



# STANGROUND ACADEMY



## Year 6 Transition

Important information for  
students, parents and carers

May 2017



# Welcome to the Stanground Academy

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We are delighted you have chosen our Academy and believe you have made a fantastic decision which will have a positive impact on your child's future. At the Stanground Academy we aim to provide outstanding, personalised support for every student which meets both their pastoral and academic needs. This will allow all students to achieve their full potential.

The move from primary school to a large secondary can be daunting. We recognise this and understand that students and parents need to feel reassured, happy and safe during this transition period. This pack aims to provide information which will help you through the transition process.



If you have any questions between now and the start of term in September, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact details are on the back of this booklet.

**Helen Wade**  
**Transition Lead**

## Information about the Sponsor

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# GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST

The Sponsor of the Stanground Academy is the Greenwood Academies Trust. Information about the Trust can be found online at [greenwoodacademies.org](http://greenwoodacademies.org) and the Chief Executive can be contacted at [admin@greenwoodacademies.org](mailto:admin@greenwoodacademies.org).

The Greenwood Academies Trust is a not-for-profit educational organisation. The Trust offers high levels of educational expertise and we seek to deliver long-lasting and productive relationships with the communities we serve.

Our sole purpose is to offer students in our academies an outstanding education. We believe all our students can achieve high levels of success and we create a culture where both our students and staff can thrive.



**Wayne Norrie**  
Chief Executive

# Our vision

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To create an outstanding Academy, which serves the needs of our local community and ensures that every student fulfils their potential, with no limit to what they can achieve.

## Year 7 base

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Students are taught in their own area of the Academy which is predominantly for year 7 use situated in one wing of our superb facilities.

Students also have the sole use of a playground area during break and lunch as well as having a separate lunchtime for year 7 and one other year group. This allows them to have a more relaxed environment for eating and better access to our lunchtime extra-curricular activities and Academy resources, including the library.

In the base we provide a broad and balanced curriculum which challenges more able students and supports those with additional needs, including literacy, numeracy and handwriting. We also offer a bespoke provision for students who have English as an additional language (EAL).

## Transition Days - 5 & 6 July 2017

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This year we are holding two transition days for all year 6 students who are joining the Stanground Academy in September 2017. The purpose of these days is to enable your child to become familiar with our site and the team of staff who will be teaching and supporting them next year. Your child will meet their fellow students and take part in lessons and activities which will help them prepare for their move to the Academy.

Should you require any further information about the day, please contact the year 7 team; details can be found at the back of this booklet.

## September starting arrangements

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The new term, for year 7 students, will start on Wednesday 6 September 2017. Students should arrive at the Academy site, in full school uniform, by 8.30am where they will be welcomed by Academy staff and prefects. Further details about school transport will follow for students who join us from Yaxley who have chosen us as first option.

# Uniform

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For September 2017 we will provide the following uniform items:

- one Academy v-necked jumper, in purple, with an Academy logo
- one Academy tie

Parents will need to provide:

- suitable black trousers or a skirt available from the school website
- sensible black school shoes
- Stanground Academy physical education kit (see uniform guide in standards, expectations and pastoral support booklet)
- suitable footwear for physical education
- a dark-coloured rucksack bag suitable for carrying A4-sized books, equipment and PE kit
- a warm, dark-coloured coat for travelling to and from the Academy

We enforce a strict uniform and presentation policy at the Stanground Academy. Full details can be found in the standards, expectations and pastoral support booklet which can be found in the transition pack or on the Academy website at **[stangroundacademy.org/uniform](http://stangroundacademy.org/uniform)**.

Additional uniform can be ordered from the Academy website.

# Year 6 Parents' Evening - 6 July 2017

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Thursday 6 July is the Year 6 Parents' Evening. The success of our Academy is built upon the partnerships we build with parents and carers. This evening is an opportunity for us to begin this process. During the evening you will be given detailed student support information and members of the year 7 team will be available to answer any questions you may have. We would encourage all students to attend with their parents. We look forward to meeting you.

The evening is split into two sessions to accommodate the number of visitors and letters confirming times will be sent to each primary school.

The programme will include:

- a short welcome by the Principal, James Scarrott
- presentations by Head of Year 7, Helen Wade
- a question-and-answer forum
- the opportunity to meet your child's form tutor

## Key dates

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June 2017	Mrs Wade begins primary school visits
5 & 6 July 2017	Year 6 Transition Days
6 July 2017	Year 6 Parents' Evening 5.45pm and 6.30pm (please check times with child's primary school)
6 September 2017	First day of term



# The Academy day

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The Academy day is divided into six different teaching sessions and one tutorial session.

