

Prospectus



Matt King Sixth Form

We belong at Stratton where every individual is known, valued, and supported.



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The Matt King 6th Form

Stratton School



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Matt King was an inspirational former student of Stratton who overcame exceptional challenges to achieve his aspirations.

We are proud to name our post 16 provision in his memory.

Welcome

Thank you for showing an interest in the Matt King Sixth Form at Stratton School. A place where achievement, aspiration and excellence are at the heart of what we do. We are immensely proud of our Sixth Form; students work hard to achieve their goals to become confident young adults that can excel in their chosen path when they leave us. We offer a considerable number of courses on an A level and Applied General pathway, enabling you to study the subjects that you are passionate about. Our community offers a caring environment in which every individual can thrive.

Our expectations are high for all our students, you will be encouraged to face challenges with resilience, take responsibility as young adults, you will learn to organise your study time, extend your learning beyond the boundaries of lessons and become a well-rounded citizen. We want you to show leadership, and to be a force for good in the school community. We want you to leave Stratton well prepared for life in modern Britain. If you are passionate about learning, we are the Sixth Form for you. It is a privilege to lead Matt King Sixth Form and support you on your journey to your career.

We look forward to welcoming you in September

Sam Farmer
Principal

**Matt King 6th
Form Team**

Mr Clarke
Ms El Tawagny
Mrs Layton

Head of 6th Form (SLT)
Assistant Head of 6th Form
Learning Mentor



Welcome

from our Head Students

Hello prospective students,

We are the Head Students, and we would love to welcome you to the Matt King Sixth Form. This is a welcoming and friendly environment that encourages the best outcomes for all students. This means developing as a young adult - it's not just about results!

Matt King Sixth Form is a big step up from GCSEs, and our teachers know this, and will support you every step of the way. Community is at the core of our Matt King Sixth Form, diversity is celebrated, and every student feels they belong. We regularly put on activities and themed days to keep things fun, along with all the hard work we do. We hope you consider joining us here in the Sixth Form.



Emily, Alicia, Georgia, Abi, Emily, Amy, Alex, Harry

“I was a Head Student during my time at Stratton. I had the opportunity to speak to big groups of people and to throw myself into the school community”

Charlotte Bassett

(Former student, now a Secondary School Teacher)

Student leadership and the voice they bring is a key part of sixth form life. Our Head Students and wider student leadership groups shape the experience and facilities they have and enjoy, they organise events, represent the school and lead on developing the student experience.



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"My name is Alicia and I study Psychology, History, and English. Next year I hope to finish year 13 and study Law at university, in the hope to become a barrister. Abi and I together are part of our student leadership team who have recently started renovations on our sixth form corridor and garden to create a legacy for the future as the sixth form undergoes drastic changes."



Student
Quotes

"Year 12 for me was an insight into adulthood and working towards the next stage of my education which will be university. Progressing from GCSE years into A-Levels was a change in collaboration with teachers and made learning more challenging and independent but the sixth form support team made the transition accessible after a long summer break. What really stayed with me was the amount of career support."

"Year 13 at Stratton has given me great opportunities to get even closer to reaching my goals, like having the chance to be a Head Student, and creating opportunities for all sixth form students like giving us the chance to help out with the lower year groups. These are only some examples of things that have really helped me build upon my university application, grow as a person, and ultimately have more confidence in myself and my own future with the help of Stratton School and Sixth Form."

"The sixth form here is a great space to learn and I've found that despite facing challenges through year 12, there has always been a great support system within sixth form and the school to listen, help and improve whatever your concerns, worries or suggestions may be. The jump from GCSE to A-level was really difficult but the sixth form community made it more manageable to cope with."

Student Experience

Lessons

All students will follow a timetable of 3 A levels (or equivalent) plus an enrichment subject. You will also have study skills lessons, personal development time and independent study lessons. You will be in a form group with a tutor that will guide you through activities to support your learning as well as mentoring you to ensure your success.

