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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to you to inform you on the proposed changes to the Academy and our new enrichment programme starting in September 2026. Following Trust approval and staff consultation we are pleased to share the details with you and invite you to provide feedback on this proposal. Our vision is that our new enrichment programme will provide every young person with an opportunity to engage in extracurricular activities (Year 7-10) or targeted support, careers and intervention (Year 11-13) during the normal school week.

This programme would be compulsory contact time for all students across the academy with flexibility and autonomy given to students across Years 7-10, to select activities that interest them and excite them. These opportunities will further develop and strengthen all our students' academic, social and interpersonal skills, interests, and aspirations beyond the core curriculum.

Why Are We Making This Change?

The expectation for all state funded schools is a minimum of 32.5 hours per week. Our current schedule is short of 25 minutes per week and therefore we must increase the students contact time and structure of our school day. This is therefore an ideal opportunity to be creative and ambitious utilising this additional time to deliver enrichment activities that would not ordinarily be available to all students in a normal school week.

The enrichment programme aligns with the proposed national curriculum update and the new Ofsted framework including the renewed focus on inclusion of all students, combining academic excellence with quality extra-curricular and enrichment experiences.

What is the Enrichment Programme?

Starting in September 2026, our enrichment programme will offer students access to free activities across sports, arts, academic, leadership, and personal development sessions across three main pillars. Plus, there is an optional fourth pillar for chargeable on and off-site enrichment if students wish to take part in these activities.

Discover & Connect – Clubs and projects that encourage creativity, STEM, and collaboration.

Mind & Body – Activities focused on physical health, fitness, and mental wellbeing.

World & Culture – Opportunities to explore languages, global issues, and cultural experiences.

Outreach – Optional paid activities on and offsite

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Changes to the School Week – Starting September 2026

As previously mentioned, there is a requirement for Stanground Academy to increase our school week by 25 minutes per week, every week. To deliver our vision, we are proposing the following changes:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

8:35 am – 2:55 pm

(School finishes 5 minutes earlier on these days)

8:35	-	9:00	Tutor Time
9:00	-	10:00	Period 1
10:00	-	11:00	Period 2
11:00	-	11:20	Break
11:20	-	12:20	Period 3
12:20	-	13:20	Period 4
13:20	-	13:55	Lunch
13:55	-	14:55	Period 5

Thursday

8:35 am – 3:45 pm

(School finishes 45 minutes later this day)

8:35	-	8:45	Tutor Time
8:45	-	9:45	Period 1
9:45	-	10:00	Break 1
10:00	-	11:00	Period 2
11:00	-	12:00	Period 3
12:00	-	12:30	Lunch
12:30	-	13:30	Period 4
13:30	-	14:30	Period 5
14:30	-	14:45	Break 2
14:45	-	15:45	Enrichment/Targeted Intervention

Curriculum and Enrichment Structure

All year groups will continue to receive 25 one-hour lessons per week, plus the compulsory timetabled enrichment session, Thursdays 14:45 to 15:45,

Years 7–10: Additional one-hour enrichment session. Activities will be free of charge and based within the academy, with a small number of optional fee-paying activities.

Year 11: Dedicated intervention/revision strategies to support GCSE preparation and examinations.

Post-16: A tailored programme including Post-18 preparation, careers guidance, and personal development opportunities as well as dedicated intervention time to support A-Level (or equivalent) preparation and examinations.

Further details on the enrichment programme will be shared in due course including the choice of activities, booking procedures and interventions.

Your Feedback

We value your views on the change of the school day. Please share your feedback by completing the Microsoft Form using the link below: [Adjustment to the Academy Day - Parent/Carer feedback – Fill in form](#) Deadline for completion, Friday 20th March 2026.

Kind regards



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