



STANGROUND
ACADEMY

SIXTH FORM

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Course Guide

2019/20



Your guide to choosing the right course





At Stanground Academy all Post-16 provision is 'Level 3' this means qualifications at an advanced level; it is the step up after GCSE. There are different qualifications at this level, they include:

- **GCE A Level**
- **BTEC National Extended Certificate**
- **OCR Cambridge Diploma**

You will need to meet the academic entry requirements for each course. This is because the courses are challenging and we want to be sure that you have the ability and skills to be successful. Course specifications change frequently. Please be aware that should a more suitable course become available, qualifications may change, to better meet student's needs.

In order to study in the Sixth Form, you must have at least 5 GCSEs at C or above (or grade 4), including English Language, in addition some subjects will have specific requirements – see course guide. Any student starting these courses without a grade 4 in mathematics will have to retake this in Year 12. We expect you to take three subjects and each course takes two years to reach the full qualification.

ACADEMIC OR VOCATIONAL?

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Academic

These courses are traditional courses which deal with more theoretical ideas. You will need to process information and usually present ideas in written form, often as short or extended essays. These courses will be externally assessed in Year 13. If you want to go into a traditional career such as medicine or law, you will need academic subjects.

Vocational

These courses are work-related qualifications. They are designed to allow you to learn in a way that suits you, and give you the skills that employers are looking for. There will be more practical activities and you will produce a portfolio of coursework. These courses will have a combination of both internally and externally assessed units. Vocational qualifications can lead on to training, employment as well as university.





Academic Courses:

- Fine Art (Art and Design)
- Chemistry Biology
- English Language
- English Literature
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- German
- History
- Mathematics
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Photography (Art and Design)
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Extended Project Qualification

Vocational Courses:

- Applied Science
- Business
- Criminology
- Digital Media
- Finance
- Health & Social Care
- ICT
- Performing Arts
- Sport

Applied Science

Qualification BTEC Extended Certificate (Equivalent to 1 A Level)

Examination Board Pearson Edexcel

Course Length 2 years

If you intend to go into a scientific career such as sports science, food science or work as a laboratory technician, this course will interest you. You will study a range of fundamental skills in biology, chemistry and physics, developing your understanding through a large range of scientific practical techniques.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 4-9/L2P-D* including:

- Grade 5/5 in Science
- Grade 4 in Maths

Fine Art (Art and Design)

Qualification A Level

Examination Board AQA

Course Length 2 years

Art is a challenging but enjoyable subject that helps you develop key skills in independent learning, problem solving and critical understanding. You will be introduced to a variety of experiences and will explore a range of fine art media and processes. Art is a very practical and creative subject that offers an alternative way of working, art can provide you with a wider awareness of social and cultural context. You will be encouraged and to make independent use of the art workrooms.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 5 or above in GCSE art or GCSE photography
- Other art & design courses grade 5 and above would be accepted

Biology

Qualification A Level

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

Biology is a science at the forefront of some of the most exciting and sensitive issues in the news today. Are you intrigued when you hear about the medical developments in genetic engineering? Do you want to know why cells divide and what are the causes of cancer? Or are you concerned with the threat of global extinction and the devastation being caused by global warming? Studying A-level biology will enable you to learn more about these issues of interest.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in biology or 6/6 in combined science
- Grade 5 in English and maths

Business

Qualification Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Business (Equivalent to 1 A Level)

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

If you want to broaden and expand your knowledge in the specialist work-related area of business and develop the essential skills and understanding needed to gain confidence and progression, then this vocational course will interest you. It will prepare you for progression to university or into employment in this vocational sector.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 4-9/L2P-D* including:

- Grade 4 in English or maths

Chemistry

Qualification A Level

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

Chemistry allows you to study and explore the world around you. If you are interested in problem solving, using logic and maths, and studying trends and patterns, chemistry is for you. You will find out the truth about the particles that make up atoms and build your knowledge of fuels and chemicals that we use every day. You will also find out how TNT is made and how drugs cheats are caught. It is a very practical subject and you will learn techniques that are a real asset for work in university or 'real-life' laboratories.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in chemistry or 6/6 in combined science
- Grade 5 in maths