Study Skills

During study skills you will be supported with careers advice and guidance as well as covering PSHE topics to ensure you are prepared for the wider world. We will support you with skills for employability and our careers advisor is always on hand to support you. Our personal development time offers a range of activities from sports and mental well being to social action projects.

We promote social responsibility; inspiring our students to play an active part in the community both in school and out in the wider community.

Learning Spaces

We are lucky to have dedicated learning spaces for our students. Our study centre is equipped with desktops and surface go devices. There is a new dedicated Matt King Sixth Form Cafe to purchase hot drinks, sweet and savoury snacks and free flavoured water on tap!



Enrichment

All students are encouraged to take part in enrichment & super curricular activities that will develop skills and confidence outside of their main A-Level studies. Most do this through the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) some take alternatives such as work experience, voluntary work or leadership projects.

Our PLEDGES award scheme aims to encourage and support many important qualities in students such as leadership, citizenship, moral purpose, sense of community and collective responsibility. PLEDGES recognises students commitments and contributions under the headings of Participation, Leadership, Excellence, Diversity, Giving, Environment and Service

Once a fortnight students have a timetabled session for personal development. Students can choose from activities to support mental and physical health to learning a new skill such as furniture upcycling, candle making, learning an instrument or debating. There is also the option to take part in a social action project which aims to support our school or local community.





Each subject area also offers a range of extra activities from trips and visits to clubs and support sessions.

Students are encouraged to attend as many trips as possible, we run visits to the UCAS Conference, Apprenticeship Fairs as well as other University talks. We are linked to University of Bedfordshire who regularly come to school to support students with their next steps.

Support and Guidance

Bursary

There is specific support available for students experiencing financial hardship. Post-16 Bursary - students can apply for this if they meet certain criteria or are experiencing financial hardship, making it difficult for them to attend school and access resources required for their courses. This may cover things such as travel, text books, materials, stationery and essential school trips. Further details and application forms are available from the sixth form office. Free School Meals are also still available for those eligible.

Guidance

We aim for everyone to successfully complete their programme of study and we never give up. Progression into sixth form studies can be challenging and we appreciate the need to support our students with the increased demands of A Level study. With our guidance, students develop good learning habits which provide them with the facilities to support continued learning. Learning to manage time and to build in purposeful relaxation is important. Our students learn to prioritise and achieve the essential balance between commitments, which is vital to being successful. We challenge our students and celebrate their success so that they become strong, independent learners ready for university, higher level apprenticeships or employment

Pastoral Support

Our careful guidance ensures that our students embark on courses that will test them and develop their skills and passions. We guide students to choose course combinations that support university entrance or that are favoured by employers and a majority of our students are accepted into their first choice university. Learning is monitored and supported from day one to the end of courses. Timetabled lessons take up the majority of students' time and therefore organisation, attendance and motivation are crucial. Students have full support with their UCAS, Apprenticeship or employment applications through study skills as well as their form tutor.

"We are pushed and supported by our teachers to get the best outcomes and have aspirations for our future options"



Class of 2024

Where are they now?



University of Lincoln

The London Institute of Banking & Finance

Loughborough University

University of Brighton

University of York

Royal Veterinary College, University of London

University of Westminster

Final Destinations

University of Reading
Royal Veterinary College, University of London
University of Bath
Loughborough University
University of Lincoln
The London Institute of Banking & Finance
Bournemouth University
University of East Anglia UEA
University of Exeter
University of York
University of East Anglia UEA
Norwich University of the Arts

