



# STANGROUND ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/ Carer

Your Year 9 child is about to embark on an exciting time in their career journey. The start to the new term begins with a schedule of activities to help prepare all Year 9 students to make informed option choices. These choices will be the first step towards their career pathway and the aim of this programme is to help students understand what opportunities are available to them for future employment. In addition, we hope this experience will encourage students to be aspirational in their career choices and ambitious in their next steps in life.

Below is an overview of the variety of activities which will be taking place in January and February of 2025.

### **Personal development lessons**

These weekly lessons focus on careers and options pathways using our careers platform called UniFrog. All year 9 students will receive a personal login to build their career profile. This platform will be used throughout their key stage 4 and 5 journey while at Stanground Academy.

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

All students will partake in a one-to-one meeting with their Life Skills teacher to discuss, review and plan their option choices.

### **Careers Fair**

We are excited to inform you that your child will be attending a careers fair on 28 January as organised by our Director of Aspirations. This event presents a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with a diverse range of industries, universities, and colleges, allowing them to explore various career pathways. Students will have an allocated time slot where they will be encouraged to ask questions and connect with representatives from different fields.

### **Subject Taster sessions**

The range of option subjects available to study at Key Stage Four extends beyond our core Key Stage Three curriculum. During this week, students are given the opportunity to 'taste' the nature of these new subjects. Students will experience what it is like to study these new subjects and are able to ask the teacher questions about the course and the nature of assessment.

### **Options Fair (with core subject parents evening)**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Thursday 13 February**

A uniquely designed evening where parents/carers are invited to attend an Options Fair with their child. This evening will open with a formal presentation led by the Senior Leader for Curriculum, introducing the options subject selection process.

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You and your child will receive their latest Progress Check report. Using this information, families will then attend the options fair where each subject lead hosts a stand giving the opportunity for parents to meet subject teachers to learn about the course content and assessment. You will be able to engage in purposeful conversations with your child's class teacher about the option subjects which are of interest based on preference and latest academic success.

In addition, at a specified time, a parents evening appointment with your child's English, Maths and Science teacher will take place. In these meetings you will learn about the progress being made, your child's knowledge gaps and their next steps ready to embark on the Key Stage four learning journey.

### **Options subjects are chosen**

Over February half term, all year 9 students will make their option choices through an online link. We strongly recommend this is a process completed with both the parent and the child together, based on the 'Option Journey' experience and advice from your child's teachers.

All correspondence will be sent to the main contact registered with the Academy, week commencing 10 February 2025. Please ensure all contact details, including email addresses, have been updated prior to this date.

More communication to follow later in the term on this final stage of the process.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information letter. I hope you agree that the 'options journey' is designed to support and encourage your child to embrace the new possibilities that await them as they embark on their first steps to their future career. We believe every child has the opportunity to flourish in their chosen career pathway and together we will help them throughout this process.

You will receive further communication in due course. If you have any questions during this 'options journey' program, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's Head of Year.

Yours faithfully



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