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## Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some information regarding Post 16 and your transition to Year 12.

Ms Houghton-Wood will be leaving teaching at the end of this academic year, following 26 years at Stanground Academy. Ms Houghton-Wood has been integral to the success of Post 16 at Stanground Academy, and we want to thank her for the hard work and dedication she has shown to the thousands of students she has supported over the years.

I am excited to announce that I will be taking over the reins in leading the Academy's Post 16 provision. I will be supported by Mr Chris Firth who will be the Sixth Form Manager from September 2022. Mr Firth has a wealth of experience in the Post 16 provision and pastoral care, he is currently employed in a similar role in London and is joining us following a move to Peterborough. I am very much looking forward to working with him to drive continued improvements in academic excellence.

As highlighted at the Post 16 open evening, students will require five 9-5 grades at GCSE to access A levels and five 9-4 grades for vocational courses. Please look at the <u>prospectus</u> as many of our courses have additional entry requirements for individual subjects. For instance, many A level courses require a grade 6 in that subject to be able to study it at Level 3.

## **Examination Results Collection - Summer 2022**

Examination results can be collected from the Academy on:

GCSE/ Level 2 Vocational - Thursday 25 August 9.00am - 11.00am

As previously communicated by Mr Craig, Year 11 students are required to attend a short interview at Stanground Academy on results day. This will allow us to discuss whether they have been successful in their application to attend our Post 16 provision from September or discuss next steps and destinations if they have decided to continue their studies elsewhere. It is vital that all students attend this event, if you are unable to attend, please notify either myself or our exams officer Mrs Cooke (<a href="mailto:ncooke@stangroundacademy.org">ncooke@stangroundacademy.org</a>).

**Students can only collect their own results.** If they wish to arrange for someone else to collect their results, they must provide a signed note giving permission and/or notify either myself or our exams officer, Mrs Cooke. Any results not collected on this day will be posted to the address the Academy has on file. Please do not telephone the Academy as we cannot issue examination results by telephone or email.

## **GCSE Certificates**

GCSE certificates will be awarded at a 'Celebration of Achievement' evening in the autumn term. Invitations to the event will be posted to students later in the year. If they are unable to attend, certificates may be collected from the Academy after the event. On collection, students

may be asked to provide evidence of identity. If students wish to arrange for someone else to collect their results, they must provide a signed note giving permission.

We are extremely proud of our Post 16 academic outcomes, but we know how difficult some students find the step up from Year 11. In response to this, we are encouraging all prospective students to take a look at a fantastic online transition website Tutor2U.

This website is a great place to review key knowledge and skills which will give them a good foundation for the start of Year 12. It also features short, accessible modules on areas such as academic skills, time management and reflective learning, as well as focusing on the development of skills such as resilience and leadership. Additionally, there are useful vlogs on YouTube offering advice and guidance from students who have recently been through the Sixth Form experience.

Students who are successful in joining us in September will attend an Induction Day on Wednesday 7 September. This will give them the opportunity to meet their tutor and prepare for their first day of Year 12 on Thursday 8 September. Further details regarding this induction day including expectations for the start of Year 12 will be provided on results day.

We look forward to supporting your child with their transition into Sixth Form.

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Tee

**Senior Assistant Principal**