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When is the enrichment programme due to start?

The enrichment programme will start in September 2026 to coincide with the new academic year.

How long will the enrichment/intervention session last each week?

Each session will run from 2:45pm – 3:45pm. Some of the Outreach sessions (optional, offsite and paid) may finish later due to transport requirements back to the academy. Full timings of these optional Outreach sessions will be shared in due course.

How many enrichment/intervention sessions will there be each half term?

There will be five enrichment/intervention sessions per half term. They will not run when there is an early closure for events such as Open Evenings and Parent Information Evenings. When a half term extends beyond five weeks, the additional weeks will consist of whole school activities/assemblies instead.

Why has the school day changed?

The Department for Education requires schools to provide students with 32 hours and 30 minutes of education per week. This includes teaching and learning, social time and extra extra-curricular activities. We were currently short of 25 minutes per week, so this change ensures compliance whilst being creative and inclusive with our extra-curricular offer.

Will the start time of the school day change?

No. The start time of each school day will remain (8:35 am).

The new school enrichment day is longer; will students get additional breaks?

Yes. Students will get three breaks every Thursday. Students will have a 15-minute break in the morning a 30-minute lunch break and a 15-minute afternoon break, totalling 60 minutes during this school day.

Are there any plans to review the enrichment plan if it goes ahead?

Yes. The enrichment programme will run for the academic year 2026-2027. A review will take place in the summer term 2027 to determine the viability for future years.

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Why is the enrichment/intervention programme compulsory for all students?

Enrichment and intervention sessions are important for all students to ensure everyone feels a sense of belonging, feels included and can experience new opportunities. This aligns with our Trusts philosophy of 'Every Child, In every Academy, Every Day'.

How will my child choose their enrichment activity (current Year 7 – 9)?

Parents/Carers and students (years 7-9) will receive an email with a unique access code to the online booking system towards the end of April 2026 with detailed instructions. Students will be asked to make their selections using the online system and will be required to select one activity, plus a reserve, from each of the three main pillars (Discover & Connect, Mind & Body, World & Culture – all free and on-site activities).

There will be a fourth (optional) pillar, Outreach, which will have a selection of paid, mainly off-site activities that students can opt for. The Outreach activity will replace one of the other selections made.

How will my child choose their intervention session/activity (current Year 10, 12)?

Our current year 10 and 12 students will be directed to attend compulsory intervention sessions by our Outcomes Team based on PPE results and academic progress. It is likely that students will attend across several subjects over the academic year.

How will the enrichment activities be allocated to students?

A computer algorithm will allocate students to activities, prioritising first choice options wherever possible. If a student cannot be assigned their first choice, one of their reserve choices will be used.

Will all the enrichment activities being offered run?

No. Activities will run providing there is sufficient interest which makes them viable.

What happens if my child wishes to change their enrichment activity for a half term?

Once a student has been allocated their enrichment activities, they will not be able to change, except in extenuating circumstances.

Will I have to pay for my child to take part in the enrichment activities?

No. Enrichment activities from the three main pillars are free and based on-site. A small number of optional activities from the Outreach pillar will involve a fee and will take place mainly off-site. These activities are optional.

What if my child doesn't complete the online form by the deadline?

Support will be provided during tutor time and students will be issued with reminders. If the form is not completed by the deadline, students will be allocated activities.

Can my child leave at 2:45pm if they do not want to take part in enrichment/intervention?

No. All students are required to be in the academy for a minimum of 32 hours and 30 minutes every week. Our enrichment activity falls into these hours and forms part of the compulsory school curriculum at Stanground Academy as per DfE guidelines.

What will happen to corrections on Thursdays?

On Thursdays, a step 2 correction will remain as 45 minutes, will start at 3:45pm and finish at 4:30pm. A step 3 correction will remain at 90 minutes, will start at 3:45pm and finish at 5:15pm. 6pm corrections will not change.

There will no change to corrections on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

Why is each academy day not being extended by 5 minutes rather than adding in the enrichment programme?

Adding 5 minutes per day would not provide meaningful, structured learning time and would therefore not be an effective use of this additional time.

My Child already takes part in clubs outside of school so why do they need to do more?

We remain an inclusive academy and provide opportunities for all students to thrive. We are confident that we can provide a plethora of activities that are not always available outside of school and accessible to all children.

What should my child wear on Thursdays?

All students should attend the academy in full school uniform. Some activities may require PE kit, which students will need to bring with them on the day to change into. Full details will be communicated in due course.

I am worried that by 3:45pm it will be dark during the winter months.

The shortest day of the year always falls on 21st December, Winter Solstice. This date often falls during the Christmas holidays with sunset being after 3:45pm. Following sunset, there is typically 20-30 minutes of daylight before darkness falls. From this date, daylight hours increase.

Many of our students are either collected or for those who walk or use public transport, the entire school will finish at the same time, allowing students to travel home with friends and small groups as they do currently.

My child is required to collect a younger sibling from another school.

Whilst we understand this situation, we are responsible for the education of students enrolled at Stanground Academy. This includes providing them with the best academic education plus a wide and varied enriched curriculum that offers the best possible opportunities in life. The extended day is for one day of the week, for only five weeks per half term. There are four days which will finish at 2:55pm (5 minutes earlier than current finish time). With 6 months' notice families should have plenty of time to arrange suitable childcare or transport for any children not attending Stanground Academy.

How will the new in-coming year 7 students pick their options?

The new in-coming year 7 students will have a bespoke 5-week programme in the first half term. During this time the enrichment programme will be explained to parents/carers and students, and they will then be given the opportunity to choose their preferred enrichment activities for the academic year.

How will this affect new students starting mid-year?

When a student starts mid-year, they will have a conversation on admission to discuss the options available based on the activities available.

Why do you close early on parent's information evenings?

Our end time of 1:15pm on these days allows for more appointments to be made by parents and ensure everyone has access to their child's respective teachers (from 3pm to 7pm). We are proud of the high levels of parental engagement on these evenings and by closing early it allows us to provide the maximum number of appointments.

We are also required under teacher's pay and conditions to give staff a meaningful break between school closing and parent's information evening starting.

If you have any further questions which have not been answered please contact the academy enquiries@stangroundacademy.org