Criminology

Qualification Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology (Equivalent to 1 A Level)

Examination Board WJEC

Course Length 2 years

Criminology is the study of the reasons why individuals commit crimes. By understanding why a person commits a crime, we can develop ways to control crime or rehabilitate the criminal. Ever thought why different people commit different crimes? Why do some people report crime and others don't? How much does the media influence our perception of crime? How does psychology and sociology explain crime? Students who have a keen interest in the psychology and sociology of crime will be well suited to this course.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 4-9/L2P-D* including:

- Grade 4 in English

Digital Media

Qualification Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate 2016 Suite
(Equivalent to 1 A Level)

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

This vocational course is for anyone who is interested in a career in the media or who just has a fascination for how we interact with films, television, newspapers, magazines and the internet.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 4-9/L2P-D* including:

- Grade 4 in English or maths

English Language

Qualification A Level

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

Ever wondered if men and women really do talk differently, or is that just a myth? Are you curious about how we all actually learn to talk in the first place? Studying English will help you to understand the factors that influence what we say and the way we say it.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in English

English Literature

Qualification A Level

Examination Board AQA

Course Length 2 years

If you enjoy reading and would like to study a wide range of novels, poetry and drama, then English Literature A-Level will offer both interest and challenge.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in English

Geography

Qualification A Level

Examination Board AQA

Course Length 2 years

The course will interest anyone who would like to develop their understanding of how our dynamic planet is changing and how people respond to these changes. The course also involves a hands-on element with fieldwork allowing an immersion into a range of environments.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in geography if studied
- Grade 5 in English or maths

German

Qualification A Level

Examination Board AQA

Course Length 2 years

Travel – so the saying goes – broadens the mind. And never more so than when you speak the language. That way you'll be able to find out what the local people are thinking, how they live and how their culture really works. This course has been designed to give you a profound understanding of German. Not only will you know about the mechanics of the language – like grammar and vocabulary – but how people use language on a day to day basis.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in German

Health and Social Care

Qualification Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care (Equivalent to 1 A Level)

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

If you are interested in working in a health and social care environment, then this vocational course will help prepare you for university or employment. You will consider the real impacts to people living with conditions or illnesses such as the social, financial and psychological impacts, not just the signs, symptoms and treatment of faceless conditions or illnesses. You will also learn about the legislation and guidance supporting health and social care, so that you can ensure the people they are working with are not only able to access all the care and support they are entitled to, but are also able to protect themselves from any harm or abuse whilst at work.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 4-9/L2P-D* including:

- Grade 4 in English or maths

History

Qualification A Level

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

If you have enjoyed History at GCSE, then A-Level History is the natural next step to take. You will learn about important events that took place in the past and how they have helped shape the world we live in today. Perhaps the most important reason to choose A Level History is simply the enjoyment of it. After all, nothing beats a good story.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in history if studied
- Grade 5 in English

ICT

Qualification Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in IT
BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in IT

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

This vocational course would suit anyone with an interest in ICT, programming, computer maintenance. It is an ideal foundation for students entering the world of work, providing them with a theoretical background reinforced with practical skills that transfer into the modern workplace.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 4-9/L2P-D* including:

- Grade 4 in maths

Mathematics

Qualification A Level

Examination Board AQA

Course Length 2 years

Mathematics encourages you to be open-minded and adaptable; to look for more than one method of approach to a problem; to make judgements on methods and techniques available in terms of appropriateness and accuracy; to interpret, evaluate and implement solutions and results.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in mathematics

Further Mathematics

Qualification AS level

Examination Board AQA

Course Length 1 year

If you are already studying A Level Mathematics, have a real love of the subject and wish to have the opportunity to explore as many different areas of mathematics as possible then this course is for you.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 7 in maths

Performing Arts

Qualification Cambridge Technical Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Equivalent to 3 A Level)
Cambridge Technical Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (Equivalent to 1 A Level)

