

STRATTON SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS 26-27

Stratton School

Matt King Sixth Form

Meridian Trust

Welcome to Stratton School

Welcome to Stratton School where we believe every child should be encouraged to aim high. Our ambitious curriculum is designed to challenge, inspire and prepare students for life after school.

Stratton School students benefit from:

- Expert teaching
- A broad and balanced curriculum
- Bespoke literacy and reading support
- Personalised intervention where needed
- High-quality careers guidance
- Amazing facilities

At the heart of everything we do are our three core values: Be Kind, Be Engaged and Be Ambitious. With this we create a clear pathway into Sixth Form, university, apprenticeships and future employment. Success looks different for every child, and we are committed to helping each student achieve their own personal best.

Mr Sam Farmer
Principal



Senior Leadership Team

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

Be Kind Be Engaged Be Ambitious

Part of Meridian Trust

Contact Meridian Trust

Stratton School is a proud member of the Meridian Trust, a values-driven organisation committed to delivering high-quality education at the heart of its communities.

There are 36 schools within Meridian Trust across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Peterborough Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire. We are proud to have strong partnerships within all these communities.



- 19 primary
- 13 secondary
- 1 all-through
- 3 special educational needs

- Achievement for all
- Valuing people
- High-quality learning environment
- The pursuit of excellence
- Extending the boundaries of learning

These principles guide not only strategic decisions but also the everyday experiences of students and staff. Meridian Trust places the success of every child at its core and promotes the sharing of outstanding educational practices across its schools.

Since joining the Trust in 2020, Stratton has benefited from strong collaboration, innovation, and significant investment in both resources and infrastructure. The ethos and values of Meridian Trust underpin and support everything we do at Stratton.

"Those responsible for governance have provided high levels of support and are clear in the needs of the school"

Ofsted, 2025

A High-Quality Learning Environment

Stratton School offers a **modern, vibrant learning environment** designed to inspire and support every student.

- **Library and Reading Pods**
- **Photography Dark Room**
- **Grab & Go Servery**
- **Music Performance Centre**
- **8 IT Rooms**
- **2 Drama Rooms, Dance Studio & Performance Theatre**
- **Full Size Adult 3G Pitch**
- **Bespoke 6th Form Accommodation**
- **Dance Studio**
- **Bespoke 6th Form Teaching Zones**
- **Grass Rugby Pitch**
- **97 Teaching Rooms**
- **7 Bespoke DT Rooms**
- **2 Cooking Rooms**
- **5 Student Hubs**
- **12 Science Labs**

OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum equips students with the skills needed for **lifelong learning** and supports them in achieving their full potential.

Year 7 and 8 is where students develop curiosity, build confidence and discover a passion for learning across a broad and balanced curriculum. Through a wide range of subjects and enrichment opportunities, students explore new interests, develop key skills and establish the strong academic foundations that prepare them to make informed Guided Choices and begin their GCSE journey in Year 9.

English **Geography** **Physical Education** **Media Studies**
Maths **Drama** **Technology** **Lifeskills** **Music** **Art**
Science **Computing** **History** **Languages** **Ethics**

Guided Choices programme
With expert guidance from teachers, tutors and our careers advisors, students identify their strengths, interests and ambitions, selecting a personalised curriculum pathway for Years 9-11 that balances challenge, enjoyment and future aspirations. This tailored approach provides a strong foundation for GCSE success before students move on to specialist study in Years 12 and 13, preparing them for university, apprenticeships and future careers.



"At Stratton School, pupils can be sure that teachers are committed to ensuring they achieve the best possible outcomes."

Ofsted, 2025

Pastoral

Every student belongs to one of four vertically structured houses - Adlam, Chaundler, Franklin, and Turing - each creating a sense of community, support, and shared identity across year groups. Each house is guided by a **dedicated pastoral team**, with daily tutor time and regular assemblies forming part of a strong pastoral programme.

Our **Vertical Tutoring system** mixes students from Years 7 to 11, encouraging mentoring and unity, while Sixth Formers receive tailored support through The Matt King Sixth Form, named after an inspiring local figure. House names honour individuals who exemplify excellence across a range of disciplines.

Adlam

Franklin

Chaundler

Turing

"Pastoral support is strong and staff have the expertise to guide pupils when they are struggling,"

Ofsted, 2025



Meet Belle

Enhancing our wellbeing provision is **Belle, the school's beloved wellbeing dog**, whose calming presence supports emotional wellbeing and helps establish a caring, connected community.

Every student is supported by a form tutor who provides daily continuity and serves as the key link between home and school. This is complemented by our **Senior Tutors** and pastoral teams, who offer academic guidance, emotional support and personal development.

Our **Learning Support Department** works closely with staff and families to help students with additional needs thrive.

Our **bespoke rewards system** celebrates effort, achievement and positive contributions, ensuring every student is recognised.

"There is excellent support for pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities."

Ofsted, 2025





AUTISM CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (ACE)



Stratton School proudly hosts the Autism Centre of Excellence (ACE), an additional resource provision designed to support autistic students within a mainstream environment.