<b>Years 7 and 8</b>			<b>Years 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form</b>		
<b>Period</b>	<b>Time frame</b>	<b>Mins</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Time frame</b>	<b>Mins</b>
Line up	08.35 - 08.40	5	Line up	08.35 - 08.40	5
Tutorial	08.40 – 09.10	30	Tutorial	08.40 – 09.10	30
Period 1	09.10 - 10.00	50	Period 1	09.10 - 10.00	50
Period 2	10.00 - 10.50	50	Period 2	10.00 - 10.50	50
Break	10.50 - 11.10	20	Break	10.50 - 11.10	20
Period 3	11.10 - 12.00	50	Period 3	11.10 - 12.00	50
Lunch	12.00 - 12.40	40	Period 4	12.00 - 12.50	50
Period 4	12.40 - 13.30	50	Lunch	12.50 - 13.30	40
Period 5	13.30 - 14.20	50	Period 5	13.30 - 14.20	50
Period 6	14.20 - 15.10	50	Period 6	14.20 - 15.10	50

Students arriving after the start time will be marked late in the register. If no adequate reason for the lateness is offered, students will be expected to make up all the time missed.

# Curriculum

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The curriculum for year 7 is designed to challenge students to make rapid progress, improve their literacy and numeracy skills and develop a love of learning. We aim to provide a wide range of practical, academic, personal, social and performance skills. In order to support this, students are set by ability from the start of the year and key stage 2 and CAT data from primary schools is used to support this setting. The groups are actively reviewed throughout the year to ensure students are correctly placed.

Our curriculum has an emphasis on stimulating student motivation, raising aspirations and lifting expectations, as well as developing team spirit among students to value each other's contribution and to develop in the Academy.

In addition to this we provide a personalised teaching experience for students who require additional support. Our transition group provides a primary-style teaching model for our most vulnerable youngsters. Core lessons are delivered by a primary-trained teacher with full-time teaching assistant support. We believe this provides the best opportunity for these students to make rapid progress, particularly in numeracy and literacy. Students continue to receive specialist teaching in areas such as technology, physical education and the expressive arts. We will contact you directly if we believe this provision is suitable for your child.



# Curriculum

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The following table gives an example of a year 7 timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutorial	Tutorial <sup>1</sup>	Tutorial <sup>1</sup>	Tutorial <sup>1</sup>	Tutorial <sup>1</sup>	Tutorial <sup>1</sup>
Period 1	English	Maths	Science	History	Ex Arts
Period 2	Maths	Languages	Ex Arts	Languages	Geography
Break					
Period 3	Science	Ex Arts	English	RE	Languages
Period 4					
Period 5	Art	Science	Maths	English	Science
Period 6	PE	Geography	Computing	Design Technology	English
Period 7	PE	English	History	Design Technology	Maths

<sup>1</sup> Citizenship and personal, social and health education are delivered during tutorial time and on specific days throughout the year where the timetable is changed so that students can study a theme in depth.

# Catering

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We do not allow students to leave the Academy site during the school day. Students are encouraged to eat either a school lunch or a packed lunch in our spacious purpose-built dining facilities.

At the Stanground Academy we provide high-quality, reasonably-priced, healthy food options at both break and lunchtime. Our food is cooked on site, using high-quality ingredients, by our committed catering team, led by Catering Manager Bally Bhogal.

We will provide a free school meal for all students on Transition Days. The Transition Day menu can be found on page 13. The current prices have been included for your information.

## Cashless catering system

The Stanground Academy is a cashless catering site; The Stanground Academy uses this cashless system for all purchases of meals in the dining hall. The 'Vericool' system offers you the freedom to make payments whenever you like through a secure online account using your credit or debit card. Making a payment is straightforward and Vericool holds an electronic record of your deposits for you to view along with details of your child's meal purchase history. No card details are stored in any part of the system. Further details of how to register to use Vericool will be sent to you at a later date.

