBC Northwest Tonight on Thursday 15th February at 6:30pm. She will be discussing being the youngest person to be signed by a major record label.

Well done Astrid, we are very proud of you.

Literacy Dog – Pickle

You may recall that we planned to introduce a literacy dog into the school. Pickle the Cavapoo joined us on Friday 26th January and was introduced to the school for the morning for his first day of school socialisation.

He was a huge success with students and we are sure he will make some great friends and hear some fabulous readers.

Pickle took to the school very well and the students were delighted to meet him and he has certainly taken to his role. Last Friday he was even busy reading during his morning meeting with the Headteacher, Mrs Shawe.



February half term revision – Mr Wright

Please see below the revision sessions taking place during the half term holiday. Students have been informed of the sessions they are expected to attend. Please note that there will be no lunch facilities available.

Monday 12 th	Tuesday 13 th	Wednesday 14 th	Thursday 15 th	Friday 16 th
PE R44 Mr Walsh 9.30am – 3.30pm Year 11 GCSE	Maths R5 Mrs Knox 9am-12noon Foundation 12noon-3pm Higher	English R8 Miss Mitchell 9am-12noon Year 11	Creative Media R44 Mrs Lyon 10am-12noon Year 10 1-3pm Year 11 Food R44 Mr Sconce 9am-3pm Year 11	

Please note the change to PE on Monday and the addition of Maths on Tuesday.



9th February 2024

Year 9 Options Evening

It was an absolute pleasure to see so many Parent/Carers attending the Options Evening last night. All families in Year 9 have been emailed a copy of the booklet and were able to collect a paper version of the booklet at the meeting.



Please ask your child to call at the office should you require a paper copy of the options form. Alternatively, please follow the link below or scan the QR code to complete online.



<https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Options-Booklet-2024-A4.pdf>

Naples visit – Mrs Pugh



A number of students embarked on the most exciting of trips on Thursday – to Naples, Italy. They had a long but smooth journey and arrived on Thursday evening after setting off at midnight the night before.

Today (Friday) they will have visited the Amalfi Coast, enjoying some free time and



lunch. This afternoon they will be embarking on a local boat trip to Salerno. Ending the day with an evening meal at the hotel and some leisure time.



Over the weekend and Monday they will be visiting Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii, Capri, Sorrento and Scavi di Ercolano. I am sure you can agree that this is one of the most exciting school trips we have undertaken and the students will have the most amazing experience and it is something they will remember for life.

They will return to England on Tuesday morning I am sure extremely tired and full of the wonderful tales of their visit and looking forward to a long lie in their own beds. Although I am sure you will agree – the view will not be as nice as the one they have in Italy.

Room with a view

Once again thank you to the staff giving their own time to accompany and support the students on their visit; Mrs Pugh, Mr Baxter, Miss Chadderton, Mr Wright and Mrs Lea.





9th February 2024

Puzzle Club – Mr Hooton

You may be aware that on a Friday, Mr Hooton Maths, holds a puzzle club during lunchtime.

Well, our very own Mr Hooton has now become a puzzle contributor for the Mensa website and IQ magazine.

<https://mensa.org.uk/articles/>



This all started before lockdown when he started to create puzzles for a very bright Year 7 class! Then during lockdown Mr Hooton continued to create puzzles to keep his mind busy, this then formulated an idea of a puzzle a day calendar which then led to him sending this off to Mensa when he saw an advert for puzzle contributors, the rest – as they say – is history. Mr Hooton is now working on his 2025 puzzle collection.

We are very proud to have Mr Hooton as a member of our team, and I am sure you will, the same, be appreciative that we have him in our school to teach your children.

Congratulations Mr Hooton – keep on puzzling. Please follow the link below to try out a puzzle yourself – or maybe 365 of them! <https://mensa.org.uk/puzzle/>

Careers – Miss Waltho

This week our new Year 8 Careers Champions attended their first training session at Birkdale High School, along with other newly recruited Careers Champions from across the Southport Learning Trust. They watched a presentation on the new re-development plans for the Southport Theatre and Convention Centre, which they will in turn, present to Year 5 students in some of our local primary schools over the next month. They will also be launching an exciting new competition for the children to get involved in.

The students had an enjoyable time and are looking forward to passing their knowledge on.

Range High Sixth Form Open Evening

Please see on page 9 a flyer advertising the dates and times of the open morning and taster sessions for Range High School.



9th February 2024

National Apprenticeship Week – Miss Waltho

<p>Monday 5th February @12pm Information for parents & carers session</p>	<p>Tuesday 6th February @11am Apprenticeship fair St Helens Chamber</p>	<p>Wednesday 7th February @ 2pm-4pm Apprenticeship Open Day TLF</p>
<p>Thursday 8th February @11am Careers with Network Rail</p>	<p>Friday 9th February @11am Alder Hay Apprenticeship drop in hour</p>	<p>The LCR Be More Portal is full of resources and Apprenticeship information!</p>

National Apprenticeship Week (5th-11th February) Resource guide

Events

NHS Alder Hey Apprenticeship drop-in sessions on the 5th 7th 9th @11am
[Apprenticeships - Alder Hey Children's Hospital Trust](#)

St Helens Chamber Apprenticeship Fair Tuesday 6th February @11am-1:30pm St Helens Chamber Jobs & Apprenticeships Fair - St Helens Chamber

