



Good afternoon Stanley Families

Year 11 made it! The mock examinations are over and on the whole they dealt with it extremely well, I have received some lovely praise from the invigilator team who work with the students and oversee the examinations. Teachers are now busy marking hundreds of examination scripts to identify gaps in knowledge, that students can focus on ready for the summer examinations. Attendance is more important than ever, as we saw from our previous Year 11 students; students who were more successful in reaching their goals were in school more. We are looking forward to Mock results day and really want to encourage our students to have a positive mindset and focus on what they now need to learn and revise.

Year 10 families it is your turn now as your children will be getting a first taste of a mock examination series. Please support your child with good eating and sleeping routines. You have received a timetable for examinations, which the children also have and is displayed below in this newsletter. Children being ready and prepared with the right equipment really supports how they get on through this time. You may find that your child is more tired than normal or that they seem less resilient than normal. If you do need support, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Next week we have a set of students who are attending an International Women's Day Conference at Edge Hill University alongside a number of southport secondary schools. I am not only excited for them to hear from the speakers on the day but I am looking forward to them seeing part of the university campus and being in a university lecture theatre, I think it will be a really inspiring day.

I have enjoyed seeing pictures and hearing how much the trip to Italy inspired our students. From first time plane experiences to dealing with torrential rain, students and staff really enjoyed the action packed visit.

Thank you to families who attended school this week to get information for our Year 7 residential, we have some very excited students looking forward to this opportunity. If you missed the evening or still have any queries, please contact Mr Robertson.

This week we have officially secured a new member of staff to our team. Mrs Goodier will start at Stanley High School after the Easter Break as our new Deputy Headteacher. We are very excited to have this role back in school following my move from this role to headship back in September 2022. I look forward to introducing her to you and your children and I am sure everyone will make her feel very welcome.

Finally, this week it is national offer day. Today parents of Year 6 students across the country will learn of their secondary school placement. I look forward to welcoming a new set of families into our Stanley Family network, I am pleased to see that our admissions numbers remain strong and proud to be the first choice school of families in the local community. This day not only indicates the start of transition for Year 6 into 7 but also the transition of all year groups into their next Step at Stanley or beyond.

Have a lovely weekend, make the most of the extra hours of sunlight we are getting and take care.

Mrs J Shawe
Headteacher



Year 8 Chinese Activity Day

Today, a group of Year 8 students had the opportunity to take part in Chinese workshops run by the Confucius Institute who are based at Edge Hill University.

Students enjoyed learning some Mandarin Chinese as well as some facts about Chinese New Year. They also practised the art of Chinese knot tying. The highlight was the dragon dancing!



Year 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 mocks will take place over the next two weeks. Please see the timetable below.

Week A					
4th Jan - 8th March	Monday 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th
AM	English Language 1h 45m	Biology/Combined Science Biology 1h / 45m	Chemistry/Combined Science Chemistry 1h / 45m	German Writing 1h	
PM	Geography 50m	Religious Education 53m	Spanish Writing 1h	French Writing 1h	
Week B					
11th - 15th March	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th
AM		English Literature 1h 45m		Maths Non- calculator 1h 30m	Physics/Combined Science Physics 1h / 45m
PM		Catch ups Week 1		Food & Nutrition 1h	Catch ups Week 2

SENDCO – Miss Davenport

As a school we work closely with Together Trust who specialise in ASD and social communication with young people. They have shared a useful link to a free online conference on 20th March. Please see the link below if you are interested.

This is a free Virtual Conference: 'Celebrating, Embracing and Empowering Our Children', providing advice and support for parents and carers of neurodiverse children and young people.

https://www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/resources/virtual-neurodiversity-conference-celebrating-embracing-and-empowering-our-children/?fbclid=PAAaYhZPi4PO9O5rgWHCcqZdIB25JybQP6EYSJD1uMvzF_ntzrbbFDW-3LiP0_aem_AU55UWKwiMRAQHTUriZYk5MAO-AMptpafJECZlmFB6T2nw398laJpziMmlbYbf9jmmb0br-AC5l8wV-zl6Dfq6

Please see on page 10 a flier for the **SPCF Send Awards 2024 and Children's Mental Health Week**.

