



# Stanchester Academy

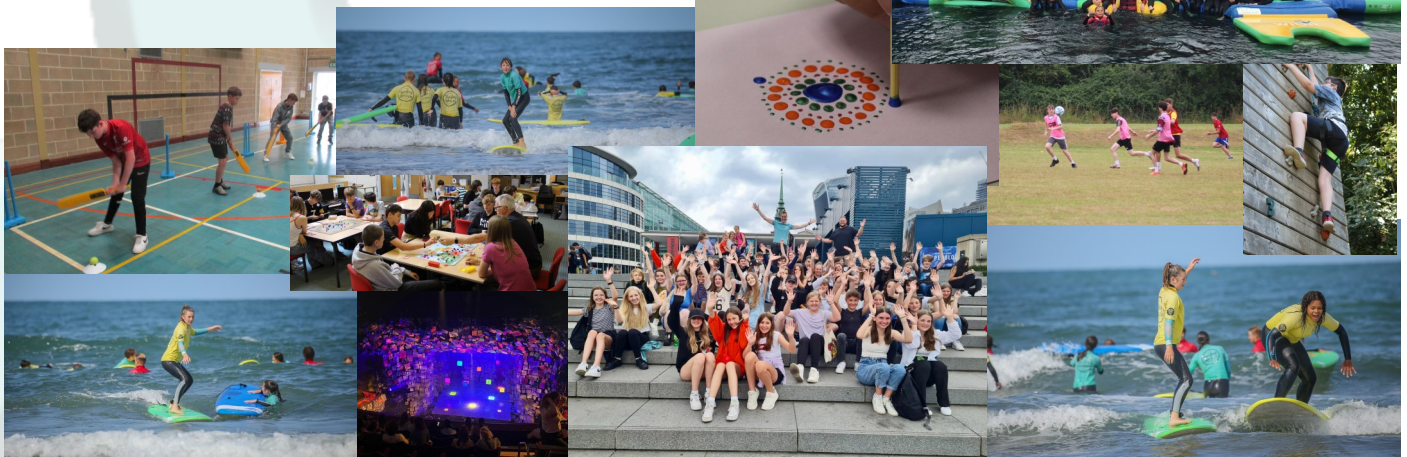
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## Curriculum Enrichment Days

Part of our ethos at Stanchester Academy is the value in life-long learning and developing students state of mind so that they are able to thrive in an ever-changing world. For us, learning extends beyond the academic curriculum.

It has been a highlight of the end of our academic year to run our Curriculum Enrichment week over the 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The students have loved the range of activities, trips and experiences and it's been a pleasure to see these in action around the school site and to hear from staff and students who have gone away on residential. The aim of the end of term have been to ensure all students experience new situations outside of the classroom, develop cultural capital and widen their horizons, learn new skills and meet new people, develop their resilience, independence and confidence as well as their spiritual, moral, cultural, social and physical development, and possibly most importantly to have fun and make great memories.

The photos speak for themselves. It's been excellent.



## Fresh Start Reading Scheme

Congratulations to the pupils making rapid progress with Fresh Start reading scheme. Graduates from the reading scheme are:

Roman Garvin 8AB  
Ollie Nield 8HS  
Spencer Latham 8HS  
Oakley Ranc 8AM  
Archie Francis 7AP  
Will Hart 7AP

## Geography Field Trip—Bristol

Year 10 Geography students visited Bristol, our first Geography field trip for three years! First, we visited Filwood, where we completed an environmental quality survey and field sketch, before being picked up and dropped off by the SS Great Britain. We walked from here around to the Millennium Square stopping at various locations to complete environmental quality surveys, field sketches and even found time to complete some questionnaires with members of the public. The students behaved impeccably and were a true asset to the academy.



## Year 6 Induction

We were thrilled to spend the day with our sensational future Year 7 pupils and families on Wednesday.

The pupils enjoyed attending lessons, bonding with their new tutor group and exploring the site.

