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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community

### **A Summary of Progress at Stanground Academy December 2022**

As we approach the end of another term, I thought it would be useful to summarise the progress we have achieved since September.

We would first like to sincerely thank you all, especially the staff and pupils for all their amazing work over the last few months. The organisation has been immersed in change and one pupil told me the other day that the “Academy is not recognisable”. Our start point was to develop an aspirational vision for the future which is supported by some guiding values which is relevant in our complex world. Please do have a look at our website where this is explained.

The quality of education is a key priority, and we are delighted to inform you that all 31 new members of staff that joined us in September have had a real impact in the classroom. We have formally observed over 300 lessons and are clear that the standard of teaching is consistently “good” or better. We have recruited two further teachers who will join us in January and as I write this update, we do not have any teaching vacancies.

The curriculum is at the core of what we teach every day. Much time has been spent reviewing the content, particularly identifying the key concepts which underpin the learning journey. All of these have now been translated into “road maps” which are all available on our website.

We have restructured and recruited additional members for the Special Educational Needs team, and we are now delivering bespoke catch-up sessions with numeracy, literacy, phonics and wellbeing. Additional support is being supplied from the Sixth Form who are providing reading support for many of our pupils who are behind their chronological reading age.

Our library has been refurbished, we have purchased hundreds of new books and a new lending system, all of which is overseen by the resident librarian.

Our new reward programme has been well received by the pupils. Since September pupils have received over 98,000 ASPIRE points which have been spent on so many different activities ranging from Power League tickets to non-uniform days.

The new behaviour system is now embedded and contributing to an improved attitude to learning and control in the classroom. Pupils have told us they appreciate the simplicity of the system and can see the positive impact it has had on their learning.

The new Home Learning system has been launched, it still requires embedding and consistency of operation. We know that the introduction of Home Learning will introduce new learning habits which will enhance exam grades for your child. This will be a priority for 2023.

We have restructured the academy day, moved away from split breaks and allocated more time for learning. This has added further simplicity to the academy day and all pupils are either in lessons or on break, at the same time.

Our canteen team have worked hard to provide quality, fresh food each day to our pupils. We have listened to your voice and have managed to fit a further 120+ seats into the canteen which will enable more pupils to sit down and eat. Our Christmas lunch was a huge success, and the feedback was brilliant. However, due to rising prices we will have to implement some changes for the New Year. Our very popular meal deal will remain at £2.20 but this will no longer include a soft drink. These will still be available to purchase if required. We do have a number of water fountains around the academy and pupils are encouraged to bring water bottles to maintain their hydration during the day. There are some other price changes and I have attached a new price list for your information.

We have focused on getting the basics right and pupils are now proud to wear their Stanground uniform, we are grateful for your support which has enabled us to achieve higher standards every day. We can see the culture changing around the academy, it is amazing to hear many pupils talk about their progress and enjoyment of learning.

There have been two Parent Information Evenings in the term, and we were delighted to see 92% attendance at them both. This is huge progress from last year where average attendance was closer to 50%. Please do have a look at the academy calendar to see when your child has one.

You have our assurance that we will continue to work tirelessly to raise standards at Stanground Academy in order to live our vision and provide your child with a “world class” education that they deserve.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and hope that you stay safe and healthy and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Take care

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Van Lier', written in a cursive style.

**Matthew Van Lier & The Stanground Staff Team**



## GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST

Menu Item	Price
Meal Deal (Main Meal, Dessert)	£2.20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Course (see daily menu for details)</li> <li>• Sandwich, Baguettes &amp; Rolls with various fillings.</li> <li>• Plated Salad with a choice of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Mayonnaise</li> <li>• Tuna</li> <li>• Tuna Mayonnaise</li> <li>• Prawn Mayonnaise</li> <li>• Grated Cheese</li> <li>• Cheese Spring Onion &amp; Mayonnaise</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	£1.80
Jacket Potato with a filling (choice available)	£1.50p
Additional Filling for Jacket Potato: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Mayonnaise</li> <li>• Tuna</li> <li>• Tuna Mayonnaise</li> <li>• Baked Beans</li> <li>• Prawn Mayonnaise</li> <li>• Grated Cheese</li> <li>• Cheese Spring Onion &amp; Mayonnaise</li> </ul>	60p
Hot Pudding of the Day with Custard	80p
Choice of Cakes or Biscuits	70p
Vegetables	30p
Potatoes (Portion of creamed potatoes 25p)	50p
Jacket Potato	90p
Rice or Noodles	50p
Yoghurt (Choice available)	30p-60p
Assorted Fruit Pots	70p
Bread Roll	25p
Fresh Fruit	35p