Being a part of the social committee at Stantonbury has given me leadership skills that will help me in the future. I love debating and my goal is to pursue a career in politics.

Sixth Form Student
Welcome to Stantonbury International School
Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form is a vibrant place to study and where we seek to instil important values, attitudes and knowledge to help all our students thrive in a rapidly changing society.

A core part of our mission is to prepare all students for adult life and help them achieve their full potential by offering excellent teaching and learning with high-quality resources.

The dedicated Sixth Form Centre enjoys its own facilities, conference rooms and study areas, and our students are offered a broad range of subjects with a mix of traditional A Levels and Level 3 courses.

This is supported by superb facilities in the performing arts, sport, science, design technology, ICT and media.

We are very proud of the progress that students make while in our Sixth Form. In 2018 university places were confirmed at Imperial College London, Cambridge, Warwick, Birmingham and many more.

As well as striving for academic success, we also encourage students to participate in a broad range of extra-curricular experiences both within the school and the wider community.

Every year, students are offered the opportunity to take part in a range of educational visits and many choose to volunteer or take part in charity work.

We hope our brochure gives you a flavour of our Sixth Form and look forward to receiving your Application Form and working with you for the future.

Aaron Davies
Head of Sixth Form
Learning at Stantonbury Sixth Form

High-quality teaching and learning are at the heart of everything we do. Some of the elements contributing to the success of our students include:

- Creative and inspirational teaching.
- High expectations of students based on challenging targets.
- Focus on ensuring students are making progress, with plans in place to overcome barriers to learning.
- Destinations: high quality careers information, advice and guidance.
- Supporting students to become independent learners.
- Exam preparation and techniques.
- Opportunities to develop personal and social skills including teamwork, leadership and resilience.
- Enrichment programme including visits abroad and volunteering opportunities.

Our staff are talented and passionate about their work. Stantonbury really is an exciting and stimulating environment in which to study.
Our Performing Arts faculty offers a diverse range of courses with superb facilities on hand to enable students to flourish, including a professional theatre, purpose built dance and drama studios, music and media suites and a recording studio.
Sixth Form Facilities

Our Sixth Form Centre has its own facilities, conference rooms and separate study areas, one of which has 40 networked computers. In addition our Sixth Form students have access to all that Stantonbury International School has to offer:

• Sixth Form Common Room.
• Specialist Sixth Form science labs, DT workshops and ICT rooms.
• Superb newly refurbished library with equipment loan.
• Professional quality recording studio and editing suite.
• Creative and media recording suite.
• Professional Theatre: Our theatre offers huge enrichment opportunities for students who are able to showcase their range of talents in our large scale musicals, music concerts, drama productions, dance shows and professional pantomime.
• Supported by the Trust’s Director of Performance, the theatre is also a key public arts venue in Milton Keynes, programming world class theatre and dance productions, the majority of which our students can access free of charge.
• Sixth Form students also have the opportunity for technical theatre training and to be employed as Ushers.

• International Sports Centre: Stantonbury offers magnificent indoor and outdoor sporting opportunities. Outside areas include an artificial grass pitch, outdoor fields and tennis courts. We also have an athletics stadium with full track and field facilities which are also home to Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club.
• Indoor areas include a six court badminton sports hall which can be used for any team games.
• Sixth Formers are also entitled to discounted membership of the public leisure facilities including gym, fitness classes and 25 metre swimming pool.
Choosing the right courses

One of the keys to success at Sixth Form is choosing the right courses. You need to think about what you have enjoyed in Years 10 and 11, and how you work best, as well as your career plans or university choices.

Ask yourself do you enjoy practical or academic subjects or are you better at examinations or coursework?

We offer a mix of A Levels, BTEC and other Level 3 subjects with a focus on coursework, plus a number of extended BTECS in vocational subjects.

Most students taking A Levels will choose three subjects plus an enrichment option such as the extended project qualification or the London Institute of Business and Finance certificate (LIBF).

A requirement of entry to our Sixth Form is a minimum of grade 4 in English and Maths. Students will be supported through a retake course alongside any enrichment programme.

A Levels

Art: Fine Art
Biology
*Business Studies
Chemistry
Computing
Dance
Design and Technology
Economics
*Engineering
English Literature
French
*Geography
Government and Politics
History
Law
Mathematics
Further Maths
Physics
Psychology
Sociology
Theatre Studies

Vocational

Art and Design BTEC: equivalent to three A Levels
*Business BTEC: equivalent to one or two A Levels
Creative Digital Media Production: equivalent to one A Level
Health and Social Care BTEC: equivalent to one or two A Levels
ICT BTEC: equivalent to one A Level
IFS Finance Certificates and Diploma: equivalent to one A Level
Performance BTEC: equivalent to two or three A Levels
Sport BTEC Extended/Double Diploma: equivalent to two or three A Levels
University of London Art and Design – Foundation

*These courses will run subject to sufficient enrolment
I am studying A Level Chemistry, Politics and Sociology and looking to study journalism at university. As Head of the Media Society for the Sixth Form I aim to inspire other students to get involved and have a portfolio of work to take forward. I believe this society is a great addition to the school.

