



**STANTONBURY  
CAMPUS**

**COOKSEY 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM CENTRE**

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# Prospectus 2015



## Welcome

I would like to warmly welcome you to the Sixth Form at Stantonbury Campus. We are very proud of the progress that students make while in the Sixth Form, which is rated in the top 20% nationally for progress at A Level. The hard work of our staff, students and parents has resulted in high academic standards and the vast majority of our students progress to Higher Education. Our 99% pass rate and outstanding results in a range of subjects mean that this is an ideal next step in your educational journey. We have former Stantonbury students studying at Oxford University and a wide range of Russell Group universities, following courses including medicine and law.

During the summer of 2014 the sixth form moved to a newly re-furnished building with more modern facilities, larger classrooms and excellent ICT and study resources. Sixth Form students at Stantonbury have access to a very broad range of subjects and fantastic facilities in the performing arts, sport, science, design technology, ICT and media. As well as striving for academic success, we encourage students to participate in a broad range of extra-curricular experiences both within school and the wider community. Every year, students are offered the opportunity to take part in a range of trips and visits and many students will also choose to take part in volunteer or charity work.

Our Sixth Form is a vibrant place to study and offers excellence in teaching and learning as well as high quality resources. I believe that our high expectations and strong support for students will allow you to achieve your full potential.

I hope that you will choose to join us in September.

### **Jon Adamson**

Head of Sixth Form



## Learning at Stantonbury

High quality teaching and learning are at the heart of everything that we do. Each A Level subject offers three 100 minute sessions per week.

Some of the elements contributing to the success of our students include:

- A newly re-furbished sixth form block
- Our high expectations of students, based upon really challenging targets
- A focus on teachers checking that all students are making progress and putting plans in place to overcome barriers to learning
- Work to help students become even more independent as learners
- A focus on teaching examination skills

## Facilities

Our facilities include:

- A new study centre with 40 networked computers
- A professional theatre
- A public art gallery
- An athletics stadium
- A very large Astroturf pitch
- Multiple dance and drama studios
- A professional quality recording studio and editing suite
- A creative and media recording suite
- A leisure centre with two sports halls and a swimming pool
- Specialist post-16 science labs, DT workshops and ICT rooms
- A very large library





## Choosing the Right Pathway

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.

Do you enjoy practical or academic subjects? Are you better at examinations or coursework?

The chart below acts as a guide to the kinds of courses you might choose but is not prescriptive. We are proud of the number of courses that we are able to offer you and the opportunities these give.

Average GCSE Grades	Pathway	Type of Course
Mostly A*, A and B grades	Academic	Academic A Levels
Mostly C grades	Mixed	A mixture of academic A-Levels often with more of a focus on coursework and BTEC courses.
Mostly C and D grades	Vocational	Mostly BTEC courses and possibly GCSE re-takes in English or Maths

Most students taking A levels will choose four subjects.  
All students take General Studies.

## A Levels

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Communication and Culture
- Computing
- Dance
- Design and Technology
- Economics
- English Language and Literature
- Finance
- French
- General Studies
- Geography
- German
- Government and Politics
- History
- Mathematics and Further Maths
- Music
- Music Technology
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theatre Studies

## BTEC

- Creative and Media (worth two or three A Levels)
- Performance (worth three A Levels)
- Art and Design BTEC (worth two or three A Levels)
- Health and Social Care (worth one or two A levels)
- Business (worth one, two or three A levels)

## Level 2 BTEC

- Health and Social Care  
BTEC First Diploma (worth 4 GCSEs)

## Changes to A Levels from September 2015

Currently all A Levels are modular. This means that students sit one set of exams at the end of Year 12 and another at the end of Year 13. Both sets of exams count equally towards their final grade. From September 2015, the move towards a linear system begins. This will mean that student study for two years and are examined at the end of the course. In most cases, coursework units have been removed. The subjects changing in September 2015 are:

- English Literature • Biology • Chemistry • Physics • History • Geography • Psychology
- Art and Design • Sociology • Business Studies • Economics • Computing.

In the first year, many students will therefore be taking a mixture of modular and linear examinations.





## Helping Students Achieve their Potential

We know that the relationship between students and their tutor is key, which is why we offer all students at least one, high quality, individual conversation with their tutor each half-term. At this meeting, academic progress and targets are discussed as well as careers, university applications and the student's well-being.

We aim to help students become independent, well-motivated learners. We have an excellent careers department who work with students considering apprenticeships and employers. They have excellent links with the local business community and can help guide and advise students.

## Careers and Higher Education

We are proud of the work that we do to prepare students for Higher Education and careers. Careers Connexions workers visit regularly and students can book their own careers interviews when they need them. We have strong links with local universities as well as with Russell Group universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

## Enrichment

Many students choose to take Campus Service while in the Sixth Form as part of Stantonbury Xtra. This allows them to volunteer to work with younger students and gain an accreditation for doing so. Other extra-curricular activities include sports, drama, music, film club, Amnesty International group, chess club, debating club: in fact, there are too many to list!

## The Application Process

### Step One

- If you are currently at Stantonbury, application forms will be available from your tutor immediately after the open evening.
- For external applicants, forms are available at the Open Evening on Thursday, 20th November 2014 or from Student Services. Tel: (01908) 324582. Email: Cooksey@stantonbury.org.uk

The closing date for applications will be 19th December 2014 and 30th January 2015 for external applications.

### Step Two

- In March or early April, you will be invited to an individual meeting with a member of the Sixth Form tutorial team, to discuss your application and help you make your choices. Your parents are welcome to accompany you.

### Step Three

- Once you have completed your GCSEs, you will be invited to a two day induction programme where you will have the opportunity to meet students and staff, sample your chosen courses and start to prepare yourself for September.
  - In September, you will register for courses and finalise your timetable.





## Admission Policy

### ADMISSION CRITERIA AT 16+

**(this applies ONLY to those students transferring from other schools)**

In recent years we have been able to offer places to all suitably qualified external candidates whose applications have been received by the deadline. Up to 60 places are held for external candidates. However, should numbers exceed those expected, the following criteria will be used:

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

In circumstances where the Campus' 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 Campus' main reception using the Local Authority's computerised distance measuring system, with those living nearer to the Campus 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 (e.g. A\*-C at GCSE). At least four of these grades will come from GCSEs.
- Students applying for the BTEC in Performing Arts, Media or Sport qualifications that are equivalent to three A Levels should have a minimum of four level two qualifications (e.g. A\*-C at GCSE or BTECs).
- BTEC First students will require a minimum of four Ds.
- Specific qualifications may be required for particular subjects. Further details will be available from subject staff at the Sixth Form Open Evening.
- Without having achieved A\*- C passes in English and Maths, students will struggle to access most academic level three courses. Any students who do not achieve these grades will need to complete re-takes as part of their offer of contract.



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This prospectus describes current provision at the school and may change without notice.

Further information on any changes are available on the Campus website.

A close-up photograph of a young man with short dark hair, smiling and looking down. He is wearing a grey jacket with a white hood. The background is blurred, showing other people in a school setting.

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