



Stratton  
SIXTH FORM

# Option Choices & Eligibility

Options Evening  
Thursday 30th November 2017



# Your Options

The courses available to you have been organised into bands. These bands indicate our confidence in students being able to achieve a pass grade in those subjects given their attainment at GCSE. The bands are based on an Average Point Score (APS) as this average score provides an indication of academic achievement across a range of subjects and skills.

Each GCSE has a points grade equivalent. Your Average Points Score (APS) will be the average of all of the GCSEs you take in the summer.

The points are shown below:

## New:

GCSE Grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
Points score	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

## Old:

GCSE Grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
Points Score	8.5	7	5.5	4	3	2	1.5	1	0

To calculate the 2017/18 Average Points Score, you add up the points for each grade and divide the total by the number of grades.

Two examples are shown below:

Subject	Grade	Points	Subject	Grade	Points
English Language*	7	14	English Language*	4	4
English Literature*	6	6	English Literature*	5	10
Maths*	6	12	Maths*	4	8
Geography	5	5	Business	D	3
French	4	4	History	4	4
Media	C	4	Dance	4	4
PE	4	4	Sociology	C	4
Combined Science (1)	5	5	Combined Science (1)	4	4
Combined Science (2)	4	4	Combined Science (2)	3	3
<b>Total Points</b>		58	<b>Total Points</b>		44
<b>Number of Grades</b>		11	<b>Number of Grades</b>		11
<b>Average</b>		5.27	<b>Average</b>		4.0
<b>APS</b>		5.27	<b>APS</b>		4.0

\*Government calculations state that Maths grades and the highest English grade will be counted as double points.

**MOCK exam results and projections** published in Spring term 2018 will be used as the basis for offers of Sixth Form course places.

# Explanations:

**Current APS** – the **average points score** of the grades at which students are considered to be currently working

**Projected APS** – the **average points score** of the grades that teachers project students will achieve in the summer based on current working grades

**TARGET APS** – the **average points score** of students' TARGET grades based on prior attainment.

**Entrance to Level 3 study requires a minimum Average Point Score of 3.8. Individual Subject Criteria may still apply. Applications will be reviewed individually**

## September 2018 Option Choices

Projected APS	Confidence Band	Subject Options
5.33+	1	<p><b>A Level:</b> Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Further Mathematics</p> <p><i>(As well as Band 2&amp;3 Options)</i></p>
4.5+	2	<p><b>A Level:</b> Business, Drama, Economics, English Literature &amp; Language, English Literature, French, Geography, German, History, Music, Philosophy, Physical Education, Psychology, Sociology</p> <p><i>(As well as Band 3 Options)</i></p>
3.8+	3	<p><b>A Level:</b> Art &amp; Design, Dance, Design &amp; Technology, Film, Media</p> <p><b>BTEC:</b> Business, Health &amp; Social Care, Information Technology, Sport, Travel &amp; Tourism,</p> <p><b>Diploma:</b> Financial Studies</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> Food Science &amp; Nutrition</p> <p><b>OCR Technical:</b> Performing Arts</p>
2.25+	FOUNDATION	<b>CHOOSE ONE BTEC COURSE FROM:</b>
		Agriculture/Horticulture
		Health & Social Care
		Business
		Sport
		<b>PLUS:</b> Finance, BTEC Work skills, Work Experience, Project Qualification, English and/or Maths as required
ALL		English Language and/or Mathematics resit is required if a grade 4 or above is not achieved.

# My Choices

My Average Point Score (Projected)	
My Mathematics Projected Grade	
My English Projected Grade	
My Confidence Band(s)	

Please list your choices below ready for completing your application online.

Preference	Subject Choices
1 <sup>st</sup>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Reserve Choice*	

*\*Students wishing to take Further Mathematics as a fourth option should note this in the Reserve Choice box.*

**Application Deadline: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

## How to Apply:

- 1) Online Application: [www.stratton.beds.sch.uk/sixth-form/join-us](http://www.stratton.beds.sch.uk/sixth-form/join-us)
- 2) Paper Application: forms can be collected from the Main Office or Sixth Form Office

*Applications will be reviewed using Yr11 Mock Exam results and projections*