



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Associate Principal



STANTONBURY
SCHOOL

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Dear Stantonbury families

I hope you are well and enjoying your week

Safeguarding Update

Students have settled back into our school routines well and the safeguarding team have been working hard to ensure they feel supported in school. Alongside supporting our students on a day to day basis in all safeguarding areas we have two priority focus areas this year – Harmful Sexual Behaviours and Anti-bullying.

Last week all students took part in anti-bullying assemblies and the year teams put together year group action points to support our whole school approach of 'zero tolerance' to bullying. Year 8 and 10 already have trained anti-bullying ambassadors in place to work with their year group and 20 students in both Year 7 and 9 will be trained before Christmas.

Working with families and ensuring we all have a consistent approach is an important part of this work. We shared the following definition of bullying with students last week:

'Bullying is repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power' (Anti Bullying Alliance)
Bullying is not simply a falling out.

How can you help your child if they are being bullied?

If your child is being bullied, your key role is listening, calming and providing reassurance that the situation can get better when action is taken.

- Listen and reassure them that coming to you was the right thing to do. Try and establish the facts. It can be helpful to keep a diary of events to share with the school.

- Assure them that the bullying is not their fault and that they have family that will support them. Reassure them that you will not take any action without discussing it with them first.
- Don't encourage retaliation to bullying - such as violent actions. It's important for children to avoid hitting or punching an abusive peer. Reacting that way has negative and unpredictable results- they may be hurt even further, and find that they are labelled as the problem. Rather suggest that they walk away and seek help.
- Find out what your child wants to happen next. Help to identify the choices open to them; the potential next steps to take; and the skills they may have to help solve the problems.
- Encourage your child to get involved in activities that build their confidence and esteem, and help them to form friendships outside of school (or wherever the bullying is taking place).
- Discuss the situation with your child's tutor or Student Support Leader. Every child has a right to a safe environment in which to learn and play. Stantonbury has an anti bullying policy which sets out the measures that will be taken to prevent all forms of bullying between pupils

To support us with our work we use a lot of resources and ideas from the anti bullying alliance. <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

Attendance

Stantonbury School is committed to transforming educational achievement and to providing the students with the best possible care and learning environment. To achieve this we must drive up our attendance and this is where we need your support. Like you we believe that regular attendance and punctuality is vital to successful learning. We need our children to hear this message all the time from us all.

We set all our students a minimum target of 95% attendance. Do you know what your child's attendance is?

To date, we have 526 students who have 100% attendance for the year so far- well done to these students and the families who support their commitment to learning!

If your child is not going to be in school, it is essential you contact the absence team before 9am to let us know the reason.

Call: 01908 324 411

Text: 07897 031 724

Email: absence@stantonbury-tove.org.uk

These contact details can all be found on the school website.

REPORTS

This year we are changing the way we send reports home to families. Reports will be published by the end of each term for students in years 7,8, 9, 10 and 12. For students in exam years 11 and 13, reports will only be sent at the end of the first two terms (Christmas and Easter). This means you will receive termly reports by the following dates:

Christmas: Friday 16 December 2022

Easter: Friday 31 March 2023

Summer: Friday 21 July 2023

Student reports will only be published on Go4Schools. Parents will receive an email when the report is ready, from which they can click the link for direct access to your child's latest report.

The report will include the latest Progress information, Attendance statistics and a summary of behaviour points (positive and negative). We therefore ask all parents to ensure they have downloaded the Go4Schools App, or logged in to the platform from a computer to receive these essential reports, which will enable you to support the progress of your child from home.

Families of Key Stage 4 students - Upcoming webinar for parents – How to Help Your Child Manage Their Time

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education will be hosting a free webinar for our parents on Tuesday 11th October. Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

Tuesday 11th October @ 6pm

How to Help Your Child Manage Their Time

Please register using this link <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/schoolwebinar>

In this webinar Elevate will be showing parents how to:

- ✓ Align family expectations on homework
- ✓ Work with your child on managing other activities such as your child's hobbies or sports
- ✓ Create the best weekly planner tool for your child

Key dates

- Friday 21st October - Staff training day
- Monday 24th - Friday 28th Half term
- Thursday 3rd November - Year 11 Parents evening 4-7pm
- Monday 28th November - Staff training day
- Friday 16th December - last day of term

CROSS-COUNTRY 22-23

Following the success of last year's Inter-House competition, we will be kicking off this year's Inter-House with Cross-Country. Please see below the timetable for when your child's class will take part in the race. It is important students are aware of when they are competing as this is different from their usual physical activity.

	Thursday 13th October	Friday 14th October	Monday 17th October	Tuesday 18th October	Wednesday 19th October
Period 1	8x				11x
Period 2	9y				
Period 3	10x	10y	7y	9x	11z
Period 4			8y		11y
Period 5	7x				

The allocated times occur during your child's P.E. lesson. Students are to meet at their usual changing area.

To aid time and efficiency on the day, students **will** wear their P.E. kit on the day of their event (they may come into school in their P.E. kit).

NOTE: Only P.E. kit is permitted - **no hoodies**. Please remind your child of our P.E. kit expectations - they have all been made explicitly aware of this in their PE lessons. Any inappropriate kit will be sanctioned. With the weather changing it is also important your child is dressed appropriately, students are permitted to wear layers underneath their P.E. kit and when they are not participating can wear plain navy jogging bottoms to keep them warm around the site. We strongly advise students to wear appropriate shoes as the field may become extremely muddy. Suggested footwear is moulds or trainers.

We also advise that any students with medical conditions i.e. asthma, come prepared for the event. This is the first Inter-House competition this academic year and our students will be awarded points depending on their finishing position, every point counts so please encourage your child to try their hardest and show RESILIENCE, one of our school values. If any students have any questions in regards to Cross-Country, please ask them to come and speak to the P.E. Department!

Stantonbury Stars

The Stencil Pencils, a young band from Milton Keynes, will be taking to the stage this weekend alongside Sam Ryder for a celebration of city status.

The young band, made up of our very own Johnson, his sister Indiana and brother Kale who has Asperger's syndrome, have made local and national headlines since forming back in 2020. After forming in the first national lockdown as part of a school project, The Stencil Pencils have since produced several songs, made TV appearances and performed on several big stages including Camp Bestival and MKFM's Christmas Light switch on.

Most recently, the band has released a single named 'MK City', celebrating Milton Keynes being honoured with city status, which has taken over MKFM's airwaves as part of MKFM Introducing.

Now, the talented young group of siblings will be taking to the stage this Saturday at Station Square alongside Sam Ryder, recent Eurovision runner up and TikTok star.



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Wilson - Associate Principal