



Stanchester Academy

30 September 2022

Home Learning Information Evening

It was a pleasure to welcome so many families into the Academy for our Parent Home Learning Information Evening last week.

On the evening, we shared why home learning is so important, the research and cognitive science informing our approach, gave an overview of our updated home learning policy, and shared advice on how parents can support children to revise at home.

We have made adaptations based on parent feedback, including uploading centralised home learning schedules for Year 7 to help students get organised. These can now be found on our website, along with a copy of the PowerPoint and our updated policy. If you would like to know more or have further questions, please contact Mrs Wellfair-Priest on rachel.wellfair@stanchester.co.uk.

Knowledge Organisers

- A4 document with all of the key knowledge you need to know fluently
- Set out in a table – easier to cover
- Black and white without visual distractions – easier to focus
- Separated into clear sections
- Each chunk of knowledge is numbered
- Same format for every subject – cognitive load

Memory retention (%)

Elapsed time (days)

+5 months



Local Martial Arts instructor Giles Richards has kindly offered to run some sessions with our Y7 students.

The sessions will be cardio based boxing, kickboxing with some street defence at the end. This is a great opportunity for your child to be taught some essential life skills for their future by a local expert in his field. The sessions will take place on Tuesday 8th November, during the school day.

Food Bank Appeal



Mrs Dams and Mrs Kernutt have been working with Lords Larder to provide some of the most vulnerable families in our community with food parcels.

However Lords Larder are struggling to keep up with the rise in demand, over a 1000 more people last month, and with fuel prices and the current economic climate this demand for support is only going to increase.

They are currently asking for donations of the following

- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tins of Meatballs
- Tins of Hotdogs
- Packets of Pasta
- Shampoo
- Shower Gel

The food items listed are what the Lord's Larder Food Bank needs most at the moment. Of course if you would like to donate any other long life food items that are in date and unopened, are all gratefully received.

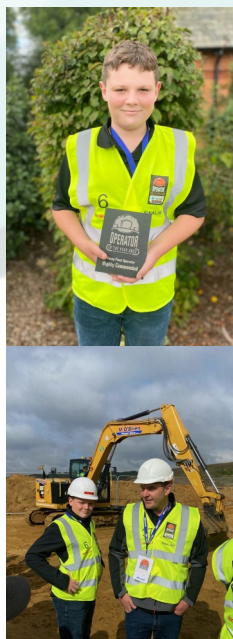
Please be aware they do not accept any donations of fresh fruit or vegetables, frozen product, or any out of date food items.

Students should bring any donations in on **14 October** and take them to their tutor in form time. **In exchange for donations students will be able to wear non school uniform for the day.**

Dig for Victory!

Year 8 student, Louie Coram, was a finalist in the Plant Operator of the Year competition which took place in London.

There were 40 finalists in the competition, four of which were under 18. Louie was the youngest participant at only 12 years old and took part in several activities such as digging a straight trench, shaping a mound of sand, grabbing and placing material, etc. He was recognised as a skilled operator and received a commendation award. Well done, Louie.

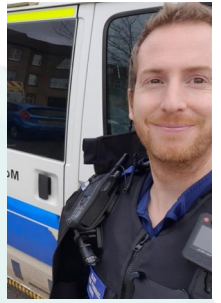


Parents - We Need You!

We'd love parents to get involved in our school community. Could you spare time to join like-minded parents and form a Parents and Friends of Stanchester Academy?

If you are interested in getting involved in any way please click on the link below to give us your contact details and we'll be in touch as soon as we have a date for the first meeting.

[Click Here](#)



**PCSO Ian Cromey-Hawke
6810**

**Stanchester Academy
Schools Officer**

Why are there police at my children's school?

We understand seeing the police may be worrying, especially at your children's school.

We regularly patrol in and around schools to provide reassurance to you as parents but also the children. We assist with traffic safety and reduce any incidents of anti-social behaviour around school times. More importantly we want to build positive relationships.

You may have heard of PSHE lessons; we often assist schools with educational inputs on topics such as staying safe online, the role of the police and the danger of talking to strangers.

We encourage you and your children to say or wave hello.

We hope that everyone will become more familiar with us through our presence at your school.

How do I contact the Police?

We are always happy to have a chat and offer advice, however, if you need police assistance it is always best to call us on 101 and remember to always dial 999 in an emergency. You can also contact us online at

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Please do not use social media to report a crime. Whilst we do have social media accounts these are not regularly monitored and are not an appropriate way of contacting us.

**£10.54
per hour**

Do you want to make a difference?

**We have opportunities for
Cleaners to be a part of our team**

We believe that the best learning environment for our young people is essential for achieving our mission to help 'Every Child Achieve'



We value our colleagues, in addition to a competitive salary and generous pension scheme, you will have access to lots of shopping discounts and a well-being platform to support your physical and mental health.


Stanchester Academy in Stoke-sub-Hamdon is a friendly secondary school with an inclusive staff team so if you would like to join us please call Andy Smith on 07733 000573 or visit our 'Vacancies' page on the website.

Various hours and contracts with pay from £10.54 per hour

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www.stanchester-academy.co.uk

Stanchester Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share its commitment. A criminal disclosure check will be requested for any applicant who is offered a position.

Bulletin Board

- South Petherton Junior School are looking for a Lunchtime Server to join their team. Please contact the school if you are interested 01460 240172 sch.308@educ.somerset.gov.uk
-  Rehearsals are underway on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. The performances will be 6—9 December.
- We currently have music lessons for piano, drums, guitar and ukulele delivered at Stanchester by Somerset Music Service - [click here](#) to find out more
- Please remind students to ensure they carry their bus pass every day - and that they travel on the route allocated to them.