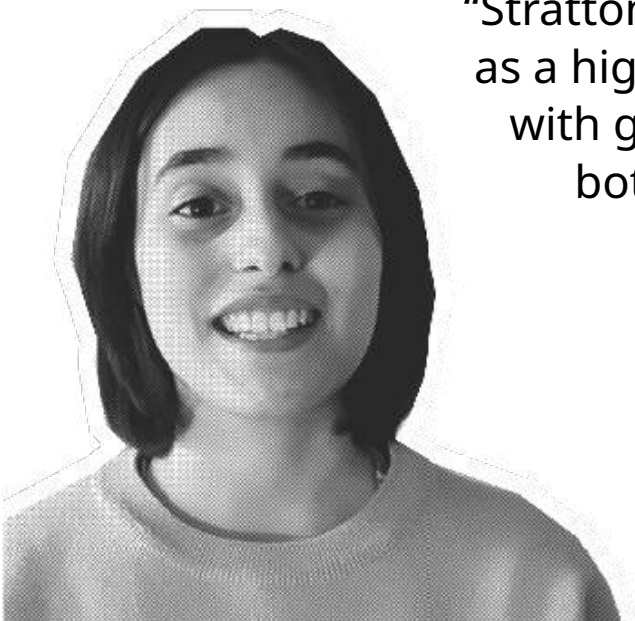
University of Westminster
University of Roehampton
Anglia Ruskin University
Oxford Brookes University
University of Hertfordshire
Nottingham Trent University
University of Lincoln
City, University of London
University of Brighton
De Montfort University
University of Hull

Students have also gone onto study at Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts, taken gap years with exciting plans and taken up degree level Apprenticeships. We look forward to seeing what our next cohort achieve

“Stratton was recommended as a high performing school with great facilities and on both accounts, I was not disappointed”

Beatriz de Sousa

Beatriz went on to study at The University of Cambridge



Our courses

We have over 27 subjects on offer to support a range of interests and ability. Students can be confident that they will be successful regardless of chosen courses or options after sixth form.

There are many courses on offer to Matt King Sixth Form students. Typically, you will choose three of the following courses.

*Course information can be found on the school website.

A Level	A Level	Applied General
Art & Design - Fine Art	Mathematics	Applied Science
Art & Design - Photography	Media	Business
Biology	Music	Core Maths
Chemistry	Performing Arts	Environmental Science
Computer Science	Physics	Enrichment
Drama	Politics	EPQ
Economics	Product Design	Finance
English Literature & Language	Psychology	Food
Film	Religious Studies	Norwich City Football Club RDP
Further Maths	Sociology	
Geography	Sport & Physical Activity	
Health & Social Care	Textiles	
History		

*Some courses are subject to specific entry requirements based on GCSE outcomes. All courses listed are subject to availability and Government review.

Entry requirements

The minimum grades needed to enter our Matt King Sixth Form is 5 GCSE's grade 9 – 4. Each subject carries additional entrance criteria as per the table below. The criteria is non- negotiable, using national averages as a guide, students that enter with these grades should achieve a least a D grade at A level. All students should aim to achieve a grade 4 in all of the subjects they are studying at GCSE level.

Subject	Grade Entry
History	At least 5 GCSE grades 9 – 4 including maths and Grade 5 in History and English
Chemistry	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to including English, grade 6 in Maths and grade 6 in combined Science and/or Chemistry
Geography	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to include English and Maths and grade 5 in Geography
Sociology	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 including maths. English GCSE 5
Economics	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 including English and Maths
Physics	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 including Maths. Grade 6 in Science and maths
English	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 including maths, Grade 5 GCSE English
Film	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 including maths and grade 5 English
Politics	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 including maths and grade 5 English
Sport & Physical Activity	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 including maths and English.

