



# Stanchester Academy

15 December 2022

## Headteacher's message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, parents and staff for such a warm welcome to Stanchester and for supporting the Academy.

There is a great community feel to the Academy, which has been evident in events such as the Shrek Junior musical where so many students took part and we had three busy nights of parents in to watch. Another proud moment for me as Headteacher was to watch the student choir at Wells Cathedral singing in front of a packed audience. The amount of food donated to support the food bank in Yeovil at the end of the October half term was truly amazing, thank you.

## Goodbye and Good Luck

I know you will join me in saying a fond farewell to Stanchester's Headteacher Miss Forward.

Stepping into the role at the end of lockdown, Miss Forward worked tirelessly to support the students and staff at school and she will certainly be missed. We wish her all the best as she spends some well earned time with her family.

As the new year starts we will welcome two new members of staff to the Academy, Sarah Sykes joins us as Head of Year 10, and Chriselda Shaw will be joining us to teach Maths.

The end of the Covid restrictions has also meant the return of trips and visits. Just a few included: - Duke of Edinburgh Award, Theatre trips, London Art trip, Geography fieldwork and a Cribbs Causeway reward trip. We look forward to many more in 2023.

I wish all Stanchester parents, students and staff a peaceful and enjoyable break.

## Mr Mockridge



## STEM Presentation

Stanchester Academy were recently visited by BAE Systems Roadshow who performed an interactive workshop looking at magnetism to our Year 7 and 8 students.

The students had a wonderful time and learnt how magnets and electromagnets work and the real-world application of magnets.

## Choir Performance

The Stanchester Academy Choir took part in the Somerset Music Christmas Celebration Concert at Wells Cathedral, singing in a *sold-out* concert.



There was a wide range of performers from key stage 2 to key stage 5, Somerset County Youth Choir and orchestras from the area singing Christmas songs/pieces, therefore the concert featured a very varied programme.

Stanchester students performed a solo called Peace Child and three other carols with other schools. Music teacher Mrs Fontanals said: "The students have worked exceptionally hard, and loved performing in such a wonderful location with other schools from Somerset". Well done to all involved.





## Shrek Jnr the Musical

The production of Shrek Jnr saw 60 students from Years 7 to 11 take to the stage to mark Mr Morgan's first production as the new Curriculum Lead for Performing Arts at Stanchester Academy.

With students leading the choreography, tech and stage crew, this was very much a student-led production, staged on a less-traditional traverse catwalk.

Year 11 student Rosie played the title character who brought the Ogre to life, full of attitude (and gas); Donkey was played by Ashley who brought boundless energy and a touch of Barry White to 'Make A Move' and Fiona was played by Lauren with stunning vocals who partnered excellently with Rosie as Shrek.

These three lead characters were brilliantly supported by the ensemble and supporting roles such as Joel's Lord Farquaad & the Fairy-tale Creatures.

Throughout rehearsals, singing was lead by Mrs Fontanals, Mrs Lane & Miss Beaumont, who have worked tirelessly to make the show sound as fantastic as it did. Mr Morgan would like to thank all who have been involved, staff, students and audience, as well as Castle Primary school who came to our matinee dress rehearsal.



### Diary Dates

- 15 December - Christmas Bingo
- 16 December - non school uniform / festive dress up (prize for best dressed)
- 3 January—New term starts
- 12 January— Yr 7, 8 & 9 Flu vaccinations
- 18th January - Yr 9 Options Evening

### Strode College Visit

Year 11 attended a taster day at Strode College to have an insight into college life.

This was a great experience with pupils choosing their timetable for the day so they could sample different subjects and familiarise themselves with the campus and meet staff.

These insight events are essential for helping identify (or eliminating!) courses that are contenders for further study post 16.



Thursday 15th December  
6pm, eyes down 6.30pm

World Challenge

Christmas BINGO

Come and support our World Challenge students and help them raise as much as they can.



Term starts on Tuesday 3rd January 2023