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Dear Parents/Carer

School Colours rewards programme – House to Year group colours

We are writing to inform you of an exciting update and development with our academy rewards programme. As we continue to champion student success and promote excellence, we will soon launch our new 'School Colours' programme which will recognise students who go above and beyond and demonstrate commitment, dedication and excellence across four pillars of school life: Sports, Creative, Academic and Values. We believe these pillars capture all walks of life and give all students the opportunity to be recognised for their hard work and representation of the academy.

As part of this new initiative, we will need to revert from a 'House' tie system to a 'Year' tie system. As such, all year groups will need to wear the same colour tie from January 2025. We currently have five house colours: Red, Blue, Green, Purple and Yellow. Each year group will be allocated a particular tie colour as listed below; students will wear their new year group colour tie throughout their school careers (no requirement to purchase a new colour tie every year).

We do not want this change to add an additional financial pressure, so instead, we will ask that all students bring their current school tie into school, washed and ready for us to manage and coordinate a tie swap across the academy. This will happen in the final week before we break up for Christmas and further information and dates will follow. If you have any feedback regarding the swapping of ties, you can share your comments via the Microsoft form below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/vG4Z23zQyM>

The reward structure will include:

- **Junior Colour Badges**, students who show promise and dedication.
- **Half Colour Ties**, recognising significant achievements and contributions.
- **Full Colour Ties**, the highest level of recognition, for students who consistently excel in their contributions.

The new tie colours for each year group are as follows: (the colour will remain with the student for their time at Stanground Academy)

- **Year 7:** Yellow
- **Year 8:** Purple
- **Year 9:** Green
- **Year 10:** Blue
- **Year 11:** Red

We believe that the **School Colours** programme will provide students with additional motivation to contribute positively to school life and embody the values of the academy. We look forward to recognising your child's efforts and seeing them proudly wear their junior badges or half and full colour ties.

If you have any queries about this change or the **School Colours** programme, please feel free to contact Mr Needham.

We appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Needham'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr. Needham
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