



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Associate Principal



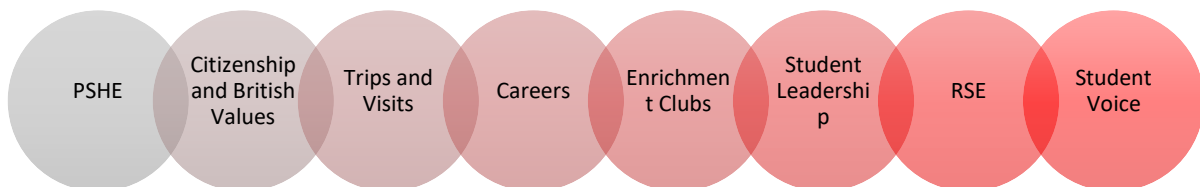
Dear Stantonbury families

I hope you are well and are starting to feel festive now December is here.

This week I want to highlight the work we are doing to support your child's 'Personal Development' through our 'Stantonbury Experience'

The 'Stantonbury Experience' is a way to draw together different elements of the Personal Development strand for our students. It is designed so that students entering and at our school can have a broad, balanced, and enriching experience which works alongside, and supports, their academic studies. It is a way to help students develop skills and attributes for themselves which will not only add value and joy to their time with us, but help set them up for a successful, healthy, and happy life beyond school.

The Stantonbury Experience runs through multiple elements of our school:



Over the last two weeks these are some of the activities and trips that our students have been participating in.

Movember Concert

The Movember concert was run by the form 10AC to raise money for men's mental health and cancer charity. It was a fabulous afternoon where lots of students from across the school performed. The audience watched drama pieces, musical and comedy performances and even an appearance from the famous STENCIL PENCILS. The students and staff were so involved the concert overran the school day, nothing was stopping the beautifully behaved Year 10 clapping and singing along even 15 minutes after the school day finished! We would like to thank all the performers and



staff for making this happen. Next week we will share with you all the money raised for Movember.

Interform

What a successful week of Interform! Congratulations to everyone for taking part and supporting their forms in the Football Interform hosted last week. The level of engagement, positivity, enthusiasm and competition was outstanding, and it was amazing to see our students having the best time!

The results are in... Congratulations to the following forms finishing first in their year:

Boys: 8yKW, 9ySL, 10xGC.

Girls: 8yER, 9ySU, 10xGC.

The Year 7 finals are to take place next week due to their competition being postponed due to the weather. Results will shortly follow.

Once again, congratulations to all students and staff for participating and organising this competition



Brilliant Club

Our Year 10 students have been challenging themselves with some university-style tuition via The Brilliant Club. We have been examining women's historical writing and historiography. Students have been introduced to some key academic debate and thoughts in the field and are being encouraged to approach new subjects with a critical mind. We have looked at historical fiction, feminism, approaches to history and roots of the Gothic novel. Students will be submitting an essay on the subject of historiography incorporating all of these elements which will be assessed using a standard university grading system.

German Christmas Market

It has been three years since we have been able to travel abroad with our students. Last weekend saw our first overseas residential trip to the German Christmas Markets. It was a truly wonderful experience for everyone involved. The weather could not have been any better, despite it being a little cold the sun shone every day. The hotel and food were fantastic and the visit to the Lindt

chlorate factory warehouse where the wall-to-wall chocolate kept us all in awe.

In the Christmas Markets staff and students were able to soak up the smells, sights and sounds, it was a truly magical experience. Time was spent at the market browsing through the market stalls buying Christmas trinkets and gifts, stopping only for lunch to try some of the German delicacies such as Bratwurst und Kartoffeln. This was followed by a tour of the

Cathedral. We would like to thank all the students for making it a memorable experience and to the



team of teachers Ms Underwood, Ms Stephen, Ms Rule, Ms Alexander, Mr Mane and Mr Breeze for supporting the trip.



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend whatever you choose to do.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. J. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mr Wilson - Associate Principal