# Transition Day menu

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Lunch will be provided free to all year 6 students on both transition days

Cheese and tomato omelettes	£1.60	Sandwiches	£1.60
Pasta tomato and basil sauce	£1.60	Plated salad	50p
Beef lasagne	£1.60	Cheese, ham, tuna etc	50p
Sweet potato and spinach balti	£1.60	Bread roll	25p
Chicken breast	£1.60		
Baked potatoes	80p	Fresh fruit	35p
Creamed potatoes per scoop	25p	Yoghurt	60p
Rice/ roast Potatoes	50p	Ice cream sponge roll	60p
Garlic bread	25p	Custard	30p
Carrots	25p	Cakes, biscuits etc from	60p
Cabbage	25p		
Baked Beans	30p	Bottled water	60p
		Fruit juice	30p
		Milkshake carton	60p

## Meal Deals £2.20

- sweet potato balti with rice, dessert and drink
- cheese and tomato omelette with baked potato, baked beans or coleslaw, dessert and drink
- lasagne with garlic bread, salad, dessert and drink
- chicken breast with roast potatoes, one vegetable, dessert and drink
- sandwich, dessert and drink

# Extended opportunities

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At the Stanground Academy we aim to develop all aspects of a student's wider education by providing a programme of extended opportunities. We encourage all students to take an active part in our extensive range of extra-curricular activities, which run every day at lunchtime and after school. We would encourage every student to get involved in at least one activity.

Our physical education team offer a diverse range of sporting opportunities for students to develop healthy and active lifestyles. Many get involved for fun and recreation, but in addition competitive sport has a high profile at the Stanground Academy. A large number of students represent the Academy in individual and team sports and have had success at regional and national level.

We also have a significant expressive arts offer for students. This includes opportunities in music, dance and drama. Students are encouraged to perform at a number of events, within and outside of the Academy, which are held throughout the year.

In addition to this we also offer a planned programme of trips and visits to support our curriculum.

## Music lessons

We are pleased to announce that music tuition will be funded again this academic year. Free music lessons will be offered in the following areas: drums, flute, keyboard and guitar, giving your child the opportunity to try a new instrument or continue with lessons they enjoyed in primary school.

Lessons are provided by a number of expert music tutors and take place during school hours. To make progress on any instrument it is important to practise regularly. To begin with 10 to 15 minutes practice a day is appropriate. Students should expect to practise for longer as they gain experience. Should a student fail to show the appropriate commitment, either in attendance or practice, the Academy reserves the right to remove them from the programme.

Please note there are limited spaces and lessons therefore will be granted on a first-come first-served basis.



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## Term Dates 2017/2018

	August 2017					September 2017					October 2017						
<b>M</b>			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
<b>T</b>		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
<b>W</b>		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
<b>Th</b>		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
<b>F</b>		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		
<b>S</b>		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		
<b>S</b>		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29			

	November 2017					December 2017					January 2018				
<b>M</b>		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
<b>T</b>		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
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<b>F</b>	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		
<b>S</b>	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		
<b>S</b>	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		

	February 2018					March 2018					April 2018					
<b>M</b>		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
<b>T</b>		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
<b>W</b>		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
<b>Th</b>	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		
<b>F</b>	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		
<b>S</b>	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		
<b>S</b>	4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29			

	May 2018					June 2018					July 2018					
<b>M</b>		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
<b>T</b>	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
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School Holiday



Bank Holiday



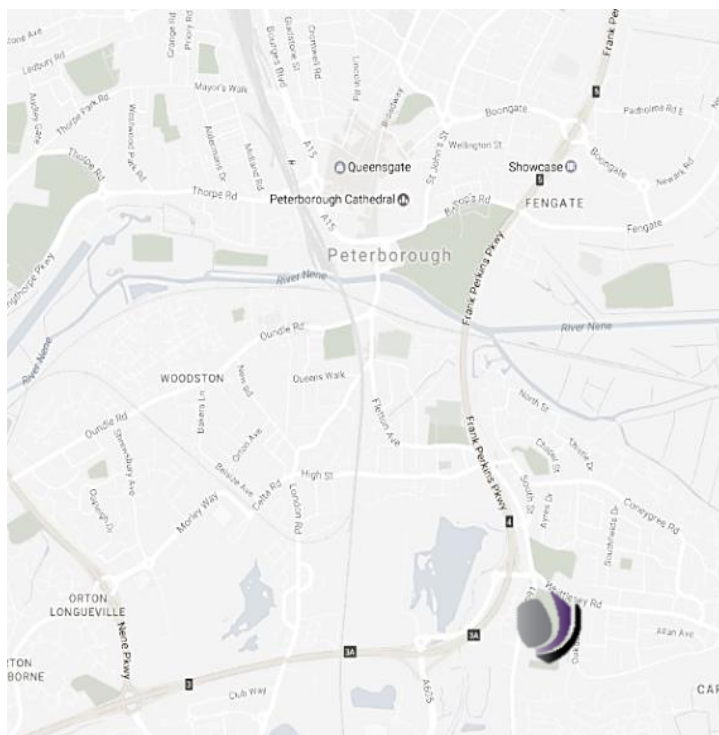
Staff Training Days




Year 7 only



Open to all students



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