

End of term communication July 2021



“Happy, Successful, and Confident”

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to write expressing my gratitude to you for your unerring support throughout this challenging year in supporting the Academy and your children.

Yet again, I can report that your children have been a credit to us all and that it has been a privilege to lead the Academy.

The children have coped incredibly well with all of the changes around the pandemic and the flood at the Academy. We look forward to a more settled year ahead and hope that you stay safe and well over the summer before returning in September.

Your sincerely

Gary Carlile
Principal



Start Dates and Times – September 2021

Updated government guidelines require all schools to offer lateral flow tests when they return to the Academy in September to prevent the risk of infection. In order to ensure students are as safe as possible in the Academy we are going to use the first few days to test as many students as possible before we return full time. If you do need to escort your child to the Academy, we would ask that you leave your child at or near the gate, to socially distance and not congregate as a group.

Year 7

Friday 3 September – Sports Centre entrance

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| Surnames starting with the letters A - D | 9:00 am – 11.00am |
| Surnames starting with the letters E - J | 10:00am – 12.00pm |
| Surnames starting with the letters K - N | 11:00am – 13.00pm |
| Surnames starting with the letters O - S | 12:00pm – 14.00pm |
| Surnames starting with the letters T - Z | 13:00pm – 15.00pm |

We look forward to welcoming our new year 7 students who will be greeted at the gate by Stanground staff to take a lateral flow test in the Sports Hall. Students will then be directed to a classroom to complete the NGRT baseline reading test and have their school photo. Please ensure students are in full school uniform. We believe the overall process will take approximately two hours

If you do not consent to your child completing a lateral flow test, please still ensure they come to the Academy for their allocated appointment time to complete the baseline reading test and photograph. We will only inform parents if the test is positive or if it needs to be retaken.

Lateral flow test form can be found [here](#), or please scan the QR code.



From Monday 6 September onwards, Year 7 students will return to the Academy at 8:30am to begin a full timetable. The school day will finish at 3:00pm.

Year 12

Friday 3 September – Sports Centre entrance

For new Year 12 students please attend your Sixth Form admission appointment and you will then be guided to the Sports Hall to take a lateral flow test if consent has been given

Lateral flow test form can be found [here](#), or please scan the QR code.

Students that have applied to follow a course in the Sixth Form at Stanground Academy will have received an appointment to come in to discuss the best course in light of their examination results.



Appointments are at the following times:

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| Surnames starting with the letters A - I | 9:00am |
| Surnames starting with the letters J - Q | 11:00am |
| Surnames starting with the letters R - Z | 1:00pm |

Students do not need to be in business dress as photographs are taking place on Thursday 9 September. The dress code has been sent alongside the first letter and is also on the website.

Lessons start on Monday 6 September 2021 at 10:00am.

Years 8 and 10

Monday 6 September – Sports Centre gate

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| Surnames starting with the letters A - D | Arrive 9:00 am |
| Surnames starting with the letters E - J | Arrive 10:00am |
| Surnames starting with the letters K - N | Arrive 11:00am |
| Surnames starting with the letters O - S | Arrive 12:00pm |
| Surnames starting with the letters T - Z | Arrive 13:00pm |

Lateral flow test form can be found [here](#), or please scan the QR code above.

Please arrive as close to this time as possible. Students will be greeted at the gate by Stanground staff to take a lateral flow test in the Sports Hall. Once your son/daughter has completed their test, they will be allowed to return home. We will only inform parents if the test is positive or if it needs to be retaken.

From Tuesday 7 September onwards Year 8 and 10 students will return to the Academy at 8:30am to begin a full timetable. The school day will finish at 3:00pm.

Years 9 and 11

Tuesday 7 September – Sports Centre gate

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| Surnames starting with the letters A - D | Arrive 9:00 am |
| Surnames starting with the letters E - J | Arrive 10:00am |
| Surnames starting with the letters K - N | Arrive 11:00am |
| Surnames starting with the letters O - S | Arrive 12:00pm |
| Surnames starting with the letters T - Z | Arrive 13:00pm |

Lateral flow test form can be found [here](#), or please scan the QR code above.

Please arrive as close to this time as possible. Students will be greeted at the gate by Stanground staff to take a lateral flow test in the Sports Hall. Once your son/daughter has completed their test they will be allowed to return home. We will only inform parents if the test is positive or if it needs to be retaken.

From Wednesday 8 September Year 9 and 11 students will return to the Academy at 8:30am to begin a full timetable. The school day will finish at 3pm

Year 13

Thursday 2 September - Sports centre entrance

Year 13 students can attend to take a lateral flow test between 11:00am – 2:00pm only. They do not require an appointment.

