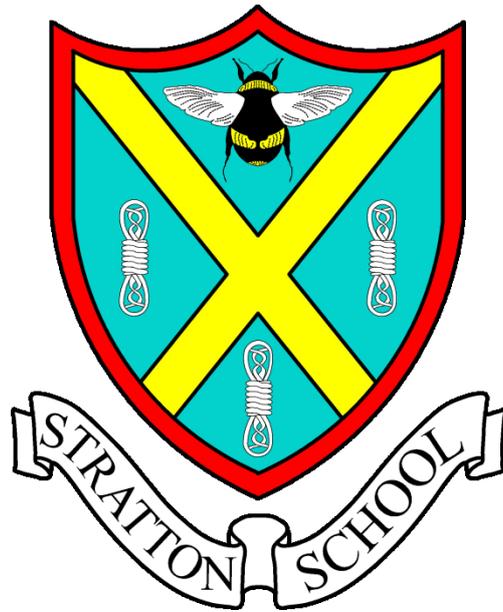


STRATTON UPPER SCHOOL



SIXTH FORM INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE OPTIONS EVENING

On Wednesday 23rd November 2016

6.00pm – 8.00pm

Presentation in the Main Hall at 6.30pm

Dear Students, Parents/Carers

At the moment you will be thinking about how to continue your education at the end of Year 11, bearing in mind the Raising of the Participation Age brought in by the Government in September 2013.

This means that “Young People are required to continue in education or training until the end of the academic year in which they turn 18.” With options to participate in either:

Full-Time education in:

- SIXTH FORMS leading to a job, an apprenticeship, college or university course
- COLLEGES
- WORK-BASED LEARNING – e.g. APPRENTICESHIP

Or

Part-Time education or training - (alongside 20 hours a week work or volunteering).

As the Year 11 mock exams approach you probably feel that you need to know more about what is on offer at **Stratton Sixth Form**.

This brief overview will hopefully answer some urgent questions.

In addition to the curriculum information attached please note the following about Stratton’s Sixth Form.

Stratton Sixth Form Key points to note:

- Stratton Sixth form was graded ‘**Good**’ by Ofsted in April 2015.
- 2016 results show Stratton Sixth Form is rated **EXCELLENT** for student progress by the national ‘Advanced Level Performance System’.

2016 Level 3 results:

50% A*-B Grades	} (Includes A Level and equivalent qualifications)
79% A*-C Grades	
99% A*-E Grades	

University Places - Around 70% of our Sixth Form leavers went on to university. 27% of these secured places at Russell Group universities – a higher proportion than all students nationally.

Other destinations

Apprenticeships/Employment based Training	4.6%
Other training/education	9.4%
Gap Year	2.5%
Employment or Other	12.7%

We are proud of the personal and academic achievements of our Sixth Form students and are confident that our programmes of study and wider curriculum offer will enable you to develop, make choices and excel in your chosen field.

Sixth Form at Stratton Upper School - A Guide to Courses and Application

PROGRAMMES OF STUDY OFFERED

GCSE Results	Level of Study	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
6 or more A*-C/4-9 grades including English & Maths	Level 3	AS/A Levels BTEC- L3 Cert. of finance -L3 (3 subjects - EPQ)	A Levels A Levels* BTEC -L3 Finance Diploma -L3 Enrichment/Skills	N/A
6 or more A*-C/4-9 grades NOT including English or Maths	Level 3	AS/A Levels BTEC -L3 plus GCSE Maths or English resit**	A2 Levels A Levels* BTEC -L3 Enrichment/Skills	N/A
Less than 5 A*-C grades in 5 different subjects but 4 D grades with a minimum of grade 2 in English/Maths	Level 2	BTEC -L2 Finance GCSE English and/or Maths as required Work skills Work Experience	AS/A Levels BTEC -L3 Cert - L3	A2 Levels A Levels* BTEC - L3 Diploma- L3 Enrichment
Less than 5 A*-C grades in 5 different subjects but 4 D grades with a minimum of grade 2 in English/Maths	Level 2	BTEC- L2 Finance GCSE English and/or Maths as required Work skills Work Experience	College Or Apprenticeship	N/A
Less than 4D grades (2 in English/Maths)	Level 1	Bespoke L1 programme to be confirmed. Programme by invitation only	College Or Apprenticeship	N/A