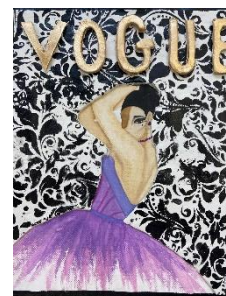


Art – Mrs Ward

Bella Cave in Year 11 has been working on her exam preparation.

The theme she has chosen is fashion. Bella is very interested in the fashion magazine Vogue and has painted the dress on canvas using clay with a beautiful background which she has painted a Zen-Tangle pattern on to complete the piece.

Well done Bella.



Drama – Ms Gregson-Burt

Perception Theatre Company Visit: 20th March 2024

We have arranged for Perception Theatre Company to come into Stanley High School on Wednesday 20th March 2024 to perform their play 'CUT' following by a post-show discussion for our pupils in Years 8-10.

CUT is an applied theatre production centred around knife crime and youth violence. The production explores how a needless dispute at school causes a teenager to be stabbed and killed. The play takes place amongst the four walls of a police interview room where Jamie recalls the night his best friend was murdered.

The script was written alongside family members and friends of victims of knife crime. The script was then further developed in collaboration with Alan Walsh, Rob Jackson, Merseyside Police and Cheshire Police. For further information please visit: www.perceptiontheatre.co.uk or contact Ms Gregson-Burt at school.

English – Miss G Navin

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March 2024.

There will be a share a story again, which involves teachers reading a section of a short story in each lesson. By the end of the day, all students will have heard the whole story and this year we will be using one of the Horowitz Horror short stories as we know this is very popular.

There will be two competitions running: create a character and book in a box. For create a character students will need to make a representation of their favourite book character from items they find at home and for book in a box, students will create a scene from a book inside a box using materials they have around the house. Further information will be given out during English lessons, and form time.

There will also be a quiz and again information on this will be given out nearer to the time.

We also have book tokens for the WBD book selection which we will give to students during English lessons.

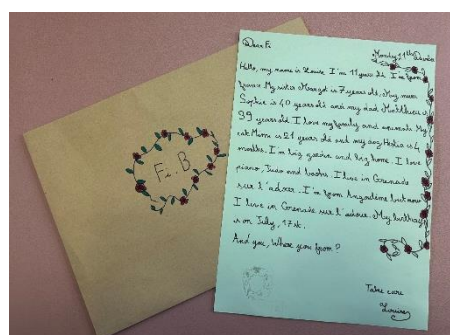
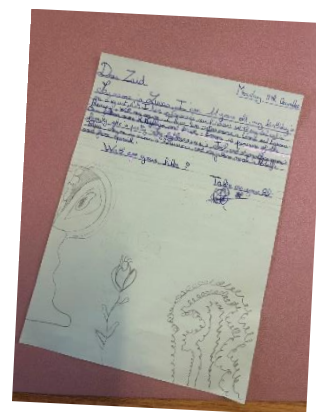
This is always a very exciting time within the English department and we know that students enjoy the different activities that take place too.



Languages – Miss Warner

After issues at customs, our pen pal letters from France have finally arrived, if slightly later than expected.

It has been wonderful learning about our friends in France! We are amazed by the standard of their writing in English and how beautiful French handwriting is.



For the next letter, we will be writing our letters in English and playing a game of Guess Who? This involves students writing about their appearance and personality and the students in France will have to try and match the pictures up to the correct letter.

Those involved in the project will receive a letter from Miss Warner this week with further information for parents/carers regarding this activity.

PE – Mr Walsh

Indoor Athletics

It has been a busy couple of weeks within the PE Department. Our Year 7 and 8 students have recently been involved in the Sefton Indoor Athletics Competition. The boys in Year 7 and 8 had some fantastic individual and team success but narrowly missed out, finishing 2nd place out of the six schools. The girls also performed extremely well in the event and showed great determination and commitment throughout the competition, with the Year 7 girls finishing 2nd place and Year 8 girls finishing 5th place. Well done to everyone involved!