Lateral flow test form can be found [here](#), or please scan the QR code.



Year 13 will need to come into the Academy on Monday 6 September 2021 at 8:35am to finalise timetables.

Lessons start on Tuesday 7 September at 8:35am.

Stanground Academy House System

The Academy is delighted to share with parents that following the challenges of last year we are now in a position to fully launch our Pastoral House system to include vertical tutoring. Staff have been working hard to ensure students have been placed in the correct tutor group taking into account friendship groups, best practice working and the opportunity to embrace new experiences.

Below is the table of key staff that are the central point of contacts for our pastoral support. We are passionate in developing those family links with the House system and a key part of this is parents now have a central contact point for you child regardless of year group they are in.

| House | Head of House | Deputy Head of House | Assistant Principal |
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| Attenborough | Mrs Walton | Mrs Brown | Mr Langridge |
| Bronte | Mrs Lowe / Mr Pollard | Mrs Catton | Mrs Walsh |
| Curie | Mr Phillips | Miss O'Donnell | Mr Stocks |
| Holmes | Mr Hayes | Mrs Wragg / Miss De Paola | Mrs Copland |
| Turing | Miss Henderson | Mrs Goodale | Mrs Harvey |

Class Charts

Class Charts is the key communication tool which shares live information with parents on how students are performing in and out of lessons. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the success and work of students in all areas of Academy-life, especially any area they are finding challenging. We are actively encouraging all parents, carers and guardians to download the app to have access to this information.

We have also enabled the link so that parents, carers and guardians can respond in the app to teachers and interact with them to celebrate success or address any concerns. To improve communication, we are also issuing the students access codes for them to be able to track their progress. The student app does have different restrictions to the parent app but will still show the students how they are doing. New students, including our year 7 cohort will receive a separate communication with their login codes.

Student Timetables

Students will all receive their own timetable when they arrive in September, which will follow the timings below, unless otherwise informed.

Behaviour expectations

Our Academy is a calm, orderly and purposeful environment where students enjoy their learning, make good progress and feel safe. We aim to support students in becoming responsible, independent and resilient individuals who have a range of skills which will serve them well in their future lives.

The Academy celebrates student success through the use of STARS points and follows a three-tier warning system for students not following instructions. We would again encourage all parents, carers and guardians to download the Class Charts app to keep up to date with student performance. The Academy will continue to run its afterschool detentions for students that are removed from lessons and these will be completed in the year base. Staff will make contact with parents, carers or guardians following a lesson removal. The Academy will always provide 24 hours' notice prior to any after school detention, again all details on the Academy's processes can be found on the behaviour policy which is available on the Academy's website. www.stangroundacademy.org.

Support at the Academy

We have worked hard to provide many avenues of support for our students and we are able to access many agencies to provide the right services. We have trained behaviour mentors in our team and the services of a dedicated school nurse that visits the Academy to offer additional support. We also work with students to offer support with self-esteem and confidence. The Academy also links with the Young People's counselling service to ensure that students' needs can be met. This service ensures that we can significantly reduce the waiting time for students to access a trained counsellor. The Academy has an Inclusion Coordinator who oversees the Early Help Assessment process and this member of staff also helps to run the Positive Parenting Programme to provide further support for students and their families. The Academy strongly believes in the triangulation of school, home and student to ensure successful outcomes.

Uniform expectations

We will continue to enforce our 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. 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. Y7 students new to us in September will receive a separate communication with their House details to enable ties to be purchased in the correct colour.

Chroma Sports, our uniform provider, is open and available to assist with all your uniform requirements.

Blazers

The Academy blazer is compulsory for years 7-10 in September 2021. The blazer will provide a source of pride for our students and enable them to display the various badges of their achievements. The blazer will be optional for students in Year 11, but they will need to wear the Academy black jumper along with all current expectations.

Vericool

Stanground Academy uses this cashless system for all purchases in the dining hall. Our Academy site will become completely cashless from September and students will not be able to load cash onto their accounts on site. The money machines will be out of use and or removed in line with COVID-19 guidelines.

Vericool 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. If you are not already using the system an individual authentication code for you to access this system is attached in a separate document, along with Vericool guidelines. The Vericool manual is available on our website. Please ensure that your child has enough money deposited on their account if you wish them to have food from the dining hall. Login information will be provided for new students before September. New students, including our year 7 cohort will receive a separate communication with their login codes.

