



Headlines

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Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to all our students and their families for making the first days of the new term so exceptionally positive, purposeful and fun.

With the wonderful support and cooperation of our local middle schools we have benefitted this year from exceptional transition information which has meant that our new students have started their careers at Stratton as confident and eager learners thirsty for success.

We are very grateful to the staff at Biggleswade Academy, Edward Peake, Potton Middle School and Gamlingay Village College for supporting our transition work.

Our new Science Centre is fully open. For the first time anyone can remember all science lessons, and indeed some related subjects such as components of PE, are timetabled in a laboratory. Not just any laboratory, but one of 12 state-of-the-art laboratories built to university standards. It is without doubt one of the finest science facilities you will find in any school.

Even with the limited facilities of previous years our A-level physicists and chemists achieved results in line with the top 10% of Sixth Form providers in the country. Biologists also achieved well making this the strongest year for science at Stratton.

The progress of our Sixth Form is the highlight of the Summer's exam outcomes. For the vast majority of our students Stratton is a five year journey so it is good to know that last year our 18 year olds made progress in line with the top 15% of A level students nationally. In addition to sciences exceptional outcomes were achieved in Maths, Finance, Film Studies, German, Sociology, Geography and the Extended Project Qualification.

Such qualifications open doors and our students are preparing to start the next stage of their lives including:

Briony Whitfield	Engineering	Cambridge University
Peter Hessey	Computer Science	Durham University
Jo Bithell	Physics	Warwick University
Joe Rumble	Chemistry	Brighton University

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Ross Mackenzie	Maths	Warwick University
Giorgia Chatwin	Degree Apprenticeship	Deloitte
Ian Mansion	Pilot training	RAF

Andrew Catherall

We were delighted and exceptionally proud to hear that former Stratton student Andrew Catherall has been named by Cambridge University as the leading Natural Science student (out of over 600) in his year group.

Whilst at Stratton Andrew achieved 2 A*s and an A grade at A level and was the 2015 recipient of the National Salter prize for his A level Chemistry.

Andrew has maintained his links with Stratton and has generously shared his experiences of Cambridge University with students considering applying to either Oxford or Cambridge.

Open Evening and Science Centre Opening

Our Open Evening for prospective parents is on Thursday 28th September. As in previous years the principal audience for this event are the parents of children who have just begun Year 8. We also welcome the parents of younger children keen to find out about our work and those who have recently moved to the area.

The day will be very special as we will also be hosting a ceremony to mark the opening of our Science Centre. Guest of honour will be Monica Grady CBE, Professor of Planetary and Space Sciences at the Open University.

She will be leading the whole school in a series of scientific events during the course of the morning before leading the formal ceremony in the afternoon.

In order to prepare for both the Science Centre opening and Open Evening the school will close at 12:30pm on the 28th September.

In addition to the events of the 28th September parents are always welcome to arrange a tour of the school to see it in operation. Tours are conducted by Mr R Scoot, Head of Pastoral Care. To arrange a tour contact us on 01767 220000.

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term: 5th September to 19th December

Half Term: Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October

Spring Term: 3rd January to 29th March

Half Term: Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Summer Term: 16th April to 20th July

Half Term: Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

School closure dates during term (staff only in school):

1st and 4th September 2017

30th October 2017

2nd January 2018

23rd July 2018

