



Stanground Academy Autumn Newsletter

It has been a busy start to the new academic year here at Stanground. Students have been working hard in lessons and to celebrate their successes they have received recognition in assemblies. The Academy was also able to take part in the first Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day with students wearing something yellow to demonstrate their support for this good cause. We have facilitated a number of external visitors who worked with students to promote the importance of mental health and wellbeing, memory techniques, the importance of being resilient, positive self-image and online safety. We are also extremely proud of our links with the community which include; the Young Peoples Counselling Service, which supports students both in and out of the Academy, the community police who led a series of knife crime workshops and Peterborough City Council and the Road Safety team who delivered workshops to our Year 7 children.

The Academy has also played host to some esteemed visitors this term such as the Regional Schools Commissioner for the East of England, Sue Baldwin. During her visit Mrs Baldwin observed some excellent learning and was delighted to meet with staff and students. Jonathan Lewis, Director of Education for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire, also visited last week. He met with students and visited lessons as well as learning about our 'Green Club' which is run by students here at the Academy to improve the environment.

At the end of September we hosted the Year 6 Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students in 2020. It was amazing to see all the exciting activities taking place within the Academy. Current students were great ambassadors as tour guides whilst others helped out within department areas. We are extremely proud of their contribution and thank them for their efforts.

The Academy is keen to improve its communication with parents and to further provide opportunities for parents to engage with staff we will be updating the Academy's website with all staff email addresses and job titles after half-term. This will enable parents to contact staff with subject specific requests and staff will endeavour to reply within 48 hours of receipt of the emails. You will still be able to contact the year office to speak with either the Head of Year or Deputy Head of Year. We hope you find this additional layer of communication helpful.

When we return after the break we will continue to celebrate student success with exciting opportunities. The first event will take place in December to the cinema with students being invited to attend to celebrate their achievements. We continue to review the student experience and are currently working on activities during lunch times looking at outdoor table tennis tables, football teams and opening up the activity studio to provide extra indoor areas for students to go and relax in. We will continue to offer the popular chess club and would like to extend this further with Lego and board games. If you would like to donate any unwanted Lego or board games that are in good condition, please drop these into our reception.

Sporting Stanground

We have seen a great start the first term of the new academic year and a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Both boys and girls football has been well participated with over 50 students joining the club, which is open for all years.

It is great to see the wide variety of students turning up to fitness club during lunch. This is a brilliant way for any student to be physically active, improve general fitness and relieve some stress during the school day.

Our newest sport of Kinball has been a huge hit; this exciting game has many students interested and coming back for more. This is sport that definitely needs to be tried



Results

Below are some key results from this term (POM = player of the match):

Y11 Netball Tournament 18/09/19 - 9th place,
POM: Rachel Simkin and Ilana Simkin

Year 8 Football vs Wilds Lodge, 24/09/19
Won 11 – 2, POM: Quentin Seema

Year 11 Football vs AMVC, 30/09/19
Lost 6 – 1, POM: Ellis Mastin

Year 7 Rugby vs Ken Stimpson 01/10/19
Drew 10 – 10, POM: Theo Cannizzaro-Dawkins

Year 7 Rugby vs HG, 01/10/19
Lost 15 – 5, POM: Filip Veliovic

Year 9 Football vs Kings, 02/10/19
Won 2 – 0, POM: Nathan Wright

Year 7 Rubgy vs SFJ, 03/10/19
Won 30 – 20, POM: Lewis Hebdon

Year 9 Football vs SHS, 07/10/19
Lost 5 – 4, POM: Jack Nicholls

Year 8 Football vs SHS, 15/10/19
Won 4 – 2, POM: Ethan Masunda

As we are about to start the long half-term before Christmas we will have plenty of fixtures to keep us entertained; football, netball and rugby fixtures have been organised for a range of years as well as badminton, indoor cricket, cross-country and basketball. To find out more about this ask a member of the PE team



Community and parent communication



Mr Schofield, teacher of food technology, signed the Academy up to the supermarket's food waste scheme, Community Food Connection, back when it launched in 2016 and collects donations from Tesco in Serpentine Green twice a week.

The food collected is used primarily in food lessons, but the Academy kitchen uses up large amounts of fruit and vegetables and this is given freely to all students. Mr Schofield also supplies the Year 7 morning mile whenever possible by allowing each child some fruit to have to promote healthy eating.

