

25 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to update you on the proposed changes to the academy day and the addition of the enrichment/intervention programme starting in September 2026.

Thank you to all the parents/carers that provided feedback during the consultation process which closed on Friday 20th March 2026. We received over 270 responses across all year groups with the overall rating shown below. Following the queries raised we have created a FAQ's document which can be found on our website <https://www.stangroundacademy.org/enrichment-programme>.

2. I support the proposed academy day changes (5 stars = fully supports)



Following the staff and parent/carer consultations, we are pleased to announce that we will be moving forward with the proposed changes of the academy day and adding in a whole academy enrichment/intervention programme. This will start from September 2026 for all students. Students will have no more than FIVE compulsory enrichment/targeted intervention sessions on Thursdays from 2:45pm to 3:45pm, every half term and these will not take place on parent information and open evenings.

The Stanground Academy is part of the Greenwood Academies Trust

Please see below the timings of our new academy days:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

8:35am – 2:55pm

(Academy 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

8:35am – 3:45pm

(Academy finishes 45 minutes later on 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/Intervention

The information below is specifically for our enrichment/intervention hour (Thursdays 2:45pm to 3:45pm for FIVE Thursdays per half term).

Current Year 7 – 9 students:

For our current year 7 – 9 students, the full enrichment programme will be shared after the Easter holidays. This will include a detailed booklet outlining the enrichment activities available and a step-by-step guide to the selection process. Each student will be required to select two activities, plus two reserve choices from each pillar; Discover & Connect, Mind & Body, World & Culture. These choices will cover the programme for the academic year (one activity per half term). There are no fees associated with activities from these three main pillars. Students will also have an opportunity to choose a paid activity (and a reserve choice) from the fourth pillar, Outreach. This pillar is optional – there is no requirement for an activity to be selected from this pillar.

Current Year 10 Students:

For our current Year 10 students (rising year 11, 2026/2027), a series of compulsory targeted intervention/revision sessions will be in place instead of the enrichment programme. This time will be dedicated to support GCSE preparation and examinations. Students will be directed to sessions by the Outcomes team using up to date performance data. Further details on the programme will be shared in due course.

Current Post 16 Students:

Our current Post 16 students (Year 12, rising Year 13 and in-coming Year 12), will be directed to a bespoke Post 16 support programme consisting of 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 programme will be shared in due course.

When we return from the Easter holidays, students will have face to face assemblies to explain the programme for enrichment and the changes to the academy day, including how the selection process for activities will be managed.

A reminder of the pillars are below:

- **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

An example of the enrichment activities is shown below:

Discover & Connect	Mind & Body	World & Culture	Outreach (Paid & Optional)
A Splash of Colour	Football	Comic Book history	Circus Skills
Karaoke	Fitness	Holiday Italian	Pitch & Putt
Event Planning	Field Hockey	British Sign Language	Skiing
Airfix	Hair & Make up	Eco Action	Archery
Warhammer	Cheerleading	Chess	Duke of Edinburgh Award
1% Club Challenge	Netball	STANdyourGROUND Debate	Production Design
Crochet	Practical Mindfulness	Cultures around the world	Climbing
Creating Jewellery	Couch to 5K	Theatre experience	Water Sports

For more information including a FAQ document please click the link below for our website <https://www.stangroundacademy.org/enrichment-programme>

Kind regards



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