



11 July 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer

Arrangements for the last day of term

The last day of the school year, Friday 20 July 2018, will be focussed on celebrating the achievement of all students. Students will be based in year teams and complete a number of activities with their tutors in addition to a Celebration Assembly. The school day will finish at 12.20pm and the Yaxley buses have been asked to collect students at this earlier time. Students who are entitled to free school meals may collect a packed lunch from the dining room at 12.20pm.

Please contact your child's Head of Year if you would like your child to remain in the Academy until the normal time of 3.10pm; our library will be made available for these students.

First day back in September

Students coming back to Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will return on Thursday 6 September 2018. In order to maximise learning time students will go straight to tutor time, entering the building through their designated year group door. The tutor period, and therefore the school day, starts at 8.35am and students are expected to be on site by 8.30am to ensure they can start their first lesson of the day promptly. I look forward to welcoming all students back in full school uniform, please see reverse for detailed guidance. I strongly recommend that all parents and carers familiarise themselves with this document to ensure a positive start to the new school year.

Looking to the future

I look forward to working closely with parents and carers to help secure the best possible outcomes for every student. We must act together to achieve the highest possible standards of attendance, learning behaviours and attainment. I will ensure we prioritise our links within our local community to ensure students take much pride in themselves and their school and ask you for your support in achieving this.

I wish all families a happy and safe summer holiday.

Yours faithfully

**George Lewis
Principal**

Uniform and presentation

At Stanground Academy we enforce our strict uniform policy rigorously. We believe that wearing our distinctive uniform gives our students a sense of belonging, helps foster pride in the Academy and stops students coming to school in inappropriate clothing or footwear.

Sixth form students do not have a uniform, but are expected to wear business dress.

Our students are our ambassadors in the community. Therefore, we expect students to wear full uniform when travelling to and from the Academy, at all Academy functions, on extra-curricular visits and when taking part in sports events.

To aid in the creation of a professional learning environment, we insist students only wear one small stud in each ear. Nose-studs and other facial jewellery are not acceptable. Retainers and stretchers of any kind are not permitted. Finally, nail varnish and make-up are not allowed.

Hairstyles should not be excessive and should have a natural colour/ tone. Exaggerated cuts of any shape or design are not acceptable.

For their own safety and that of fellow students in science, design and technology, physical education and the performing arts, acrylic nails should not be worn on the Academy site.

Uniform for years 7 – 11:

- an Academy tie with a traditional white shirt which has a fastened top button and is long enough to remain tucked into trousers or a skirt
- black trousers or skirt. Jeans, cords, hipster, short/ cut-off and tight-fitting trousers are not appropriate. As a rule of thumb, trousers and skirts should be modest; skirts should be no shorter than knee length
- an Academy pullover (purple for years 7, 8 and 9 and black for years 10 and 11), with the Academy logo
- black leather or leather-style shoes that can be polished, with a flat sole and a heel no greater than 2cm in height. No boots or trainers, or trainer-style shoes, are allowed
- a warm coat for the journey to and from the Academy. Denim coats, hoodies (with or without a zip), body-warmer-style coats, tracksuit tops, cardigans and caps are not allowed
- a suitable rucksack-type bag which is large enough to carry all equipment. Handbags are not allowed

Physical education kit for years 7 – 11

- black tracksuit bottoms
- black short-sleeved sports t-shirt with purple panels and the Academy logo
- black long-sleeved reversible sports shirt with purple panels and the Academy logo
- black plain shorts or leggings for girls
- suitable trainers or other sports footwear
- suitable swimming costume

Electrical items, such as mobile phones should not be seen or used on the Academy site. If seen, these may be confiscated by staff and parents may be asked to collect them.

Incorrect uniform

Students that come into the Academy not wearing the correct uniform may be isolated until it can be corrected. In the first instance, students lose their break and lunch and parents will be contacted. Thereafter, students may be sent home to correct the uniform and return to the Academy with it corrected. Only medical notes will be accepted for agreed exceptions to our uniform expectations.

Summary

Further information can be found at stangroundacademy.org/uniform.

The Principal's decision regarding all uniform and presentation issues is binding and final.

The Academy makes every effort to safeguard the possessions of students on site. However, students and parents should be aware that personal items are brought into the Academy at the owner's risk and that the Academy accepts no responsibility or liability for any loss. This includes, but is not restricted to, jewellery, mobiles phones, electronic equipment and bicycles.