Commissioned by Central Bedfordshire Council in partnership with Meridian Trust, ACE features autism-friendly classrooms, sensory and breakout spaces, and calming interiors that help reduce sensory overload. This inclusive setting enables students to access specialist support while engaging in mainstream school life.



Extending the Boundaries of Learning

STRATTON SCHOOL
Bedfordshire

Gold LOtC Mark

We are passionate about providing a **rich variety of extra-curricular activities** that extend learning beyond the classroom and offer students memorable, meaningful experiences that bring their education to life.

We have been awarded GOLD by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom. This recognition celebrates our commitment to providing high-quality learning experiences beyond the classroom, something we truly believe helps our children thrive, grow in confidence, and develop a lifelong love of learning.

From outdoor adventures to hands-on experiences, this award reflects the dedication of our amazing staff and the enthusiasm of our pupils, who embrace every opportunity with curiosity and joy.

SPORTS CLUBS AND COMPETITIONS

Our PE department runs clubs across multiple sports, with students proudly representing Stratton in tournaments and leagues throughout the year.

CREATIVE ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

Students regularly take part in whole school productions, drama performances, music concerts, and dance shows, all of which are key highlights of school life.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Students can broaden their experiences through ventures like Young Enterprise and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS WITH CAMPS

CAMPS International offers unique travel opportunities where students have journeyed to destinations such as Peru, Borneo, Costa Rica, and Cambodia.

PLEDGES AWARD SCHEME

Our PLEDGES award scheme promotes important qualities such as Participation, Leadership, Excellence, Diversity, Giving, Environment, and Service.







"There are a range of clubs and opportunities provided for pupils, with a renewed vigour and interest especially in evidence among key stage 3 pupils."

Ofsted, 2025









READING AT STRATTON

We believe that reading is fundamental to education and vital for students' success.

At Stratton School, we are committed to supporting our students to become skilled readers that can read to an age-appropriate level and fluency.

Our **Reading Charter** expresses this commitment, along with our understanding of what students need to progress into skilled readers, and how we go about achieving this. **Scan below to read more.**



The Pursuit of Excellence





We believe in and nurture the pursuit of excellence in everything we do. This encompasses all aspects of school life, from presenting ourselves through correct uniform and dress code, to our work, aiming for the highest standards in everything we do.

OUR EXPECTATIONS

- We expect our students to **be kind, engaged and ambitious**.
- We expect students to take opportunities and push their boundaries. This applies both in lessons and in extra-curricular clubs.
- We encourage independence and personal development through the use of regular home learning activities.

Parent Friendly

We're Proud to Be a Parent-Friendly School

We are delighted that Stratton School has achieved the Parent-Friendly School Standard, recognising our commitment to strong partnerships with parents and carers. This award reflects the importance we place on communication, collaboration and ensuring every student is known, valued and supported.

This is just the start of our journey. The review process has helped us identify clear actions to further strengthen our work with families as we strive towards the Silver and Gold Parent-Friendly School Standards.

You can follow our progress on our new Parent-Friendly School webpage and discover ways to get involved in school life, including through Friends of Stratton School (FOSS). Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help every young person thrive.

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Admissions and Open Evenings

Admissions to Stratton School are managed in partnership with Central Bedfordshire Council. For entry into Years 7 to 11, applications should be made through Central Bedfordshire's School Admissions Service.

You can apply online and find further details at **www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions**, or contact the team directly via email at **admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk** or by phone on **0300 300 8037**.

Applications for our Sixth Form are made directly through Stratton School. Further information, including our Sixth Form prospectus and application timeline, is available on our school website.

Find out more on our admissions page

We warmly invite prospective students and families to join us at our upcoming open evenings:

Year 7 Open Evening
Thursday 8th October 2026

Sixth Form Options Evening
Wednesday 11th November 2026

These events are a fantastic opportunity to explore our facilities, meet our staff and students, and discover what makes Stratton a welcoming and ambitious place to learn.



What Happens Next

Link to the homepage of our website

Link to our Facebook page

Make sure you look out for key dates!

New Beginnings programme starts **June 2027**. School activity open evenings, step up days.

Welcome letter from Stratton School **April 2027**

National offer day for on-time applications **2nd March 2027**

Starting in September 2027 (Year 7) the deadline to submit your application is **Friday 31st October 2026**

"The school is relentless in its approach to improve the outcomes for pupils at the Stratton School."

Ofsted, 2025

To make your application go to: Central Bedfordshire Council School Admissions https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions

Matt King Sixth Form

We are proud of our thriving Matt King Sixth Form, where students achieve strong results across A Level, Academic, Applied General, and Foundation programmes, often outperforming national averages.

Rooted in a culture of commitment, care and contribution, our students grow into confident, rounded individuals through high expectations, strong pastoral support, and close collaboration between staff, students and families.

Matt King
Sixth Form

Named in honour of former student Matt King, whose resilience continues to inspire, our Sixth Form supports both academic excellence and personal development

"The 'Matt King' sixth form offers an opportunity for students to further their studies with a curriculum offer that is broad and varied."

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