The Learning Foundry Apprenticeships drop-in session Wednesday 7th February @2pm
[Apprenticeships Drop-In Session Tickets, Wed 7 Feb 2024 at 14:00](#) | [Eventbrite](#)

MCT Apprenticeship Day Wednesday 7th February @10am
[The Hive Wirral Apprenticeship Day Tickets, Wed 7 Feb 2024 at 10:00](#) | [Eventbrite](#)

Apprenticeship Event 6th February @3:30pm
[The Sovini Group supports the workforce of tomorrow - The Sovini Group](#)

Apprentice information for parents and carers webinar Monday 5th Feb @12pm [Apprenticeship crash course for parents, carers and young people advocates](#) | [National Apprenticeship Week](#)

Follow our socials for more
X (Twitter) – @LCRCareersEnt
LinkedIn – Liverpool City Region Careers Hub

Full guide of national events with talks from:

- Standard chartered – 5th Feb @11am
- Roche – 5th Feb @ 3pm
- Jaguar Landover 5th Feb @ 5pm
- Minerals Matter 6th Feb @11am
- EY 6th Feb @12pm
- WPS Degree Apprenticeships 6th Feb @1pm
- BAE systems 6th Feb @3pm
- Network Rail 8th Feb @11am
- find all and more on the link below!

[Events | National Apprenticeship Week](#)

National Apprenticeship week school toolkit
[Toolkit - National Apprentice Week 2024, 5th - 11th February 2024](#)

NAW Curriculum Resources
[Apprenticeships subject resources](#) | [Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Army Careers Toolkit
[Careers Toolkit](#) | [BASE \(mod.uk\)](#)

All About Stem NAW Resource Pack
[National Apprenticeship Week 2024](#)

NHS NAW – Apprenticeship Podcast
[Apprenticeships – NAW – North West Ambulance](#)

5-11 FEBRUARY 2024 #NAW2024
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Drama – Ms Gregson-Burt

In July we will be putting on a production of High School Musical

The students are extremely excited about this production and have been queuing out of the door to discuss it and prepare for the auditioning process.

Final auditions took place today, so if your child was involved they will be informed of the outcome in due course when we return after half term.





9th February 2024

Art – Mrs Ward & Mrs McAlister

Year 7 have been working very hard with their textile ‘Day of the Dead’ project.



Mr Fraser has worked with the class teaching them how to do various stitches and cut out templates to create eyes and mouths.

The students have really developed their stitches well to show very detailed decoration.

Well done Year 7.



Technology Intervention evening



Calling all – Media, Design Tech and Food Year 11 Students.....

On Thursday 29th February is the Technology department’s annual late night intervention session.

The session runs from 3-6pm and you will have the opportunity to complete outstanding coursework or improve coursework.

At the end of the session, you will receive two slices (maybe more!) of Domino's pizza, a donut and a fizzy drink as a reward. FREE!

If you are interested collect a letter from Mrs Lyon and give all reply slips back to Mrs Lyon.

Mrs Lyon, Miss Green, Mr Sconce and Mrs Watson will be in attendance

Year 11 Pizza Intervention Night

Sefton Parent Carer Forum

SPCF are holding a parent carer conference on Monday 11th March. As part of this conference they are having their inaugural SEND Awards.

Often the conversation around SEND is negative, and they would like to celebrate some of the positive experiences. They are asking parent/carers to nominate those people or settings that have had a positive impact on their life.

Please click the link or below to put forward your nominations. Nominations close on 16th February.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5sNjPbuj8g?origin=lprLink>



9th February 2024

If you wish to nominate more than one person or setting in a single category then please do a separate form. There are 10 categories and you do not have to nominate for each one, although you are welcome to do so.

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.

admintss@togethertrust.org.uk.

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 10 Thursday 2nd May 2024

There will be an additional Year 11 evening held on the 21st March from 4-6pm. **No early closure.**

Upcoming Dates and Events

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

February

12 th – 16 th	Half Term break
19 th	INSET day – students offsite
20 th	Start of Term
23 rd	Year 11 Mocks end
29 th	SEND Together Trust Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
29 th	Technology Intervention Evening

Attendance

We have a target of 95% attendance and work hard every day to beat this. The whole school attendance for week ending 2nd February 2024 was 89.2%.

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 7MRL, 8KP and 7CP 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>



9th February 2024

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

<https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/extra-curricular-activities/>

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 Seniors and people with already high IQs.
- It tests great resilience.
- It stimulates 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 Scone'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



9th February 2024

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>



**Range
Sixth Form**

External Applicant Events 2024



Open Morning 21/02/24

We're excited to offer all prospective external students and their parents the opportunity to visit our Sixth Form, meet our pastoral team and learn more about one of Sefton's most successful Sixth Forms

Taster Sessions 23/02/24

External applicants are invited to come and sample some lessons at Range Sixth Form with our current Y11 students. Subjects must be chosen in advance, via our online application form.

To register for these events, please email Sixthform@range.sch.uk or simply scan the QR code below!



Apply at
www.rangesixthform.applicaa.com





TOGETHER TRUST
charity  *Knowsley Council*

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
Registered charity number 209782

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**



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 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)



9th February 2024

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>



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.

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/>