



Stanchester Academy

Headteacher's Message

25 July 2024

As the academic year comes to an end, I want to thank you for your continued support of Stanchester.

We have increased the number of trips and visits over the year, once again culminating in the curriculum enrichment week at the end of term. The staff have run trips to Iceland, New York, Barcelona, Skiing, as well as the World challenge visit to Morocco, which is underway currently.

The creative and performing arts team have once again exceeded expectations with the high quality work and exceptional performances. Year 11 Art evening, Choir at Wells Cathedral, There's something about Jamie, Lord of the Flies, to mention just a few. This alongside the huge extra-curricular offer, and work with our partner primary schools.

We are saying goodbye to Ms Elson, Mrs Williams, Mr Poppett, Miss Ranger and Miss Hudson. Our thanks to all the staff leaving for being such valued teachers and colleagues.

In the new academic year Mrs Sunderland returns from her maternity leave as Head of Maths, and we will welcome Mrs Howard (Art / DT), Miss Tame (History), Mr Duffy (English) and Mrs Bown (PFSA). Mr Morgan will be taking on a new post at Stanchester as Head of Creativity where he will oversee Art, DT, Music and Drama and Mrs Hooper will be the school's designated safeguarding lead.

I hope you have a peaceful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to seeing all the students in September.

Gregg Mockridge


Celebration Evening

On Wednesday evening, Stanchester Academy came together to honour the outstanding achievements of our students.

The celebration was a wonderful reminder of the incredible potential within our student body. It was a night filled with pride, joy, and inspiration as we recognized the hard work and dedication of our students.


A huge thank you to everyone who made this evening possible – from the teachers to the families and friends who supported the students. Your efforts and support are deeply appreciated.

Let's continue to encourage and celebrate our students' ambition, respect, and commitment to community. Together, we can foster an environment where everyone thrives and succeeds.

STEM Workshop

60 Year 9 students took part in the renewable energy challenge run by The Smallpeice Trust. The students had a great day developing a range of STEM skills.




Year 9 Language Leaders

As part of the Language Leaders Award, two of our Year 9 students, Alex Brock-Abrams and Jack Pembro have spent the last 5 weeks teaching some Spanish to children at Castle Primary School. They planned, resourced and delivered the lessons. The children from Castle Primary School really enjoyed the experience and have invited us back again next year. Well done to Alex and Jack!

Mrs Kenchington

Music Round up

Our Summer Concert was an absolute feast for the ears. We had a plethora of different ensembles, songs and instruments taking part. At least 50 students participated in this concert and it was a wonderful celebration of the talent we already have at Stanchester and hopefully was an inspiration for future musicians.



Notable acts were our "Project Rock Band" which used 2 external tutors to teach Year 9 students how to play within a band environment. These students have selected to study BTEC music next year and it was a great opportunity to work as a team before they start this course. Our cast of Matilda performed "When I grow up" which after only a few rehearsals was such a good experience for them. They will of course be performing later in the Autumn term-tickets are already available online. We are now getting a regular number of bands requesting to play in our concerts, it is so heart warming to see the enthusiasm amongst the students and lovely to see such great work and dedication from them.

We also had a number of students who have peripatetic music lessons performing solos for the first time. I would encourage anyone who would like to start having instrumental lessons from September to click on the link and complete the form before September, as the teachers we have at school are very popular and spaces are limited. [Stanchester Individual and Small Group Music Lessons for 2024-25](#)



Scholarship Success



I was awarded a scholarship for a theatre school called Razzamataz, which I have attended every Saturday since I was 2 and a half years old.

I have won free tuition at this school because of an audition that I performed. I have entered the competition for 3 years now. To audition and be awarded the scholarship, you have to enter a 2-minute video of yourself either singing, dancing, acting or all of them combined. I entered a video of me performing 'You'll Be Back' from Hamilton the musical, in which I demonstrated all of the principles combined. I was really happy because I was chosen out of lots of people for this award and I wasn't expecting it.

Emily Saville, Yr 7



Sports Activity

It's been a busy week of sports activity this week. This is a small sample of the sports that took place....



22 August - School open for Y11 results

9am - 10.30am

3 & 4 September - Inset Days

5 September - Years 7 & 11 only in school

6 September - All years back to school!

Join us for creative Play Days across South Somerset

LET'S CREATE

Free PLAYDAYS

What to expect...
Professional music, circus skills and creative craft workshops... Plus Fabulous face painting

LIVE Performance
Tit for Tat Circus Theatre 'Books!' - these bookworms take their immersion to dangerously extreme lengths!

Save The Date | 11am-3pm
YEOVIL, Mudford Rec
Wednesday 7 August

These Events have been organised by The Octagon Theatre (Yeovil) and funded by Arts Council England as part of our National Portfolio Organisation status which sees an investment to support art and cultural activities in the area over the next three years.

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