



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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24th June 2022

Dear Stantonbury families

What a week! Our final Year 11 and Year 13 exams, Year 10 mock exams, new staff induction, interviews, Year 9 Romeo and Juliet performances, Year 9 reports, extracurricular clubs, and fixtures, including primary school sports days and the Athletics federation cup, and yesterday we waved goodbye to our Year 11s in their leavers' assembly. Who said things quieten down in the summer term?

Be HERE

Live Performance and Wellbeing talk - Thursday 30th June

On Thursday next week, we will be welcoming 'Here At Last' to perform to our students and deliver a talk on Mental Health, Online Safety and Cyberbullying.

Formed in 2020, 'Here at Last' sold out their first headline UK tour & will be headlining another tour later this year. They are also the biggest UK boy band on TikTok with over 2.5 million followers. Having all had their own issues with cyber bullying and mental health, the boys are in the perfect position to deliver such a positive message to our students and are excited to be given the opportunity to educate and inspire.

Mobile phones

Thank you for your continued support with our drive on Mobile phones. This has been another great week. As I walk around the site, I have noticed the complete absence of phones across the school. 250 phones were confiscated in week 1, 83 week 2 and only 46 so far this week. I am looking (hard at times) but I can't find them anywhere. Can you please thank your child for responding to our drive? It is making such a positive difference with how the young people interact with each other during their social time at break and lunch time.

Uniform

Over the remaining weeks we will be adopting a similar communication strategy to help us launch and embed our uniform policy. Daily strategic reminders and communications will prepare our students, families, and staff for our relentless drive on uniform from the first day back in September.

For the most up to date information on uniform for now and September please see the updated uniform page on our website <https://www.stantonbury-tove.org.uk/information/school-uniform-info>



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The school will be purchasing all students in the current Year 7,8 9 and 10 a new school tie that they will receive on the first day back in September. The new uniform ties are now available from Maisie's in Wolverton either from their shop or you can order via their website <https://maisies-superstore.co.uk/product-category/schools/schools-stantonbury-school/>

Attendance

Tutor Attendance League

Here are the results of the most improved weekly attendance.

Yr/ Pos	7	8	9	10
1	DS	AW	SR	ES
2	SA	CN	AL	HL
3	TM	AJ	MO	AC

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7	8	9	10
DS	AJ	SC	HL

A big well done to 7DS, 8AJ and 10HL for their improvements but special mention to 9SC for a 9.20% improvement. Well Done!!!

Be READY

Key dates

Monday 27th June

- Year 10 Exams
- Young Musician of the Year – Theatre 19:00
<http://www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk/whats-on/all-shows/stantonburys-young-musician-of-the-year/17439/>

Wednesday 29th June

- Year 12 Induction Day 1



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- Year 9 Vaccinations
- Dance show 19:30

Thursday 30th June

- Year 12 Induction Day 2

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th July

- Year 7 Exotic Animal Encounter

Wednesday 6th

- New Year 7 Induction Day 1

Thursday 7th

- New Year 7 Induction Day 2
- New Year 7 Parents evening - meet the staff 15:30-18:00

Dance Show:

A number of students from all year groups will be performing in the annual Stantonbury dance show on Wednesday 29th June at 19:30 <http://www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk/whats-on/all-shows/stantonbury-school-annual-dance-showcase/17442/>

Sixth Form Taster Days – 29th & 30th June

Our Sixth Form 'Taster Days' for prospective students aspiring to attend Stantonbury Sixth Form from September will be taking place on Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th June 2022. All students that have applied to study with us have the opportunity to attend and experience what life is like in our Sixth Form.

The taster days will provide an opportunity for students to complete work around their intended A-Level and BTEC courses. It will also enable students to begin transition work in their subjects as they prepare for the demands of Sixth Form.

Bicycle storage on site

As from Monday 27th June all students who wish to use the bike storage area will need to park their bikes in the secure area at Ashurst monitored by CCTV. The best access to this area is from the gate nearest the Astro. The bike shed in the front car park area will no longer be used.

Be LEARNING

Year 8 - Exotic Animal Encounter

On Thursday 16th and Friday 17th June our Year 8 students had the opportunity to meet some exotic animals. During this session they had the opportunity to hold a massive snake, try and pick up the 3rd largest breed of tortoise in the world, make friends with a mob (of



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meerkats) and even try their hand at bird-handling. This is some feedback we have received:



The children were really impressed with the event especially as it was a complete surprise for them. Albert spent about 35 minutes describing it and was really impressed with the owl. Wish I was there! (Parent of a student)

I loved it. I learned so much about all the animals.

The animals were adorable, especially the meerkats. Fact: Turtle shells are made of the same things as human nails.

The animals were amazing, and I liked that they let the owl fly over our heads.

I enjoyed the animals, and they were so cool and adorable. I loved the facts as well, and I now understand the value of spiders.

I thought it was really nice and interesting for the school to do an activity like this for the students. I would like to see it again!



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Bucks Schools County Athletics



On Saturday 11th June we entered 5 pupils into the County schools' Athletics competition hosted at Stantonbury track. This involved every school in the county entering their elite athletes, all looking to progress to the English Schools finals which will be hosted this year in Manchester.

We had some exceptional performance from all pupils who were a real credit to the school.

The performance of the day from any athlete in the competition came from our very own Ayesha Jones who threw a massive 51m in the Javelin with her first throw. To put this distance into context. It was the 3rd furthest throw of all time by a British athlete in the Under 17 girls' category.

This distance also qualifies Ayesha to represent Great Britain in the upcoming televised European athletics championships in Jerusalem next week. She is the only British girl in the Under 17 category to throw over 50m this year. A huge performance.

A massive well done to all competitors involved.

Federation Cup

On Wednesday we took part in the annual Federation cup athletics competition on our track.

This event involves every secondary school in Milton Keynes coming together to compete for one day over a series of track and field events.

This year we took 30 pupils from Years 7 – 9. Our pupils made the school proud. Not only were they immaculately behaved but they clearly put their all into every single event.



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Ultimately Denbigh school won the competition but as we know our pupils are committed to the cause and this time next year we will be back competing, and we will work hard throughout the year to ensure all pupils are ready and able when the time comes.

We did however have some excellent performances from some of our pupils picking up bronze places in the Year 7 boys shot putt and Year 8 boys 1500m.

Jamie came first in the Year 8 high jump with a height of 1.4m.

The performance of the day must go to Bolaji in year 9 who ran a sensational 100m sprint to take the Gold in epic style. I think he could be a name to look out for in the future.

Over the past two weeks I have had numerous parents talk to me about Athletics in Milton Keynes. Can I remind you that we hold an athletics club every Thursday on our track, and we also have fantastic links to Marshalls MK Athletics club who train every Tuesday and Thursday at Stantonbury? If you would like to know more, you can either contact the Head of PE via anthony.lee@stantonbury-tove.org.uk or take a look at <https://www.mkac.org.uk/weekly-schedule/> For future news and events in PE please follow us on Twitter @StantonburyPE

Finally, I would like your help in answering a short survey that will influence our strategic plan priorities for next year.

The responses are anonymous but there is an option to include your name and contact details if you are happy to do so. The survey questions are the same ones that Ofsted use in their Parentview system but we have added a couple at the end that are of interest to us. It would be particularly helpful if your responses can refer to your experiences this year since the school joined the Tove Learning Trust.

Here is the link for the survey which will close on Monday 4th July 2022;
<https://forms.gle/Su9Z8L9PbdeYimJk8>

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ben Wilson
Associate Principal