Netball News



Year 7 and 8 girls have also participated in a netball fixture this week at Formby High School in preparation for their upcoming Sefton Netball Tournament. Both teams played extremely well and it was a great success for our Year 7 team who won their game 8-7. Well done to both teams!

Football News

The football season is now underway and our sport teams have qualified in all age groups for the quarter finals of the Sefton Cup, which is a great achievement. We have upcoming games against Holy Family, Sacred Heart, Litherland, Range and Maghull High Schools. We hope that some of our teams can progress to the semi-final stage. Fixtures are currently being planned and we will update you by email when our fixtures take place as some of them are away from Stanley. For all our players who attend extra-curricular, we have organised football tournaments with our local schools that will



be commencing next week. All students who attend extra-curricular will be involved in these tournaments as we may be entering three teams in some of these year groups!

The girls' attendance at football extra-curricular has been brilliant across the year. We have an upcoming football tournament for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 taking place at Greenbank High School later this month. Again, all details will be sent out to you nearer the time. Other fixtures are currently being planned to ensure all students attending extra-curricular are involved in having the opportunity to represent the school.

Year 11 GCSE Practical Moderation

During the last few weeks, our Year 11s have been busy undertaking mock exams across their various subjects but have also undertaken practical moderations in football, basketball, and netball. We have, in the next two weeks, an opportunity for our students to take part in a handball moderation and a badminton moderation before we submit our practical grades, on March 15th.

Primary School Competition



A special mention to our sports leaders who helped support the primary gymnastics event on Tuesday afternoon.

The sports leaders undertook a variety of roles, including judging and scoring the competition. They were integral to the smooth running and success of the event. Thank you.

Upcoming fixtures:

- Monday 4th Y11 boys GCSE handball moderation
- Tuesday 5th Y7 football tournament at Stanley High
- Wednesday 6th Y11 badminton moderation at Stanley High
Y9 Rugby Tournament at Waterloo
Y10 Sefton Cup against Sacred Heart
- Thursday 7th Y9 Sefton Cup against Holy Family at Stanley High
Y7 and Y8 Sefton Netball Tournament at Formby High

Science

Young Science Writer of the Year 2024

The aim of the competition is to encourage talented 14-16 year old students with a passion for STEM and writing to submit an 800-word essay on the topic of their choice.

This is an outstanding opportunity for students to not only develop their skills and receive public recognition for their writing, but it also provides national and international promotion of their school.





The winner will receive £1000, a one-year Young Royal Institution membership, and a personal coaching session from a senior BBC Science Journalist at BBC Science HQ in Cardiff.

Their essay is also published by the BBC and other media. The runners-up each get £500 with ten students who are highly commended receiving £100 each. Please visit the website for more information and how to submit. <https://www.absw.org.uk/pages/young-science-writer-of-the-year-award>

Please tell Miss Wright if you are going to submit an essay as she'd love to know and would be happy to read it through before you submit it! Internal prizes from the Stanley Science Department for anyone who submits an essay so make sure you tell Miss Wright. Good luck!

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 3.30-5.30pm. **No early closure.**

Upcoming Dates and Events

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

March

w/c 4 th	Year 10 Mocks
11 th	Year 11 Mock results day
15 th	Year 10 Mocks end
15 th	Red Nose Charity Day
w/c 18 th	Celebration Assemblies
18 th & 19 th	Creative & Media Exams
21 st	Year 11 P&C Evening 3.30-5.30pm
27 th	DoE Practice Walk
28 th	End of Term 12noon
29 th	Good Friday

Attendance

We have a target of 95% attendance and work hard every day to beat this. The whole school attendance for week ending 9th February 2024 was 88.9%.

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 8VW, 7RP and 8KP 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>

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 brainiacs and people with already high IQs.
- It helps prevent Alzheimer's.
- It stimulates both sides of the brain.
- It increases your creativity.
- It improves your memory.

Drama

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



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.

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>

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.

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://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

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>



SUMMER



In Sefton

IN SEFTON

Old Christ Church
Waterloo Road
Waterloo
L22 1RE

MAY 17

15:00pm - 20:00pm

Any queries please email:
events@seftonpcf.org





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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](https://www.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)



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/>