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Media	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 including maths and grade 5 English
Biology	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to including English, grade 6 in Maths and Science
Art and Design – Fine Art	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to including English, grade 5 in Art or similar subject.
Art and Design – Photography	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to including English, grade in Art or similar subject.
Maths	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to including English, grade 6 in Maths
Religious Studies	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 including maths and grade 5 English
Computer Science	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to including maths and science
Business	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to including English and Maths
Music	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to including English and Maths. Grade 5 in music and play an instrument or voice to grade 4
Psychology	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 including maths grade 5 and grade 5 English
Further Maths	7 At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to including English, grade 7 in Maths
Drama	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to including English and Maths. Grade 4 in drama
WJEC Food and nutrition	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 to including Maths. Grade 4 in a technology based subject
Environmental Science	At least 5 GCSE Grade 9 – 4 including maths and grade 5 English

“The sense of community and cohesion within the Matt King Sixth Form is driven to an extent by the activities and events we do together such as dress up days and bake sales. Everyone is friendly and approachable.”

Notes

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Subject 1:

Subject 2:

Subject 3:

Reserve:

Enrichment:

EPQ

Core Maths

Norwich RDP

Visit our website



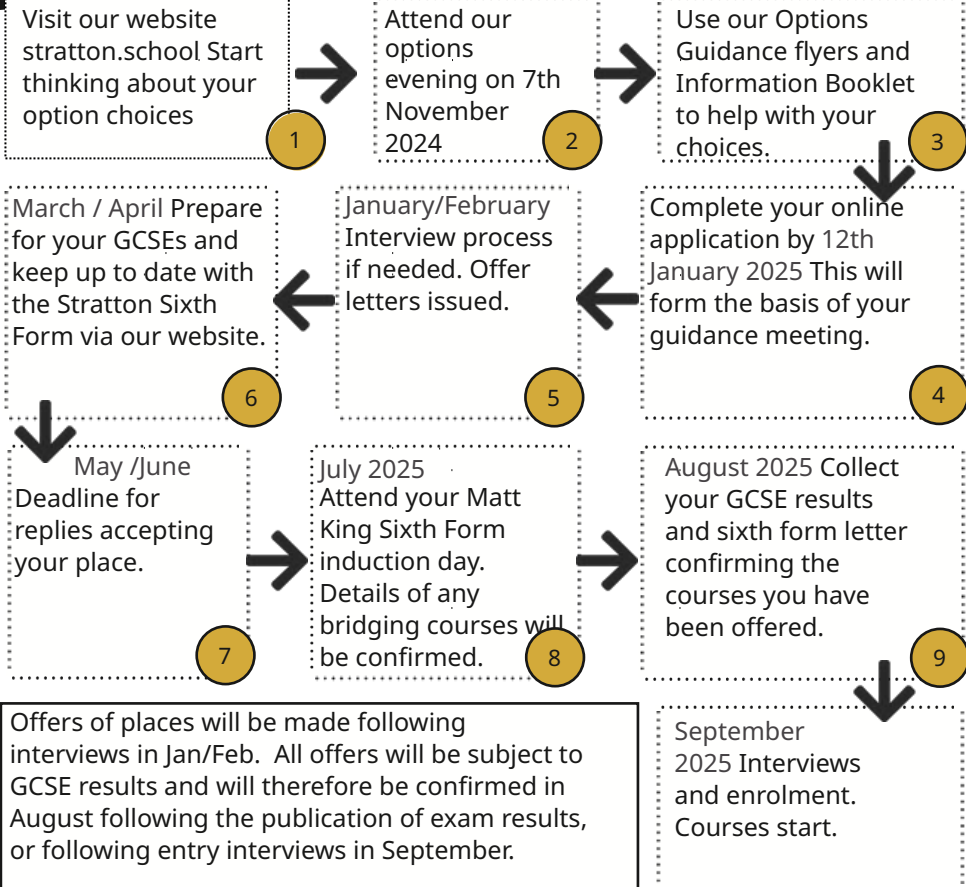
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Next Steps





Where are we?


Stratton School is situated in Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.

The town has good transport links along the A1, main bus routes and via the Biggleswade railway station on the East Coast Main Line.


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Thank you for your interest in our
Matt King 6th Form at Stratton School.

Please do not not hesitate to contact us if you have
any questions.

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