Sixth Form Student
A core part of our mission is to prepare all students for adult life.
I am incredibly proud of the hard work, commitment and resilience shown by staff and students to contribute towards these excellent results

Aaron Davies
Head of Sixth Form

Helping Students Achieve their Potential

We know that the relationship between students and their tutor is key, which is why we offer all students high quality, individual consultations. At this meeting, academic progress and targets are discussed as well as careers, university applications and the student’s wellbeing.

All secondary Schools have a statutory duty to provide a programme of Careers Education to all students in Years 7 to 13.

At Stantonbury International School we are committed to providing education and guidance entitlement for all students, recognising their need for high quality careers education and impartial guidance to help them make informed choices.

This is supported by our Careers Charter and Provider Access statement available on our website.

Sixth Form students can request an individual careers interview to help explore their next steps or use our drop-in service.

We support students through whatever pathway they want to take, be that apprenticeships, university, or full-time employment. We have excellent links and partnerships with the local business community.

Careers Contacts

Our Careers office is based in the school library. Our careers team is led by Karen Malone.

Telephone: 01908 324418
Karen.malone@stantonbury.org.uk
We are proud of the work we do to prepare students for their onward destinations. In 2018, 96.6% of students were successful in achieving their first choice of university or college. We work in partnerships with local universities and colleges as well as our traditional role of preparing students for Russell Group universities.

**Destinations**

**Enrichment:**
Sixth Form is about more than examinations. We want our students to leave as well-rounded individuals with a range of skills and interests that will prepare them for life, as well as university or employment.
- Enrichment Curriculum
- Extended Project Qualification
- Stantonbury International School Service
- Financial Studies
- Duke of Edinburgh award schemes at Silver and Gold levels
- Mentoring Scheme

A full list of recent extra curriculum experiences are on our website.

**Innovation:**
We expect our Sixth Form students to lead by example and act as role models for our younger students by volunteering and taking on leadership of school clubs and activities. Our school enrichment programme now extends to over 80 clubs that take place before, during and after school.

**Leadership:**
We have many leadership opportunities available for 2019. These help develop leadership skills and support career and professional development.
- Head Students – two positions
- Media Society – Sixth Form Magazine
- Sports Leaders
- Arts and Leisure Committee
- Social and Experience Committee
- RAG - Raise and Give Society
- ‘Eco club’ Sustainability
Expectations

Sixth Form Dress Code

In September 2018 we became Stantonbury International School, and our younger year groups are now wearing a smart uniform to reflect our aims of Proud Traditions, Wide Horizons and High Achievement.

We want to create a professional ethos and we expect our Sixth Form students to follow the Sixth Form Dress Code which encourages smart casual.

As a school which values the arts, we want to allow sixth form students to express their identity in their appearance but this must also reflect the high standards to which the whole school aspires.

The code is available to download from the website, but if students are unsure about appropriate wear, please ask for an appointment with our Head of Sixth Form.
Applications

The closing date for applications is Friday 11th January 2019

Applications to our Sixth Form are now online from our school website through the Universal Leavers Application Service ULAS.

Once you log in please complete each section accurately and take your time when choosing the courses.

Do not worry if you cannot decide which courses to take, as you will have a meeting with a member of our team to discuss your application and subjects.

If you have any queries about using ULAS or questions regarding your application, please email our Head of Year 12 Dave Smeath on dave.smeath@stantonbury.org.uk

Admission Policy - Admission Criteria at 16 plus

In recent years we have been able to offer places to all suitably qualified external candidates whose applications have been received by the deadline. Should numbers dramatically exceed those expected, the following criteria will be used:

- Students who have in the past attended Stantonbury International School
- Students choosing courses where places are available

In circumstances where the School’s admissions number has been exceeded in any of the above categories and there is a need to discriminate within the category, preference will be given to those young people living closest to the school, measured in a straight line to the School’s main reception using the Local Authority’s computerised distance measuring system, with those living nearer to Stantonbury International School receiving the higher priority.

All courses will run subject to sufficient enrolment.

Specific Entrance Requirements

Students applying for A Level and Applied A Level courses should have a minimum of five level two qualifications ranging from 9-4 including Maths and English.

A requirement of entry to our Sixth Form is a minimum of grade 4 in English and Maths. Students not achieving this can be supported through a retake course alongside any enrichment programme.

Students applying for the BTEC in Performing Arts, Media or Sports qualifications that are equivalent to three A Levels should have a minimum of four level two qualifications (e.g. 9-4 at GCSE or BTEC equivalent).

Specific qualifications may be required for particular subjects. Further details will be available from subject staff at the Sixth Form Open Evening.
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