



Stanchester Academy

17 January 2025

Poetic Licence!



This year marks our first year of appointing a Stanchester Poet Laureate as part of our Year 9 unit on Protest poetry and we are thrilled to announce that this year's Stanchester Poet Laureate is Sophie Hibbard.

Having been nominated by her peers, Sophie read out her poem to all of Year 9 and two judges from the English team along with the finalists from each class.

Every single pupil absolutely blew us away with the quality and thoughtfulness of their poetry, and the professionalism and confidence of their readings and we are SO proud of them!

Please note that the SIMS parent app is not up-to-date as the school has now moved on to a new record system. We will launch the new parent app as soon as possible.

Dates

21 Jan - World Challenge Introduction 3 - 4pm
23 Jan - Year 9 Options Info Evening, 5 - 6pm
30 & 31 Jan - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Make Your Voice Heard!

Students of all years are invited to take part in the Young Writer's "Poetry Escape" competition, writing about issues that affect them or how they escape from them.



There are prizes up for grabs; iPad mini, £50 and £10 book vouchers, and the chance to get their poem published! Students can get help with their entries at the Poetry Club, in the library at lunchtimes, every Friday this half term.

For more information, see Mrs Lawn or click here: [Poetry Escape Poetry Writing Competition for 11-18 year-olds | Young Writers](https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/w?code=157583-663)

The best way to enter is using the writing portal, which is linked to the Stanchester account: www.youngwriters.co.uk/w?code=157583-663. Alternatively, you can give handwritten entries to Mrs Lawn. Please submit your entries by Thursday 13th February. Good Luck!

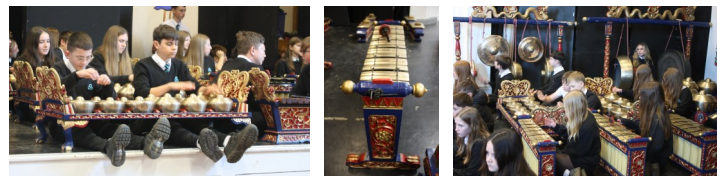


Gamelan Discovery

This week, we have been very lucky to have an Indonesian Gamelan ensemble in residence in the hall.

Where possible KS3 and KS4 classes have had the opportunity to attend a 1 hour session with specialist instructors and have all thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different culture associated with these fabulous instruments. We have learnt about the sacred Indonesian Dragons and the Gongs, Bonangs and Gender which act as a portal to this music.

We are very grateful to Nick and Charlie from Actiontrack for providing us with this interesting opportunity.





Free Film Screening

SCHOOL HALL
WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY,
2025 - 3-5PM
DONATIONS TO THE
PRODUCTION BUDGET
WELCOME



Girls Football

U14 cup game

The U14 girls took to the pitch on Thursday 16th January evening for their round three cup clash against a formidable Gordano side. Despite the chilly January air, spirits were high, and the team was determined to give it their all.

From the very first whistle, Gordano demonstrated why they are such a strong opposition, displaying sharp passing and impressive organisation. However, our girls rose to the challenge, fighting fiercely for every ball and never backing down.

However, Gordano's strength and depth shone through as they capitalised on a couple of opportunities to extend their lead to 3-1. Despite the scoreline, our girls showed incredible grit and resilience, battling until the final whistle.

Although the result didn't go our way, I couldn't be prouder of the effort, teamwork, and spirit shown by every single player. They fought hard against a very strong team and never gave up, which is a testament to their character and commitment. Well done, girls – you've made us all proud!

U16 football

The U16 girls travelled to Bucklers Mead on Wednesday 15th January for their penultimate match of the season, brimming with confidence following their emphatic victory before Christmas. As firm favourites going into the game, expectations were high, but football often proves unpredictable – and this match was no exception.

Despite their best efforts, the final score saw Bucklers Mead secure a narrow 3-2 victory.

While the result wasn't what we'd hoped for, there's no doubting the determination and resilience our girls displayed throughout the match. It's never easy to come up short, but the team can hold their heads high, knowing they gave it everything on the day.

We'll now turn our focus to the final game of the season in two weeks' time. With the same passion and commitment, we're confident we can bounce back and end the season on a high.

HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS
FEBRUARY HALF TERM PROVISION
 Exciting activity clubs for children aged 5 - 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals across Somerset

5 DAYS PER CHILD

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BOOKINGS OPEN ON 20TH JANUARY

FOOD INCLUDED!

Find and book **FREE** local activities by visiting: www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays or scan the QR code!

SCAN ME

This provision is funded by The Household Support Fund 'Help Through Winter' programme by Somerset Council, who are working alongside partners across education and the VCFS sector to deliver essential support to families and residents.



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February Half Term



5 days of Activities

9:00—3:00pm

£18.00
Per Day

Bucklers Mead Academy—February 17th to 21st 2025

From 9-3

—Xtra Hours Available

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