*A Level reforms introduced by Government from 2015 include a 'decoupling' of AS and A2 levels in a range of subjects. Reformed A Levels also include an increased mathematics content in most courses.

As part of the Raising of the Participation Age legislation, the Government has an expectation that **post 16 students who have not yet achieved a grade C at GCSE in either English and/or Maths should continue to study for these qualifications. Students following Level 3 courses needing to resit Maths and/or English GCSEs will still be expected to take 3 A Levels or courses forward into year 12.

All L3 courses are **full time courses**. You can choose a combination of qualifications from "traditionally academic" subjects and more vocational and applied courses.

LEVEL 2 COURSES

We offer four core occupational courses over 1 year. These courses offer students the chance to achieve both recognised qualifications and work related skills. Students who apply for these courses usually have a mixture of grades between C to G (grade 1-4) at GCSE. These courses are valuable in themselves and come as part of a package including further acquisition of L2 qualifications. As well as the above criteria, a good reference and a good record of attendance and effort from the Year leader is essential to access Level 2 courses. For best results on a one year course, students will be required to have 4 D grades (grade 3) and a minimum grade 2 in Maths and English.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Please note that places in the Sixth Form and on courses are limited and that our Sixth Form is extremely popular. Typically **70% of Stratton's students choose to stay with us for post 16 education**. Places are awarded on a first come, first served basis and the achievement of entry requirements. The deadline for the receipt of applications is **Wednesday 14th December 2016** and students will be informed of firm offers by the end of March.

WHERE TO GET ADVICE:

We are very proud of our Sixth Form and obviously would like Stratton students to continue to study with us, whilst welcoming newcomers into our midst. Our students are **proud** to study here, are **passionate** about their work and **persevere** when the going gets tough.

However, we also feel strongly that our role is to give you advice about the wide range of places where you can study to help you make a good choice for your future. Your task now is to decide which advice is most suitable for you and is likely to give you the best chance of the future you want. There will be further guidance on subject choices for both academic and vocational pathways in the prospectus pack, and we welcome you to our options evening on Wednesday 23rd November. In addition to this, here are some people you can speak to:

- The Sixth Form team: **Miss Phillips, Mrs Ackerman Dupreez, Mrs Amies, Miss Mckendrick, and Mrs Masdin** for general advice;
- **Mrs Smith**: Learning Support
- **Subject Teachers** for specific course advice
- **Form Tutors** for help and support.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? – Key Deadlines – internal and external

23rd November 2016	Sixth Form Options Evening between 6-8pm
December 2016	Year 11 Mock Exams
14th December 2016	Sixth Form Application deadline
26th January 2017	Year 11 Subject Tutors/Parents' Evening
February 2017	Initial Sixth Form discussions for students where applications are not straightforward
Feb/March 2017	Offer letters
May/June 2017	GCSE Examinations
July 2017	Sixth Form Induction
24th August 2017	GCSE Results Published
September 2017	Personal guidance meetings to confirm final course details.

THINGS TO BEAR IN MIND:

Post 16 Transport to any school or college does have a cost attached. This is as a result of Local Government policy. We do our best to pass on information that we receive from Central Bedfordshire as soon as we can to prospective students and their families. However further information can be sought from Mr Rook.

In the meantime, good luck with your research and revision for mock exams and we hope to see you on Wednesday 23rd November at our options evening.

Miss Phillips
Assistant Head Teacher
Head of Key Stage 5

Mrs Ackerman Dupreez
Deputy Head of Sixth Form