

STONE LODGE SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM



SIXTH FORM WELCOME BOOKLET 2026

Year 12 Entry





A Warm Welcome from SL6

Dear Student,

Congratulations! You have made it to one of the most exciting and important stages of your education. We are absolutely delighted that you are considering SL6 as the place to take that next step, and we look forward to supporting and encouraging you through this next stage of your educational journey.

Sixth form is your chance to study subjects you are passionate about, to take on real responsibility, to grow as a person, and to start shaping the future you want for yourself. At SL6, we do not just prepare you for exams but prepare you for life beyond school.

This booklet contains everything you need to know before you join us in September. Please read it carefully. If you have any questions at all, we are always happy to help.

We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 3rd September 2026.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs G Tiddy

Head of Sixth Form & Assistant Headteacher

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Miss Deacon

Deputy Head of Sixth Form

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Why SL6?

There are many places you could choose to complete your sixth form education — so here is why SL6 is the right choice.



Small enough to know you

At SL6, you are never just a number. Our staff know your name, your ambitions and your challenges. We invest in every student as an individual.



A pathway for every student

We offer both Level 2 and Level 3 courses, so whatever your starting point, there is a route at SL6 that is right for you.



Ambitious pathways

Whether your goal is university, a competitive apprenticeship or stepping into your career, we will help you get there.



A genuine community

Our sixth formers are the senior leaders of Stone Lodge. You will have real responsibility, leadership opportunities and a community that knows you.



More than just qualifications

Alongside your studies, you will access enrichment, EPQ, work experience, life skills, academic mentoring and personal development.



Our promise to you

We will challenge you, support you, celebrate your successes and help you learn from setbacks. We are in your corner, every step of the way.



Your Journey to Enrolment

Here are the key steps between now and your first day at SL6.

Summer Term 2026	Induction Day You are here! Visit SL6, meet staff and find out everything about joining us.
Thursday 20th August 2026	GCSE Results & Enrolment Interview Collect your results. Complete your enrolment link (sent to your student email) and attach your GCSE results, then come in for your interview. Your place is conditional on achieving the grades on your offer letter.
Summer 2026	Summer Subject Tasks Each subject will set a task to complete before September. Make a genuine attempt. It helps us give you the right support from day one.
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	First Day at SL6!
Sixth Form Transition: Autumn Term	Transition to Sixth Form Across your first term, we build in opportunities to develop the skills you need for sixth form, including team-building activities to help you settle in and get to know your year group.



School Day & Term Dates

As a sixth former you will be registered in all timetabled lessons and in supervised private study. Sign in or out at main reception using your ID card by 8:45am and 1:50pm (or 1:00pm on Wednesdays).

Times of the School Day

Period	Mon / Tue / Thu / Fri	Wednesday
Form Time	8:45 – 9:00	8:45 – 9:00
Period 1	9:00 – 9:50	9:00 – 9:45
Period 2	9:50 – 10:40	9:45 – 10:30
Break	10:40 – 10:55	10:30 – 10:45
Period 3	10:55 – 11:45	10:45 – 11:30
Period 4	11:45 – 12:35	11:30 – 12:15
Lunch	12:35 – 13:20	12:15 – 13:00
Period 5	13:20 – 14:10	13:00 – 13:45
Period 6	14:10 – 15:00	13:45 – 14:30
Academic Mentoring	15:00 – 15:30	



Your Timetable in Year 12

A typical week at SL6 gives you the right balance of structured learning, independent study and personal development.



Timetabled Lessons: Leading to your Level 2 or Level 3 qualifications.



Academic Mentoring: A half-hour weekly session with your mentor focussed on goal setting, reflection, support.



Tutorial Programme: Covering PSHE, careers guidance and personal development.



Independent Learning: Structured and supervised study periods in school. You are expected to use these purposefully.



Work Experience: Dedicated time built into the year for placements.



Unifrog: Your personal account for exploring university, apprenticeship and career routes.



Enrichment: A choice of academic, community, and personal skills development activities.



EPQ (Optional): Extended Project Qualification equivalent to half an A Level.



Academic Mentoring

What is Academic Mentoring?

Academic Mentoring is a structured conversation between you and your mentor, focused entirely on how you are getting on.

What happens in a session?

Review and Reflection: Your mentor will have feedback from your subject teachers ahead of the session. Together you will discuss how things are going across all your subjects.

Over time, these sessions build into a record of your progress. You will be able to see clearly how far you have come.

Goal setting: You will set specific, realistic targets for the week or fortnight ahead — based on where you are excelling and where you need to focus.



Our Values & Expectations

At SL6, we have high aspirations for every student. We will guide and support you as well but it will be vital that you understand how you can influence your own success over the next two years. You will need to be committed in terms of work ethic, time management and personal organisational skills.

The SL6 Way



Be Punctual

Lateness leads to lost learning time. Be in form time by 8:45am and on time to every lesson. Sign in and out at reception using your ID card when leaving or returning to site.



