

STANTONBURY SCHOOL

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Hello Stantonbury families

Last night I had the pleasure of taking a number of you for a tour around our wonderful school. It was lovely to finally see so many of you face to face and talk about our plans and the amazing opportunities that lie ahead for your child as we start our new chapter as Stantonbury School.

Be Here

Attendance

Once again, this week we have been targeting every student's attendance, and if a session is missed without reason contact is being made home by your child's Form Tutor to establish why and to offer support. Our children have missed too much school through COVID and I want them here with us, every day (not weekends - you can have them back then!) to learn, to contribute to the development of our, their community and so they can be children, to play together, to laugh and be happy.

Wellbeing

Your and your child's wellbeing is very important to us at Stantonbury School and we will be working closely with our Wellbeing centre and Milton Keynes Mental Health Support Team who will be based at our school from the end of September so we can further support our students in every aspect of their school lives. Please take the time to read this month's marvellous Newsletter that will be uploaded to our web site shortly with information about online workshops.

Be Ready

Already our staff are catching your children being good and awarded them with Achievement points, 8,930 positive points have been recorded this week. Our top two year groups are: Year 8 - 2119 points and Year 7 1913 points. Our top three Form groups are **7XCT** – 624 and **8ZAW** 420 and **13NH** 366. Please ask your child how many they have received; this year points will mean prizes and in their year group assemblies next week students will find out what they can win.

Go4Schools

As part of the migration to Tove Learning Trust, we are changing our parental engagement platform. As a result, we will no longer be using SIMS Parent, or SIMS student apps and these have been disabled during the transition process. We have planned a phased roll out of the new platform, which will allow you to access information about your Child at



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Stantonbury. In order to use the new platform, parents will need to use the email address that they have logged with us. If you are unsure, or need to update your details, please send these directly to: contact.details@stantonbury.org.uk

Further details regarding the new platform, how it can support your child's learning, along with full instructions will follow shortly.

Be learning

This week we have been working on establishing clear starts to all our lessons across the school. Every lesson starts with a retrieval practice exercise we call a 'Do Now'. Students are immediately engaged and for the first 5 minutes of every lesson the school is silent as our students complete their Do Now task to help them recap, revise something they have learnt in a previous topic or lesson. I am confident that if you ask your child, they will be able to tell you that this is happening. Next week the senior team with our middle leaders will be quality assuring the Do Now's so we can raise the quality of Teaching and Learning.

PE Clubs and Fixtures

Please see the letter attached from our Head of PE, Anthony Lee.

Finally, I need your help, we need you to spread the word, that things are changing at Stantonbury School, that it feels different under the new leadership. If the jury is still out in your home, I understand but come and visit and see the improvements that we have already made. I want, need you to tell me what isn't working for your child and what you would like to see improve to support them.

Please email enquiries@stantonbury.org.uk with any feedback. Everyone's school experience will be different, that is the same in any school and we recognise we have a long way to go but we are going to get there, together we will do it. With a clear vision, with positivity and hard work.

Year 6 Prospective Parents Evening – Thursday 23rd September

On Thursday 23rd September we have the first opportunity to show off Stantonbury School to the wider community as we open our gates to Year 6 students and parents. This is the chance to demonstrate the warm welcome and outline the high expectations we have for all our students in every facet of school life. Our different subject teachers will provide a fun, vibrant and interactive experience for all our visitors, allowing them to see for themselves the extraordinary facilities we have in our school and most importantly to get a feel of what Stantonbury is like now, not what has been written about us before.



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I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Take care

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ben Wilson
Associate Principal