Mr Schofield said "It's vital that kids get plenty of filling, nutritious food so that they are able to concentrate and perform better in school. For many of our students, school lunches are the only main meal they'll have that day. Thanks to the food from Tesco, we're running cookery classes to teach them more about nutrition and the importance of eating well."

The school also runs a staff breakfast club every Friday using the donated food. All members of staff make a small donation which has raised almost £3,000 for local charities such as Peterborough Hospital Special Care Unit. Mr Schofield is hoping to raise £5,000 by the end of the summer term and welcomes suggestions from parents regarding local charities that would benefit from a donation from the Academy.



Class charts is one of the key communication tools the Academy uses to share student successes and behaviour. If you haven't already downloaded the app please contact the year office for your unique login to chart the progress of your child.

Parent Forums

Monday 18 November 2019 at 5.30pm

Tuesday 17 March 2020 at 5.00pm

Thursday 11 June 2020 at 6.00pm

During the last academic term we held a parent forum. The focus of the group was to look at the student experience from a parental perspective. The Academy is keen to develop the opportunity to work with parents and take on board their views. We will therefore be holding a parent forum each academic term. The agenda for each meeting will be placed on the Academy's website.

The parent forum is an open invite and it would be great to see as many parents as possible attend. On the day of the forum please come to main reception and you will be directed to the venue for the meeting.

Head students and extracurricular

Hi, my name is Charlotte Coles and I am the new head student here at Stanground Academy. I have been at this school for seven years and in the final year of A-Levels. I currently study Business, Finance and Sport. My vision for this school is for it to be somewhere all students feel safe. I would like to help put this school on the map and make it a place the students would like to learn. I believe Rory and I can make an enormous difference. I am very excited to see where this year will take us and I look forward to making this school a better place for all the students to enjoy.



Hello, my name is Rory File and I am in year 13, I currently study A-Level Maths, Biology and Psychology. As I have progressed through Stanground since year 7, it has been amazing to watch the school improve and develop the various facilities we have here. Furthermore, being in a position now where I can influence how some of the school functions is an honour. Not only just to benefit individuals that are in the same position I was in, but to directly improve school life for younger family members that I have within the school is what motivates me. Mainly my goal as head student is to appease the student body in their suggestions, but also to instigate healthier choices for students by integrating sport and fitness into school life more effectively.



Extracurricular

DAY	YEAR GROUP	ACTIVITY	ROOM NUMBER/ VENUE	TIME	TEACHER
Everyday	All Years	Fitness Club	Fitness Suite	1.20pm - 2.00pm	Mr Emmerson and Mr Pollard
Everyday	All Years	Study Club	Library	3.00pm - 4.30pm	Mrs Cole
Everyday	Year 7	Cooking Club	A55	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Mr Schofield
Monday	Year's 7 and 8	Dance Club	C38	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Miss Hurden
Monday	All Years	Boys Football	PE Block	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Mr Hair and Mr Pollard
Monday	All Years	Girls Football	PE Block	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Miss Bartle and Miss Henderson
Monday	All Years	Basketball	PE Block	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Mr Han
Monday	Year's 9 and 10	Netball	PE Block	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Mrs Charles
Tuesday	All Years	Chess Club	Library	1.20pm - 2.00pm	Mr Garratt
Tuesday	Years 7,8 and 9	Drama Club	C43	1.30pm - 2.00pm	Mrs Copland
Wednesday	All Years	Basketball	PE Block	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Mr Colledge, Mr Wilson and Mr Han
Wednesday	All Years	Rugby	PE Block	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Mr Phillips
Wednesday	All Years	Swimming Club	Swimming Pool	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Mr James
Wednesday	Year's 7 and 8	German Bananagrams Club	C53	1.20pm - 2.00pm	Mrs Atogwe
Wednesday	Year's 7,8 and 9	Art Club	B11	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Mr Sekhon
Thursday	All Years	Boxercise	PE Block	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Mr Walker and Mrs Reynolds
Thursday	All Years	Fitness Club	Fitness Suite	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Mr Hair
Thursday	All Years	Kinball	PE Block	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Mr Purkiss
Thursday	All Years	Indoor Cricket	PE Block	3.00pm - 4.15pm	Mr Pollard
Thursday	Year 11	Maths GCSE Foundation Revision Club	B27	1.20pm - 2.00pm	Mrs Fundira
Friday	Year's 7 and 8	Lego club	C09	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Mr Grassby