Updating your contact information

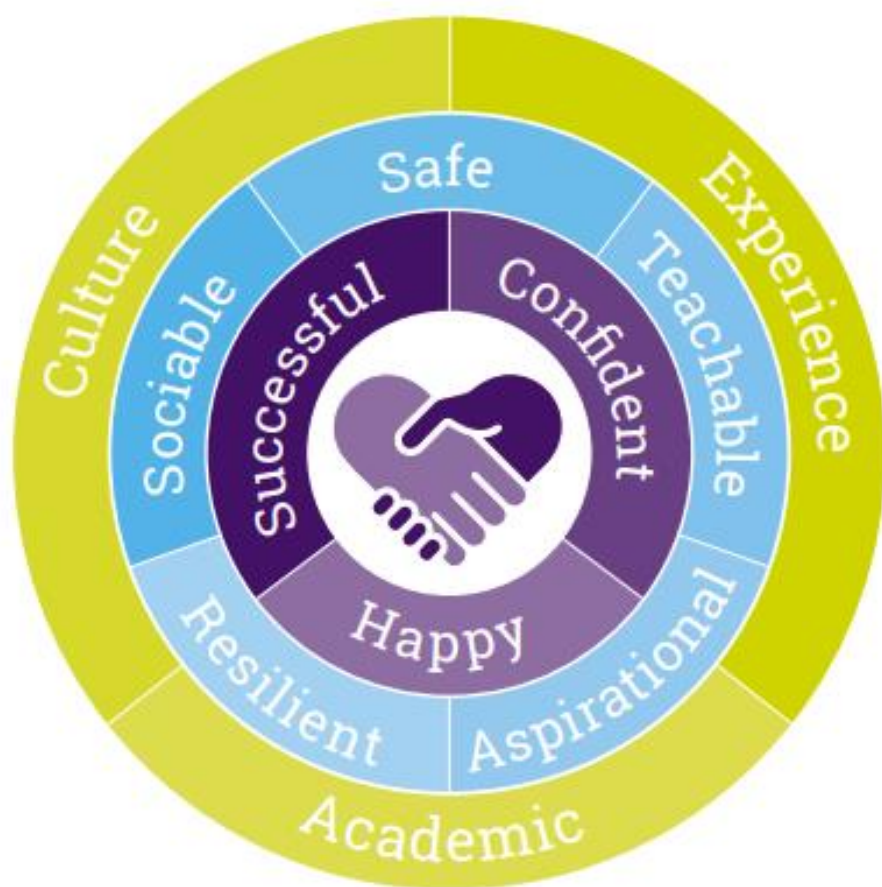
Communication is very important to us and we have various methods that we use to contact you. Our main form of communication is via Groupcall and this will be a text message or email. If you have moved or changed your contact information recently and have not already informed us via our Microsoft form, please follow the link below to complete the online form: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WnSRoNi3ek2yphNZBT1FEEivR_JnzvhDjI5TbeRu6P9UMFBMWTNYQkRMRVZFWE00T1BXVVIQTUI3Ny4u

Term dates

Please see the Academy website:

https://www.stangroundacademy.org/_site/data/files/documents/2156EBF081AD13F6E2B587B61B76F81C.pdf

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by email enquiries@stangroundacademy.org and we will try to respond as soon as possible. Please be mindful that an instant response is not possible during the summer break. Our site is closed over the summer break, please do not come onto the Academy site.



| Time | 7 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 11 | P16 | Time |
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| Tutor Time 8:35 – 9:00am | 25 Mins | 25 Mins | 25 Mins | 25 Mins | 25 Mins | 25 Mins | Tutor Time 8:35 – 9:00am |
| Lesson 1 9:00 – 10:00am | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | Lesson 1 9:00 – 10:00am |
| Break 10:00 – 10:20am | 20 Mins | 20 Mins | 20 Mins | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | Lesson 2 10:00 – 11:00am |
| Lesson 2 10:20 – 11:20am | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 20 Mins | 20 Mins | 20 Mins | Break 11:00 – 11:20am |
| Lesson 3 11:20 – 12:20pm | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | Lesson 3 11:20 – 12:20pm |
| Lunch 12:20 – 1:00pm | 40 Mins | 40 Mins | 40 Mins | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | Lesson 4 12:20 – 1:20pm |
| Lesson 4 1:00 – 2:00pm | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 40 Mins | 40 Mins | 40 Mins | Lunch 1:20 – 2:00pm |
| Lesson 5 2:00 – 3:00pm | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | 1 Hr | Lesson 5 2:00 – 3:00pm |

Our Belief

'We believe in a caring and nurturing environment, encouraging lifelong learning and producing a community that is **happy, successful and confident**'