



9TH JANUARY 2025

Weekly Bulletin

UPDATE FROM THE STANWAY SCHOOL

Dates for Your Diary

WEEK A

January

- **12th January** - Random Act of Kindness Week
- **17th January** - Mock Exam Results
- **22nd January** - Year 11 Poetry Live
- **30th January** - Year 11 Parents Evening

February

- **6th February** - Year 10 Macbeth Trip
- **11th February** - Safer Internet Day
- **13th - 14th February** - Careers Fair
- **17th - 21st** - Half Term

That Was The Week, That Was!

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and it has been fantastic to see all our students return with such a positive attitude towards the new calendar year.

As we now begin a new school term, we want to take this opportunity to begin our work around improving our students' relationships with their mobile phones off the back of the documentary that aired before Christmas. I must say, I am so incredibly proud of our school, our staff, our students and our community for how they have engaged with the documentary. In amongst the surrealism of a national TV documentary being played to millions of people, was the opportunity that inspired us in the first place to get involved in this project - to bring this important conversation to the mainstream.

Many parents across the country have felt isolated when deciding about their children's use of these devices and have even felt peer pressure to allow their usage at younger and younger ages. I know first hand how difficult this situation can be, as a parent of two 12 year olds that are also very fond of their smartphones! But, this documentary was never about blame or judgment; instead about giving us all a chance to reflect on a technological world that emerged before we even stopped to question whether we were ok with it. Now, that conversation is being had in homes across the country.



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We truly hope that this documentary provokes a genuine social change that helps better protect young people from the dangers that clearly exist on these devices. But, even if tech-companies and Governments don't react and don't make any changes, we know that thousands of families will now be having that conversation, and that we have helped get that conversation started.

We really hope you enjoyed the documentary. Our students were absolute superstars and they should all feel incredibly proud of what they are a part of. We couldn't have done this without the support of our school community, though, and so a big thank you also goes out to each and every student and parent. You also played your part in this, and you too can be very proud. Now, we look forward and begin helping our community better their relationships with mobile phones. As a starting point, this will involve parental workshops that are being built to help raise awareness of what we can all do to help our young people. The details will be with you very soon.

Back in the real world, this week life has gotten very real for some of our Year 11 students, with the release of the Art final examination content and even the first actual examination being sat just this morning by a select group of Business Studies students. For the rest of the year group, we look towards the Mock Results being issued next Friday morning! We hope this gives our students the determination to really push on towards the summer examination series.

This week, we have also begun the launch of our Danbury summer residential trip for our Year 7 students. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience an education far beyond the classroom, providing them with opportunities and memories that will last a lifetime. More details will follow across the course of this term, but it was great to see the interest and excitement of the Year 7s after their launch assembly.

As a last little reminder, please be aware that, as students are expected to begin the working part of their school day at 8.40 am in their registration classes, we shut the pedestrian gates at 8.35 am. This allows students plenty of time to get to their form class ahead of the 8.40 am start and be ready to learn. Thanks for your support in reiterating this with your young people

Have a good weekend



John Player
Head of School

Term Dates

Autumn Term:

Monday 2nd
September 2024 - Friday 20th
December 2024
(Half Term 28th October –
1st November)

Spring Term:

Monday 6th
January 2025 - Friday
4th April 2025
(Half Term 17th February -
21st February)

Summer Term:

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 -
Friday 22nd July 2025
(Half Term 26th May –
30th May)

Correspondence Sent Out This Week

- Year 7 Danbury Camp Letter - (7th January)
- Changes to details (7th January)
- Year 11 Revision Sessions and Masterclasses - (7th January)
- Ski Trip Update - Hire Clothing and Departure Day Reminder - Year 11 (7th January)
- Sports Newsletter - All Stidents (9th January)
- Free School Meals and Service Child Status (10th January)

Revision Classes:

Monday Lunch

- Art Exam Drop In (Year 11 only)

Monday Afterschool

- Child Development (3.10 pm to 4.10 pm - All Students)
- German (3.10 pm to 4.10 pm - All students)
- Business Studies (3.10 pm to 4.10 pm - Students aiming for L2D - invite only)

Tuesday Lunch

- Computer Science (All students)