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

If you have a passion for performing dance, drama and musical theatre and have an interest in the creative process as well as performing, then this is the course for you. Whether you want a career in the performing arts industry (extended diploma) or you want to engage with any of the art form to satisfy your creative desire and help develop skills for other careers (extended certificate), you will find this course both stimulating and challenging. You have the option to study only performing arts if you know this is the career path you want to invest your time in.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 4-9/L2P-D* including:

- Grade 4 in English or maths
- Grade 4 in performing arts if taken at GCSE

Politics

Qualification A Level

Examination Board Pearson Edexcel

Course Length 2 years

This course will appeal to those students who like to know how the country is run and also enjoy a good argument! It will also interest those who keep up to date with current affairs.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in English

Philosophy and Ethics

Qualification A Level

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

If you enjoy questioning life and don't like to simply accept what we are told; if you like to have answers to the big questions that challenge our existence then this course is for you. If you enjoy debating your ideas and opinions with others and like to be challenged in your thinking then this course is definitely for you. You will be encouraged to think logically and you will be taught how to put those thoughts into carefully considered arguments

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in English

Photography (Art and Design)

Qualification A Level

Examination Board AQA

Course Length 2 years

Studying photography A-level helps you develop new skills in a range of photographic media, techniques and processes. You will experience both traditional photography and new technologies. You will explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to photography and a wider range of art and design, from the past and from recent times, including European and non- European examples. You will be encouraged to work independently, problem solve, learn new skills and create an exhibition of your work.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 5 or above in GCSE art or photography
- Grade 4 in other art & design courses would be considered

Physics

Qualification A Level

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

For students who like to solve problems and answer challenging questions about the physical world they live in. This is an essential course for anyone who is interested in finding out about the world around them from the smallest particle to the entire universe.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in maths and science

Psychology

Qualification A Level

Examination Board AQA

Course Length 2 years

Do you have a curious mind and a desire to learn about human behaviour? The A Level psychology course covers a wide range of topics. You will learn about the fundamental approaches within psychology and how our understanding of these impact on areas such as attachment, memory, relationships, psychopathology and forensic psychology. Alongside this you will study how the use of research methods underpins all research conducted in psychology.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in English
- Grade 5 in maths

Sociology

Qualification A Level

Examination Board AQA

Course Length 2 years

Do you have an interest in society, the family, education, criminology, criminal behaviour and the role of religion in society? If so, sociology may be an appropriate course for you to choose.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Grade 6 in English

Sport

Qualification Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Sport & Physical Activity (Equivalent to 1 A Level)

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

Choose this vocational course if you are interested in sport in general, but especially if you would like to seek a career in the world of sport. It involves a mixture of practical sport, coaching and theoretical areas surrounding sport. We aim to provide a number of opportunities for you to see for yourselves a broad range of PE/Sport providers.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 4-9/L2P-D* including:

- Grade 4 or above in sport related qualification if studied.

Peterborough United Development Programme

Qualification OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity

Examination Board OCR

Course Length 2 years

If you enjoy playing football and have a desire to complete your studies in sport and physical activity this course will be ideal for you. With a mixture of both practical and theoretical studies you will be developing your football ability along with your understanding of sport and physical activity. In addition to the qualifications you will have complete football training sessions everyday along with Gym sessions to support your own personal training programme. You will have the opportunity to complete your refereeing qualification and your FA Coaching Level 1 award. The football squad will compete in the Community and Education Alliance league with fixtures every Wednesday as well as additional tournaments and cup competitions.

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 4-9/L2P-D* including:

- Grade 4 or above in sport related qualification if studied.

Extended Project Qualification

Qualification EPQ (Equivalent to 1 A/S Level)

Examination Board AQA

Course Length 1 year

This course is suited to students who want to develop study and research skills that equip them well or university. It appeals to students who are able to commit to a long term project and can work well independently. Students have to be self-motivated and curious!

Entry requirements - at least 5 subjects at grade 5-9/L2M-D* including:

- Students who are on predominantly A Level courses

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Contacting Sixth Form

To discuss any issues regarding Sixth Form please call the main academy number, 01733 821430 and press the option for Sixth Form Attendance.

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