



Welcome

to our Sixth Form



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Welcome

We are very proud of our Sixth Form. We take great pleasure in working with you and supporting you through this transformational 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.

Our Sixth Form curriculum offer is both broad and inclusive. It aims to provide students and parents with a wide choice of well recognised and respected course options which promote progression. By providing several pathways through Key Stage 5, we aim to cater for a wide variety of starting points and career aspirations.

Our Sixth Form curriculum offer thereby fully meets and supports the principles of the 16 to 19 study programmes insofar that it provides a structured and challenging an individualised learning programme that promotes development and progression. We also can offer meaningful work experience and enrichment to enable the development of personal skills in preparation for Higher Education and employment.

In timetabling our Sixth Form subjects, we aim to satisfy the maximum possible number of student choices. 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 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.

The Sixth Form Team

Academy Vision and Values

We believe in the fundamental importance of living our vision and values, they underpin our culture and predict our behaviour and responses:

Our Vision

To provide a world class education that will challenge, inspire, and enable every pupil to flourish beyond their expectations. All pupils will graduate from Stanground Academy, confident in their ability, kind in their approach and equipped with the skills to be a successful active citizen of the future.

Most successful organisations are underpinned by a strong sense of value, in turn these values support the efficient operation of the organisation and help everyone to “live” their culture.





Our Values

Our Stanground values are based around the mnemonic of **ASPIRE**:

A

Ambition

– desire and determination to achieve success

S

Social Responsibility

– commitment to the development of the community and world in which we live

P

Progress

– journey of improvement

I

Integrity

– doing the right thing every day

R

Respect & Kindness

– being warm hearted and considerate of others

E

Excellence

– strive to be outstanding at everything we do

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Level of Study

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.

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

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.

In our Sixth Form you will be able to choose Level 3 courses which 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 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.

Rewards and Recognition in the Sixth Form

We have high expectations of our pupils and are proud of their achievements. Our staff understand the impact of rewarding pupils for their effort and attainment across a wide variety of activities e.g. attitude to learning, subject progress, uniform standards, attendance, home learning. Pupils will be allocated “aspire points” which align to our values and are recorded in real time on Class Charts. This application is accessible by parents. Pupils can then exchange these points for rewards e.g. queue fast pass, Astro turf tickets, prom tickets, the list is flexible and open to new pupil led suggestions.

We celebrate pupil achievement at every opportunity e.g. reward assemblies, reward lunch, celebration evenings and the list continues!

Attendance and Punctuality

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

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

Independent Learning

Educational research proves that pupils who complete additional independent learning achieve better results. In addition, we give advice about promoting positive health and well-being which will help you support your young person to take further control of their learning. The Education Endowment Foundation suggest that students can achieve an addition 5 months of progress each year through an effective independent learning programme.

With this in mind, we have created 'StudyPlus'. As well as timetabled lessons, students also have 'study plus' on their timetables. This is to promote timetabled structured study time as well as enrichment activities and private independent study.

ASPIRE Sessions

All Year 12 students are encouraged to take part in supporting younger students in the academy. This not only promotes a sense of community but also gives them the opportunity to enhance their 'super curricular' activities which will further support their leadership and management skills.

Dress Code

Sixth Form students are role models for all other students in the school. They should wear smart business wear clothing that is in keeping with both a school and working environment.





Celebrating Success

Here at Stanground Academy we acknowledge that education is about more than just academic success. 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
- Student Leadership Programmes
- Mentoring Schemes
- Exclusive post-18 support including UCAS personal statements, apprenticeship application and CV writing
- Fitness suite
- Community support
- Meaningful careers appointments provided by both the school and NEACO
- After school interventions
- Personalised revision packs
- CV writing and personal branding workshops
- Additional 'AS Level' routes for extended challenge and to increase UCAS points

To discuss anything further regarding Sixth Form please call the main Academy number,
01733 821430 and press the option for Sixth Form Attendance.

Alternatively, if you are 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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