We look forward to seeing the pupils again in September.



## Staff Changes

This year we say goodbye several dearly loved colleagues who have worked hard over the years to ensure the support and well-being of our students.

The brilliant Mr Mitchell is going onto a promotion, Mr Burfitt, Mr Weymouth, Mrs Roca and Miss Smith are all also taking roles closer to their homes. Miss Cornish and Miss Knight are moving on to pastures new after a long period of dedicated service to the school. Miss Parry starts her maternity leave next month and our SENCo Mr Belcher is also moving to a role closer to home and will be really missed by those he has helped support over the years.

Next year we are increasing our staffing to support the increased numbers of students on role and reduce the level of supply in school. The new staff joining us include:

Mr Morgan: Curriculum leaders for Performing Arts  
Mr McLaughlin: SENCo  
Mrs Orchard: Teacher of Business and History  
Mrs Lane: Teacher of Science and History  
Miss Board: Teacher of Food Technology  
Miss Logan: Teacher of Textiles and Art  
Miss Hearne: Teacher of Maths  
Mr Cooley: Teacher of English  
Mrs Geldenhuis: Head of Year 8 and teacher of PE

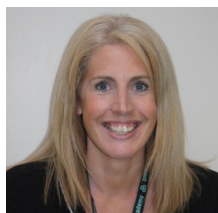
We also want to congratulate the following three staff who have got married this year Mrs Glass and will be known as Mrs Glassett, Miss Small is now Mrs Mort, Miss Willets is now Mrs Sunderland.

We also say goodbye to an exceptional Governor this term Judy Watson who has supported the school with safeguarding and behaviour successfully over the last eight years and will be dearly missed by all who have worked with her.

Over the summer I wish you all a really relaxing break, I hope you enjoy this precious time together as families and really looking forward to seeing you all in the Autumn term.

Warmest regards

Miss E Forward  
Headteacher

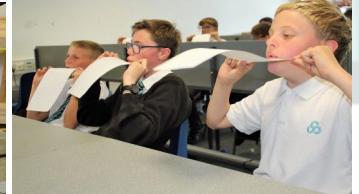


## Yeovil College

Last week our fantastic Year 8 and 10 pupils enjoyed post-16 taster sessions hosted at Yeovil College.

Courses ranged from criminology to construction.

The pupils loved their experiences, helping them to understand the huge number of opportunities available to school leavers in South Somerset. Thank you [#YeovilCollege](https://www.instagram.com/yeovilcollege)



## Back to school in September....

Year 7 and 11 return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September with years 8,9,10 returning on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. All students will have an extended tutor time until during their first day of school.

New school uniform can be purchased from the Yeovil School Uniform shop or by ordering online at [www.swschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.swschoolwear.co.uk)

## Music Performance

The wonderful Mrs Fontanals had a clear vision when she joined us to raise the profile of music across the academy and she has really fulfilled this aim. Last week we hosted the first series of music performances from students who have started peripatetic lessons at Stanchester.

This ranged from piano, drums, guitar, vocal work and (check we have all instruments). We were also given an incredible opportunity to produce a band, funded by Somerset Music Centre (check name) and after just a few short weeks they were able to perform in front of their peers and loved ones.

Several students will go onto play in our whole school assembly on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July. If you missed it this year, please try to come along next time. Stanchester has real talent.

The students who took part were: -

Libby Biddlecombe,  
Charlie Watts  
George Owen  
Harriet Smith  
Arran Ball  
Archie Francis  
Maddie Townson  
Oakley Giles  
Ben Sutherland  
Jack Pembro  
Reuben Roughsedge  
Will Faull  
Owen Paget

Eloise Laidler  
Ruby Calcutt  
Alfie Brown  
Soren Kokoszewska  
Alfie Frampton,  
Corey Amor,  
Lily Parsons,  
Maddie Townson,  
Alex Jones,  
Katie Wall,  
Joe Bunning  
Jenny Parker

