

# Stanborough School

Stanborough School, Stanborough Park, WATFORD, WD25 9JT

## Inspection dates

02/07/2013 to 02/07/2013

## Context of the inspection

The last inspection of this school was in November 2012. The school's action plan to address the standards not met was accepted by the Department for Education in 3 June 2013. This is the first inspection to the school to establish how the school has implemented their action plan.

## Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

A clear statement of boarding principles at the school is not available to prospective or new boarders and their families. The school was asked to correct this. There has been difficulty in defining and describing the aims of the greatly expanded boarding provision for visiting international groups, its different elements and management. It is now expected consultation with education staff will be completed and agreed by the school governors during the Autumn 2013 term. The intended contact with the Department for Education to increase the registration capacity of the International School from 25 students to 200 students has not taken place.

The school has to ensure there is clear management and leadership of the practice and development of boarding in the school, and effective links are made between academic and residential staff. Satisfactory progress has been made with regard to this expectation. A few educational staff have started to support enrichment activities during boarding time. Plans to develop teacher involvement in supporting the boarders after school are in place. However, these have not all taken place due to staffing changes in the school. It is anticipated these changes will be fully implemented by the Spring term 2014.

The school has now identified appropriate leadership and management training for the boarding lead, the Preceptor; QCF level 5 Diploma in Leadership & management and child protection training has been identified to start in the Autumn term 2013. A Dean with responsibility for girl boarders has been appointed.

Boarding issues are standard agenda items on all subcommittee meetings in the school. A governor with a lead for health and safety has been appointed. Boarding pupils have influenced the colour of carpets in their bedrooms and the décor in boarding areas.

## National minimum standards

The school must meet the following national minimum standards for boarding schools.

- A suitable statement of the school's boarding principles and practice is available to parents and staff, is made known to boarders, and is seen to work in practice. (NMS 1)

## Inspection team

Gwen Buckley

Lead social care inspector

## Information about this school

International Stanborough School makes provision for students for who are learning to speak English as an additional language and provides services to local and international students from varied cultural backgrounds. The school operates on the principles established by the Seventh Day Adventist Church and is owned and operated by the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

International Stanborough School is separately registered with the Department for Education, but occupies the same facilities as Stanborough School, which is an independent secondary and boarding school inspected by the Independent Schools' Inspectorate. The last Ofsted inspection took place in November 2012.

The school offers a range of programmes for students of differing emphasis and length: a short term 'full immersion experience' of between one and six months; a long term, 'progressive integration' programme of a year or longer, and also offers language and cultural tours for overseas school groups, usually around two weeks. Groups come with their own staff.

The International School is registered for up to 25 students aged between 11 and 18 years. The boarding house is situated in one wing of the main school building, boys on one floor and girls on another. The boarding school has the capacity to house approximately 70 students, both male and female in 29 bedrooms. The school caters for visiting school groups of up to 120 students. Those who cannot stay within the boarding house, stay in a local hotel.

## School details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	134933
<b>Social care unique reference number</b>	SC019554
<b>DfE registration number</b>	919/6209

This inspection was carried out under the Children Act 1989, as amended by the Care Standards Act 2000, having regard to the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

The inspection was conducted at the request of the Registration Authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan following the previous inspection.

<b>Type of school</b>	Non-affiliated independent
<b>Number of boarders on roll</b>	27
<b>Gender of boarders</b>	Mixed
<b>Age range of boarders</b>	11 to 18
<b>Headteacher</b>	Mrs Lorraine Dixon
<b>Date of previous boarding inspection</b>	12/11/2012
<b>Telephone number</b>	01923 673268

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