Be Present

Aim for 100% attendance. If you are unwell, contact attendance@stonelodgeschool.co.uk before 8:30am. Every lesson missed is ground to make up.



Be Professional

You are a senior member of our community. Treat everyone with respect, dress to the standard expected.



Be Proactive

Do not wait to be told. Use study periods well, seek out resources, ask questions and take ownership of your learning.



Be Positive

Sixth form will challenge you. Approach difficulties with resilience, reflect on feedback and be willing to try new things.

Our RIDES Values

As sixth formers, you are role models for the whole school. We are proud to uphold our RIDES values across everything we do.



Respect

We treat others as we wish to be treated, with genuine regard for the feelings, rights and dignity of everyone in our community.



Integrity

We are honest and hold ourselves to high moral standards doing the right thing, even when it is difficult.



Determination

We give our best effort to everything. We do not give up when things get hard as that is exactly when it matters most.



Equality

Every student deserves the same opportunities, regardless of background or identity. We celebrate our differences.



Self-Management

We manage our time, resources and behaviour. We take responsibility for our own progress and our contribution to the community.



Enrichment & Opportunities

Life at SL6 is about far more than your qualifications. Our enrichment programme gives you the experiences that make your personal statement, CV and interviews genuinely stand out.

Leadership



Head Boy & Head Girl

Our most senior student leadership positions. Head Boy and Head Girl are ambassadors for the school, working closely with senior staff and representing SL6 at events.



Peer Mentoring

From next year, SL6 students will be able to become peer mentors for younger students. Full training will be provided. Excellent for UCAS and CVs.



Student Voice

Opportunities to represent your year group, share feedback and help shape life at SL6. Your views genuinely influence how we do things.

Academic Enrichment



Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

An independent research project equivalent to half an A Level. Brilliant for university applications and a chance to explore a topic you love.



Unifrog

Your personal platform for exploring and tracking options for university courses, entry requirements, apprenticeships, careers and more.



Managing Personal Finance

Practical sessions on budgeting, saving and managing money, building the financial confidence you will need for independent life.



Work Experience

A dedicated week of work experience in July, with the potential to branch out into volunteering at local primary schools on a Wednesday afternoon.

Life Skills

Each week, your timetable includes one lesson of sport and one lesson of cooking, alongside our wider PSHE programme covering budgeting, managing your finances and understanding the world of work because being ready for life is just as important as being ready for exams.



Careers, UCAS & Apprenticeships

Whatever your destination after sixth form, we will help you get there. We take careers guidance seriously at SL6 and build it into your time with us from day one.



University & UCAS

We support you through the entire UCAS process: choosing your course, writing your personal statement, understanding offers and making your final decision. We have supported students into a wide range of universities, including competitive and Russell Group institutions.



Apprenticeships

University is not the right path for everyone, and that is absolutely fine. We have strong knowledge of higher and degree apprenticeship routes and will help you find opportunities and build strong applications.

[The Apprentice Advantage - Land your dream apprenticeship](#)



Careers in Your Tutorial

Throughout Year 12 and 13, careers guidance is woven into your tutorial programme and Unifrog account, so you are building your knowledge and plans throughout your time with us.



Speakers & External Visitors

We regularly bring in professionals and organisations to share their experiences across a wide range of industries, giving you real insight into the world of work.



Sixth Form Dress Code

As sixth formers, you represent Stone Lodge School as its most senior students. Our business dress code reflects the professional standards we expect — and that future employers and universities will expect of you.

✔ What to Wear

- A matching, tailored two-piece business suit (black, blue, grey or subtle pattern)
- Collared shirt and tie, blouse, or round-necked top
- Girls may also wear tailored dresses with a black jacket
- Jumpers: V-neck, round neck or quarter-zip (no hoodies)
- Smart black or brown shoes — no boots or trainers
- Tailored skirts/dresses of appropriate length (just above the knee)
- Smart, formal outdoor coat in black, blue or grey
- SL6 lanyard and ID badge at all times

✘ Not Permitted

- Hoodies, denim, leggings, strappy tops
- Short or tight-fitted skirts
- Boots or trainers
- Exposed shoulders or midriff
- Large logos
- Extreme or unnatural hair colours
- Visible body piercings or tattoos (clear nose studs only)
- Headscarves (except for religious reasons)
- Mobile phones or earphones visibly in use around school



The suit jacket must be worn at all times on the school site.
An exception will be made in very hot weather.



SEND Support

If you need additional support during sixth form, our SEND department is here to help. You can access this support at any point.

What Can the SEND Department Help With?

- **Revision Timetables** — support creating a structured, realistic plan for revising across all your subjects.
- **Access Arrangements** — help identifying and arranging any extra support you may be entitled to in exams, such as extra time or the use of a computer.
- **General Support** — ongoing advice and strategies tailored to your individual needs throughout Year 12 and 13.



Want to find out more?

