

09 February 2024

Dates

12 - 16 February - Half Term

13 - 17 February - New York Trip
19 February - 1 March - Y11 Mock Exams
21 February - Barcelona Info Evening, 5pm
21 February - D of E Silver Info Evening, 5.30pm
23 February - Y9 Options Deadline
28 February - Drama Theatre Trip - Blood Brothers

4 - 8 March - World Book Week

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On the Stanchester website, in the Curriculum section there is now a page for each subject area. As well as the overall aim of the department ,you can download the curriculum overviews for each year, so you can always see what the departments are planning to teach.

If you have any queries about the curriculum the email addresses for all the Heads of Department are also listed.



Save the date World Book Day 7 March 2024





On Thursday 25th January we were very fortunate to have Somerstage Theatre School give us a theatre, dance and vocal workshop at Stanchester.

Students from our Musical Theatre club were in attendance and were taught songs and a dance from Grease the Musical.

This was an incredible experience as the tutors are professional West End Theatre performers who were able to share their expertise and knowledge of being in this profession with our students.

This is our third year of participating in this scheme and we hugely look forwards to taking part in this experience next year!



Sports News

• George Geraghty in Year 11 has been selected to play football for Somerset at U16 level. They recently had a game against Forest Green Rovers and drew 3-3 with George scoring 1 goal for Somerset.

• Most Year groups have started their Boys Football Area Cup Games with Year 7 winning their first two games (Max Taylor scoring 9 goals in a 13-0 win over Sexeys), Year 8 winning their first game 6-3 against Wadham (Albie rice with a hattrick, one from in his own half!) and Last Years cup winners, Year 11 lost their first game 3-0 away to Ansford.

• Lots more games for all Year groups after Half term!



Magazines

Do you have any unwanted, recent magazines that are suitable for secondary age readers? If so, please consider donating them to the library for lots of students to enjoy. Please drop them into the library or office. If you have them on a regular basis, we would be happy to give them a second home. Thank you!



Options deadline - 23 February

As the deadline for Y9's to choose their options approaches please remember that there is lots of information to support students making their choices on the Stanchester website. If parents or students have any queries please feel free to contact or speak to your tutors.



Coming soon...

After the half term we will be sending out the details of the activities and trips that will be taking place during Curriculum Enrichment at the end of the summer term. There will be time to decide and to talk to friends about their choices before bookings open.

Please note that all places are allocated on a first come first served basis and places for some of the most popular residential trips have been sold out very quickly in previous years.

World Book Week!

4th – 8th March

This year Stanchester is celebrating World Book Day, not just on one day, but with a whole week of activities, quizzes and competitions!

Competitions

- Book bake-off.
- Fancy Dress.
- Short story and illustration.
- Design a book token. (Part of a national WBD competition with big prizes up for grabs!)

There will be book token prizes for the winners! Look out for an email with all the details, or see the announcements section on the Stanchester homepage.

Students in Years 7 – 10 should all have received, in tutor time this week, a £1 token to spend on a £1 World Book Day book or on any book of their choice in participating retailers. They are valid from 15^{th} Feb so you may like to visit a book shop over half term. For more information about the books, and messages from their authors, go to <u>www.worldbookday.com</u>. A limited number of tokens will be available in the library for year 11s that would like one.



