



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Associate Principal



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Dear Stantonbury families

I hope you are well.

Following the National Secondary School offer day on March 1st I have been taking tours of families around our wonderful school. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive after they have visited your children's lessons and seen the engaging activities staff plan for our students. Their impression of our school has literally changed overnight as they notice the improvements that have been made to the standard of the quality of Education and the culture, that make the school feel welcoming, controlled and calm. I was able to share with our guests the numerous interventions and enrichment activities the students at Stantonbury have on offer and show off their incredible facilities and resources.

To further promote the engagement with our community I have been visiting our feeder Schools to deliver the positive message and highlight the improvements we are making to the educational experiences of our students and we have even gone as far as inviting Year 5 students to Stantonbury to experience lessons delivered by our very own staff. This started this week as we welcome year 5 students from Giffard Park to engage in a series of science lessons.



In addition we have held our third parent working group meeting and discussed items such as Toilets, behaviour, punctuality, SEND and self study/homework, all issues that are frequently discussed on the Facebook support group and in your homes.

And you don't have to just believe me, please take the time to read the summary of the last two Academy Improvement Board meetings that highlight the progress we are making on our improvement journey. [W AIB 1st December 22 meeting and 13th January 23.docx](#)

As always if you feel you want to come to the school and see for yourself the improvements or you would like to join the parent working group please don't hesitate to contact enquiries@stantonbury-tove.org.uk and I will be happy to take you for a tour or connect you with the parent group

Lateness and Punctuality

I wanted to make you all aware of the punctuality and lateness drive that is starting on Monday 13th March across the school for all year groups. For the past two weeks during Tutor time your child's Form Tutor has been analysing their tutors groups punctuality and making your child explicitly aware of the expectations around arriving at school on time and being punctual to each and every lesson. As I know you will be fully aware teenagers tend to walk anywhere slowly, they often stroll, wander, and amble in a very relaxed way, which causes them to be late to a lesson on a site as big as Stantonbury.

So from Monday 2 lates recorded in a day will mean a lunch time detention in Ashurst the following day with a leader of the school. We have asked teachers to take into account where the student has come from in the previous lesson but to log lateness if a child arrives after the majority of the class. Students will be made aware of their detention by all their teachers, a mark will appear on every register that day to highlight who is in detention for being late. As a family you will also be made aware of the detention through the Go4Schools app. If a child fails to attend their detention it will be picked up after lunch by their Form Tutor and year team and the sanction will be increased. Thank you in advance for supporting our drive to ensure no learning time is missed and we encourage our students to be responsible students who arrive on time, and own their actions.

Safeguarding - Parent factsheets

Over the coming weeks we wanted to share with you a number of fact sheets that will provide you with as much information as possible to keep you in the loop so you take the appropriate steps to keep your child safe online. We appreciate this will constantly change but wanted to make to aware of some of the issues facing parents up and down the country

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Contacting the school

We wanted to provide you with an updated list of Form Tutors, Head of Year, SSLs and SLT so you can contact them if and when required. We have asked our staff to acknowledge your email within 48 hours, thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

[📄 Year Team list 2022-2023 - March 2023.pdf](#)

Quality of Education

I wanted to take the opportunity to signpost our third QofE Newsletter which I encourage you to read. It highlights the many incredible opportunities and experiences happening at Stantonbury school.

Please find attached- Quality of Education newsletter.

Stantonbury Stars

Athletics - Javelin

You may be aware that we are following one of very talented athletes and regularly post updates. I am very pleased to share that **Ayesha** has had an amazing start to the new season. She was invited to the Loughborough Winter Throws Championships held at the end of February and despite recovering from a broken hand she threw 49.81m. This throw past the standard for the Youth Commonwealth and Ayesha was selected to represent England in Sweden. Ayesha won her competition over the weekend with a throw of 45.31m. Congratulations Ayesha



Basketball

Caiden was recently nominated to attend the England Basketball player development framework. This programme is for 11-15 year olds. This was based in St Albans and was attended by all of the elite players in the South and South East regions. Caiden made it through to the Super camp in Colchester for 2 days where they whittled the players down to the final 23. Due to Caidens exceptional performances and taking into consideration that he is one of the youngest students at these camps he will now progress on to the Aspire camps for England talent pathways. In the coming years, we are sure Caiden will develop into the England set up and be a future star. Congratulations Caiden.



Fixtures Update

Over the half term we received the latest standings for the Milton Keynes Schools Sports Leagues. After three half-terms of fixtures, Stantonbury have now completed 84 of 111 fixtures (excluding tournaments) and are due to complete the final 27 over the next four weeks. Out of the 19 leagues entered, Stantonbury are currently placed in the top three of over 50% of the leagues and look to continue to improve this number with a final push! Taking into consideration the number of fixtures completed and our ten best league positions, we currently stand in second place out of the sixteen Milton Keynes schools.

I hope you have a great weekend

Kind regards

Mr Wilson - Associate Principal