



# Stanchester Academy

4 April 2025



## Flying Start

On Wednesday the 26th of March, a team of Year 8 students visited Yeovilton to take part in the regional Flying Start Challenge. The challenge is designed to help students develop key skills and increase awareness of the excellent careers available in engineering.

Students have been working over several weeks, with help from engineers from Leonardos, to design, build and test a model glider that they then presented at the regional Fly-Off. Each team then had the chance to fly their glider against schools from the same region, with teams judged on the distance flown and on a poster presentation detailing the design decisions made. They also took part in a series of STEM activities and talks.

The students had an amazing day and learned lots of new skills.

## Dates

7 - 21 April - Easter Holiday

25 & 26 April - Bonze D of E Expedition

6 & 8 May - Year 8 Geography trip to Dawlish

8 May - GCSE Exams start

22 - 23 May - Year 9 Vaccinations

Congratulations to PE teacher **Miss Evans**, who took part in the first stop of the Kitesurfing World Tour (Kite-Surf Discipline) in Capo Verde in March.

Miss Evans made it through the first three rounds, finishing in 5th place. What a great achievement!



## Romeo and Juliet Trip

Thanks to Theatre Royal Bath's Wonderfund, which covered the tickets and the cost of the coach, we were lucky enough to take 54 Year 9 pupils to see the Box Clever production of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'.



It was an excellent production, specifically designed for school-aged pupils and highlights included Stanchester students doing us proud when they were invited to participate on stage, the clever use of a narrator

to ensure pupils were able to follow the plot and to support them in making sense of the Shakesporean language, and a re-imagining of the final scene which - literally - brought tears to some pupils eyes.

As we left the theatre, the comments of 'that was brilliant' and 'that was so much cooler than I expected' made it clear that pupils were buzzing from the experience - what a fantastic introduction to their GCSE Shakespeare text!



## WOW Days

We have had two fantastic WOW days welcoming year 5 students from Ilchester, Norton, West Chinnock, Ash, All Saints, Martock, Castle, St Margarets, South Petherton and Kingfisher primaries.

We're sure you can tell from the photos how much fun we've had. A big well done to all year 5 students and a big thank you to all staff and helpers that have been involved.





# Netball News

## Year 8 Netball Team – Area Netball Tournament

The Year 8 netball team entered the area netball tournament in a strong position, having successfully topped their pool. This set up an exciting semi-final clash against Gryphon.

The match began tensely, with both teams battling hard in the opening quarter. However, once our players settled into their rhythm, they sailed through the rest of the match, securing a well-earned victory and a place in the finals against Westfield.



Despite a determined effort, the team faced a formidable Westfield side and unfortunately came up short. Nonetheless, finishing as silver medallists is a fantastic achievement, and the girls should be incredibly proud of their performance. Well done!

## Year 9 Netball Team – Area Netball Tournament

The Year 9 netball team faced tough competition in their area netball tournament. Finishing second in their pool meant a challenging semi-final against the dominant Westfield side.

Despite a valiant effort, the team was unable to overcome Westfield and moved into the third-place play-off against Gryphon. After a hard-fought match, the team fell just short, finishing in fourth place.



Although the results were not as hoped, the team showed great determination and resilience throughout the tournament. Well done to all involved!

## Year 10 Netball Team – Final Match of the Season (Tuesday, 25th March)

The Year 10 netball team played their final match of the season against Wadham, and what a way to finish! A resounding 40-4 victory showcased the skill, teamwork, and dedication the girls have put into their season. This dominant performance was a fitting reward for all their hard work, and they can celebrate a fantastic end to their campaign. Congratulations on a brilliant win!

Well done to all our netball teams for their effort, sportsmanship, and commitment throughout the tournaments and the season. Your hard work and determination continue to make us proud!

## Rewards Inflatable Session Thursday 27th March

Students who demonstrated outstanding attendance and behaviour were rewarded with an exciting inflatable session on Thursday, 27th March. To qualify for this special event, students needed to have 96% or higher attendance and no behaviour points between 7th January 2025 and 14th February.

The session was packed with fun activities, including an exhilarating assault course, a thrilling bungee run, and competitive duelling challenges. It was fantastic to see so many students enjoying themselves and being recognized for their hard work and commitment over the term. Well done to everyone who took part – your dedication and positive attitude are truly commendable!

Year 10 student Emme is raising money for the World Challenge trip to Norway by hosting Bingo evenings with lots of chocolate prizes. See dates below to take part.



**Emme Fundraising  
For her World Challenge Trip  
To Norway 2026**

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Milford Community Hall
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Milford Park
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Yeovil
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Somerset
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	BA21 4DQ

Doors open 6.30pm  
Eyes down 7.00pm

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**THURSDAY 17TH APRIL - 11AM-2PM**  
**AGE - YEARS 10/11**  
**@ RICHARD HUISH COLLEGE**





