



STANGROUND ACADEMY

SIXTH FORM

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Welcome Booklet

2019/20



Welcome

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We are very proud of our Sixth form. We take great pleasure in working with you and supporting you through this transition stage of your lives. Whether you are continuing your studies at Stanground or joining us for the first time, you will be made to feel welcome. You will be in a place where you are known, valued and challenged by specialist teachers and fantastic pastoral support, all of whom are committed to your success.

Do not be concerned if you are joining the Sixth Form not knowing what the next step will be, many others will be in your position. Level 3 courses, whether academic or vocational will prepare you well for a broad range of challenges that lie ahead. Whether that is going to be university, enrolling on a higher apprenticeship scheme or entering the world of employment.

Meet the Sixth Form Team

Our Sixth Form Team offers academic, career and pastoral guidance for all students.



Ms J Houghton-Wood
Head of Sixth Form



Mrs A Kelley
Deputy Head of Sixth Form

Level of Study



In the Sixth Form you will be able to choose the Level 3 courses that are right for you based upon your prior attainment, learning style and future pathway. Courses available include academic 'A' level (Level 3) subjects and vocational (Level 3) qualifications in a wide range of subject areas.

We expect you to take three or the equivalent of three A Levels. Each course takes two years to gain the full qualification.

In addition, any student starting the sixth form without a level 4 in mathematics or English will have to retake this in Year 12, this is a national expectation.

Entry requirements:

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, veterinary practice, dentistry or law, you will need academic subjects.

In order to study A Levels, you must have at least 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English, in addition some subjects will have specific requirements – see course guide.

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.

In order to study vocational courses, you must have at least 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English, in addition some subjects will have specific requirements – see course guide.

Attendance and Punctuality

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Stanground Academy takes attendance and punctuality in the Sixth Form very seriously as we acknowledge that good school attendance and punctuality plays an essential part in academic development for post 16 students.

At Stanground Academy we expect every student to attend the Academy every day. If attendance drops below 96% our pastoral team will intervene.

Students are expected to arrive on time every day. The school day starts at 8.35am, Sixth Form students go straight to their tutor groups. Students are welcome to arrive any time after 8am and then use the sixth form social area to meet with their peers prior to the timetabled school day beginning.

As well as timetabled lessons students also have non-contact periods on their timetables for structured study time (SST), enrichment activities and private study.

Students are expected to attend all timetabled lessons, including tutorials, SST and enrichment periods. Every one of these sessions are compulsory and count when calculating attendance levels.

Please refer to the Sixth Form page on the Academy's website for a more detailed explanation of our attendance and punctuality procedures.





Here at Stanground Academy we acknowledge that education is about more than just academic success and we offer our Sixth Form students a wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities, some of which are listed below;

- Work experience
- Sutton Trust Summer schools
- Head Boy and Head Girl posts
- Student council
- Into University programme
- Mentoring schemes
- Exclusive UCAS + Careers Support
- Visit to at least two universities
- Leadership opportunities
- Lower school help
- Cookery
- Fitness suite
- Driving theory
- Community help



Dress Code



Sixth form students are role models for younger pupils, and as such should wear clothing that is smart yet casual and in keeping with both a school and working environment.

To be absolutely clear:

- **No hats are to be worn inside the school building**
- **No offensive slogans**
- **No inappropriately short skirts (midriffs should not be visible)**
- **No low cut or strapless tops**
- **No underwear should be visible**

The Head of Sixth Form has the final decision upon what is and is not suitable attire for the Sixth Form.

Students who arrive at school in items not permitted within the dress code will be asked to go home and change into suitable clothing.

Mobile phones may be used in the Sixth Form area but not around the main school.

Key Dates 2019-2020



Event	Stanground Academy Year 11 Students	External Students	Date
Sixth Form Open Evening	✓	✓	13 November 2019
Open Evening follow-on sessions	✓		Week beginning 18 November 2019
Application forms distributed	✓	✓	2 December 2019
Deadline for application form to be handed in	✓	✓	13 December 2019
Information, advice and guidance meetings (in school time)	✓		From 15 January 2020 until 7 February 2020
Information, advice and guidance meetings (external students only)		✓	From 10 February 2020 Until 14 February 2020
First round of acceptance letters sent to students	✓	✓	24 February 2020
Final round of acceptance letters sent to students	✓	✓	3 April 2020
Sixth Form induction	✓	✓	16 July 2020
Year 11 results day	✓	✓	20 August 2020
New Year 12 starter meetings	✓	✓	9 September 2020
Lessons likely to start	✓	✓	14 September 2020



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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.

Alternatively, if you unable to get through via phone
please email using the following address;

sixthform@stangroundacademy.org

Leave your name, the student's name
and a contact number.

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