Speak to your Academic Mentor, or contact the SENCO directly:
SENCO@stonelodgeschool.co.uk



Support & Finance

KCC 16+ Travel Saver

The Kent County Council 16+ Travel Saver provides discounted travel for sixth form students. Applications opened on Monday 15th June



Apply at: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-transport/kcc-16-travel-saver>

16–18 Bursary Fund

A bursary may be available to help with study-related costs. The full policy is on the Stone Lodge School website. To apply:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cTVUhHkXq0imflo0GTw7MRGICYTZ0bLxNiKrI57yKw65UQkJORk5BQUFMRThTUzNWQTNLOEpUSFRDNI4u>

Reporting Absence

If you cannot attend school, please contact us before 8:30am on each day of absence:



Attendance: attendance@stonelodgeschool.co.uk

Miss Deacon: SDeacon@stonelodgeschool.co.uk

Mrs Dunne: SDunne@stonelodgeschool.co.uk

For pre-arranged absences, complete a Leave of Absence form in advance.



Level 2 Courses

SL6 offers a range of Level 2 courses alongside our Level 3 provision. Level 2 qualifications are equivalent to GCSE standard and are a fantastic pathway into further study or employment.

Course / Subject	Teacher Name	Email Address
Travel and Tourism	Mrs I Favata	IFavata@stonelodgeschool.co.uk
ICT	Mr L Poole	LPoole@stonelodgeschool.co.uk
Managing Personal Finance	Ms K Smith	KSmith@stonelodgeschool.co.uk
Work Skills	Mrs G Tiddy	GTiddy@stonelodgeschool.co.uk



Level 3 Courses

Our Level 3 courses lead to A Level, BTEC and equivalent qualifications. They are designed to stretch and challenge you and give you the best possible platform for your next destination.

Course / Subject	Teacher Name	Email Address
Business	Mrs D Sogbetun	DSogbetun@stonelodgeschool.co.uk
Criminology	Miss C Anderson	CAnderson@stonelodgeschool.co.uk
Sociology	Mrs M Ward	MWard@stonelodgeschool.co.uk
Psychology	Miss S Deacon	SDeacon@stonelodgeschool.co.uk
Engineering	Mrs C George	CGeorge@stonelodgeschool.co.uk
IT	Mr L Poole	LPoole@stonelodgeschool.co.uk

Term Dates 2026–27

AUTUMN TERM 2026-2027

Wednesday 2nd September - Friday 23rd October

Half Term

Monday 26th October - Wednesday 4th November (inc 3 INSET Days)

Thursday 5th November - Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2026-2027

Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February

Half Term

Monday 15th February - Monday 22nd February (inc 1 INSET day)

Tuesday 23rd February - Thursday 25th March

SUMMER TERM 2026-2027

Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May

Half Term

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June (inc 1 Bank Holiday)

Monday 7th June - Wednesday 21st July

INSET DAYS	BANK HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 1st September 2026	Monday 31st August 2026
Monday 2nd November	Friday 25th December
Tuesday 3rd November	Monday 28th December
Wednesday 4th November	Friday 1st January 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027	Friday 26th March
	Monday 29th March
	Monday 3rd May
	Monday 31st May



Frequently Asked Questions

Here are the questions we hear most often from students joining SL6.

What happens if I do not get the grades I need?

Contact us as soon as you receive your results. We will always try to find a way forward, whether that means adjusting your subject choices, considering a Level 2 course, or exploring other options. Do not panic; just get in touch.

What are free periods and what am I supposed to do in them?

Independent Learning Periods are structured study time, not free time. You are expected to be on site and working by completing assignments, reviewing notes, preparing for lessons or doing wider reading. You will be registered in these periods.

Can I leave school during the day?

Sixth formers may leave site at break and lunchtime, but you must sign out and back in at reception using your ID card. You must be back in time for your next lesson. Students who misuse this may have it withdrawn.

What if I am struggling with my subjects?

Tell us as soon as possible. Do not wait until it feels unmanageable. Your Academic Mentor is your first port of call, and your subject teachers are always happy to give additional support. You can also speak to Miss Deacon or Mrs Tiddy at any time.

What support is there if I am struggling personally?

We have an open-door policy in sixth form. If something in your personal life is affecting your studies or wellbeing, please come and speak to Miss Deacon or Mrs Tiddy. We will always do our best to support you or point you towards the right help.

Can I use my phone in school?

Mobile phones and headphones may be used in the Sixth Form social area, however, must not be used around the school site. They should be kept away during lessons. This is a whole-school expectation that sixth formers are expected to model.

What is the EPQ and should I do it?

The EPQ is an independent research project worth the equivalent of half an A Level. It is excellent for university applications, demonstrates independent thinking, and is genuinely interesting to work on. Speak to Mrs Tiddy for more information.

What is Unifrog?

Unifrog is an online platform for researching and tracking your options after sixth form — university courses, entry requirements, apprenticeships and career pathways. You will receive an account when you join us.

I still have a question — who do I contact?

Mrs Tiddy: GTiddy@stonelodgeschool.co.uk

Miss Deacon: SDeacon@stonelodgeschool.co.uk

Mrs Dunne: SDunne@stonelodgeschool.co.uk

We cannot wait to welcome you to SL6.

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