Tuesday Afterschool

- Maths
- French (3.10 pm to 4.00 pm - specific classes)
- Spanish (3.10 pm to 4.00 pm - A students)
- Child Development (3.10 pm to 4.10 pm - All students)
- Construction & Technology (3.10 pm to 4.10 pm - All students)
- Business Studies (3.30 pm to 4.15 pm - All students)

Wednesday Lunch

- Art (All students)
- Business Studies (Year 10/11 Resit identified students)

Wednesday Afterschool

- Art (3.10 pm to 4.30 pm - All students)
- BTEC Dance (3.10 pm - 4.10 pm - All students)
- English (3.10 pm - 4.10 pm - All students)
- Drama (3.10 pm to 4.10 pm - All students)
- GCSE PE (3.10 pm to 4.10 pm - All students)

Thursday Lunch

- English (Grade 7-9 Students)

Friday Afterschool

- Science - General Revision - Science Department Rooms

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Clubs:

Monday Lunch

- Year 7 Drop In - B0:05
- All Years - Creative Writing Club - Room: B1.14
- Welfare Hub - Room: C0.02
- Years 7 & 8 - Film Club - Room: Break Out Space
- Taking English Further - Room: B107
- Magic Gathering Club - Room: C1:09

Monday Afterschool

- Years 9, 10 & 11 - Trampolineing
- Years 7 & 10 - Boys Football

Tuesday Lunch

- Year 7 Drop In - B0:05
- Welfare Hub - Room: C0.02
- Years 7 & 8 - Film Club - Room: Break Out Space
- Years 7 & 8 - Drama Club - Room: B004

Tuesday Afterschool

- VEX Club - Room: C1.09
- Year 8 Family Food Club - Room: C009
- Stanway ESports Game Developers - Room: B106
- Technology/Construction Club - Room: C004
- Year 11 - Netball

Wednesday Lunch

- Year 7 Drop In - B0:05
- Welfare Hub - Room: C0.02
- Years 7 & 8 - Film Club - Room: Break Out Space

Wednesday Afterschool

- STEM Club - Room: C1:09
- Cycle Maintenance - Room: C006
- Years 9 & 10 - Netball
- Year 9 - Boys Football
- All Years - Girls Football

Thursday Lunch

- Year 7 Drop In - B0:05
- Welfare Hub - Room: C0.02
- Years 7 & 8 - Film Club - Room: Break Out Space
- Dungeons & Dragons - Room: B105
- Book Club - LRC
- Debate Club - Room: B207
- Year 9 Drama & Theatre - Room: B003

Friday Lunch

- Year 7 Drop In - B0:05
- Welfare Hub - Room: C0.02
- Years 7 & 8 - Film Club - Room: Break Out Space
- Amnesty International - Room: B215
- Maths Games Club - Room: B203
- Young Enterprise - Room: B002
- Dungeons & Dragons - Room: B107

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Reporting Student Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school i.e. illness/appointment etc. please report this on Arbor or via:-

Email: student.absence@stanway.school

Tel: 01206 575488 Option 1

Parental Support

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS have recorded a number of webinars aimed at offering help and advice for parents. Topics include how to support your child with Anxiety and Low Mood as well as Building Confidence and Managing Anxiety.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/psychology-in-schools-team-nsft-32627846273>

We recently put out a Google Form asking you to let us know what support you would like, and how you would like it delivered, and we are working on putting a programme together. Thank you to all who completed the form.

Menu

Monday:

Bolognese pasta bake with garlic bread

Vegetable pasta bake with garlic bread

Tuesday:

Chicken katsu curry with rice and naan bread

Quorn katsu curry with rice and naan bread

Wednesday:

Roast chicken with yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes and vegetables

Stuffed peppers with roast potatoes

Thursday:

Slow cooked pulled pork with jacket wedges

Halloumi with jacket wedges

Friday:

Cheeseburger in a bun with chips

Spicy beanburger in a bun with chips

Chicken goujons with chips

All main meals include fresh potatoes, vegetables or salad.

POLITE REMINDER - ALLERGY AWARENESS - NO FISH-RELATED FOOD ITEMS OR NUTS TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL PLEASE

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**Thursday 23rd January 2025
6-7.30pm**

**Thursday 3rd April 2025
6-7.30pm**

We look forward to seeing you!



Find out more



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