



**Stratton
School**



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New Beginnings

Transition Programme

Jump into your Stratton journey with a fun-filled programme of activities, events and experiences designed to help you settle in, make friends and feel ready for September

Your

Transition Guide



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Introduction

Starting secondary school is an exciting milestone and at Stratton School we want every student to feel confident, happy and ready for Year 7.

Our Transition Programme has been carefully designed to support Year 6 students as they move from primary to secondary school. The programme helps students adjust to the social, emotional, and academic changes that can come with this new experience. It also gives students the chance to:

- become familiar with the school environment
- meet staff and new classmates
- build confidence and independence
- make new friends
- and most importantly, have fun!

In this booklet, you will find a range of activities available as part of our 'New Beginnings' programme during June and July. Students can choose and sign up for activities that interest them, helping to create a positive and enjoyable transition experience tailored to their interests.



Enterprise Day



School Production

Photography



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Welcome

At Stratton School, our identity is built on a foundation of academic success, creativity and a strong sense of community. We value diversity and are committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where every student can flourish and reach their full potential. We belong at Stratton School, where every individual is known, valued and supported.

As you begin this new chapter in your educational journey, I encourage you to embrace the many opportunities ahead of you, not only in the classroom, but also through extracurricular activities, enrichment programmes and community events. Our dedicated team of teachers and support staff are here to guide you, challenge you and help you grow in both academic learning and personal development. I look forward to getting to know each of you and working together to ensure that Stratton becomes a place where you can learn, succeed and create lasting memories.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Stratton School.

Sam Farmer
Principal



Computing Robotics

Schedule

Our range of engaging events and activities, before your official start at Stratton School.

Tuesday 9th June 2026

4:15pm to 5:30pm

Deadline for signing up to our programme of activities.

If you have been unable to do this online, or you have any questions, we will be available on this night to help you.

Activities

Sign up to one activity each night.

Tuesday 16th June 2026

4:15pm to 5:30pm

Start your first activity evening with sessions led by our expert teachers in History, Geography, MFL, Science, Art & Photography, and Business & Enterprise.

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Tuesday 23rd June 2026

4:15pm to 5:30pm

Keep the momentum going with your second activity evening, led by our expert teachers in RE/Ethics, English, Product Design & Textiles, Performing Arts/Music, and Maths.

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Tuesday 30th June 2026

4:15pm to 5:30pm

Round off our activity programme with a third evening of sessions led by our expert teachers in Psychology/Sociology, Media, Food, PE, and Computing.

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Tuesday 7th July 2026

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Welcome to Stratton! Find out who we are, discover which House you'll be in, explore our extra and super curriculum, Learn about our PLEDGES, and hear about the wide range of clubs and activities on offer. For families and students.

Presentations of awards from our 'New Beginnings' activities, for students demonstrating our School values.

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9th & 10th July 2026

Your Transition Days: Spend two exciting days at Stratton, taking a deeper dive into our curriculum, meeting staff and students, taking part in pastoral activities, competing in your House, and exploring our Behaviour for Learning approach.

Additional Dates

Other key dates coming up.

Wednesday 17th June 2026

3:30pm to 6:00pm

Uniform Sizing Event

2:45pm to 3:30pm for SEND students/families

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Thursday 3rd September 2026

Your First Day!

We will welcome you at the front of school at 8:30am. You will join your House team and meet other new students in your House colour.

Extra Curricular

Our amazing extra and super-curricular programme offers you a wealth of opportunities to explore new interests, develop confidence and build lifelong skills beyond the classroom. From sport, music and drama to STEM, leadership and enrichment clubs, you are encouraged to discover your passions, challenge yourself and become an active part of our vibrant school community.

We run lots of trips throughout the year, some trips are local, whilst others, such as the Ski Trip, are a little further afield. We have a partnership with Camps International who are facilitating the Kenya trip in 2026. In Year 7 we will be offering a 3 day/2 night residential trip to Boughton. This focusses on the outdoors, with camping, team building activities, promoting self-confidence, independent and personal growth. We also run a week long PGL activity residential for our Year 8 students.

From Year 9 onwards, we offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and other exciting initiatives.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

PLEDGES

PLEDGES is an awards system which offers students a range of character building opportunities that enhance your learning and development.

Each pledge has an activity that you can do either in or out of school and your form tutor will be the person to ensure that you have recorded each pledge.

The PLEDGES award system has three levels. Bronze is about taking part, whereas Silver and Gold is about organising and leading.

Get your 'Participation' PLEDGE early, by attending 3 of our workshops. (See page 12)



PARTICIPATION

This is achieved by students showing a commitment to an activity for an on-going period of time.



LEADERSHIP

This is achieved by students taking-on roles of responsibility where they are directly influencing the actions of those around them.



EXCELLENCE

This is achieved by students demonstrating an advanced level of performance in a particular field.



DIVERSITY

This is achieved by students gaining an understanding, appreciation and respect of the differences within a multitude of communities and cultures.



GIVING

This is achieved by students committing their time and effort to help others.



ENVIRONMENT

This is achieved by students thinking about the world we live in and how we can preserve it.



SERVICE

This is achieved by students providing assistance to others and helping those in need.

Houses

Find out which house you are in, at our event on the 7th July
(See page 22)

Stratton is divided into 4 main Houses of around 200 students from Years 7 to 11. We have one dedicated 6th Form House as well.

Our House system ensures that all students are provided with the support and guidance they need by their Tutor, Student Support Assistant and Senior Tutor on a day-to-day basis.

Our form groups and subjects are organised into our Houses, which enables House competitions and activities.



Adlam (Humanities), named after Tom Edwin Adlam, Bedfordshire soldier who survived WW1 and WW2 and was awarded the Victoria Cross.



Chandler, (English, Media and Foreign Languages), named after Christine Chandler, prolific children's author from Biggleswade.



Franklin, (Science and Technology), named after Rosalind Franklin, Biophysicist whose work led to understanding the molecular structure of DNA.



Turing, (Mathematics, and Computing & Commerce), named after Alan Turing, WW2 code breaker and the influence behind the development of theoretical computer science.



The Matt King 6th Form (PE and Creative Arts), our 6th Form has a house identity of its own. Matt King was an inspirational ex-student of Stratton who overcame exceptional challenges to achieve his aspirations.

Leadership

At Stratton, student leadership provides structured opportunities for students to share their views, influence decision-making and take responsibility for improving our school. Our leaders act as peer mentors and ambassadors, empowering others to contribute ideas, raise concerns and work collaboratively with staff. This partnership ensures that school policies, initiatives and daily practices reflect the lived experiences of students, creating a more responsive and supportive environment. Most recently, for example, our Student Leadership team contributed feedback on the structure of the school day, including break and lunchtime arrangements, mobile phone policy, home learning strategies and our school PLEDGE initiatives.

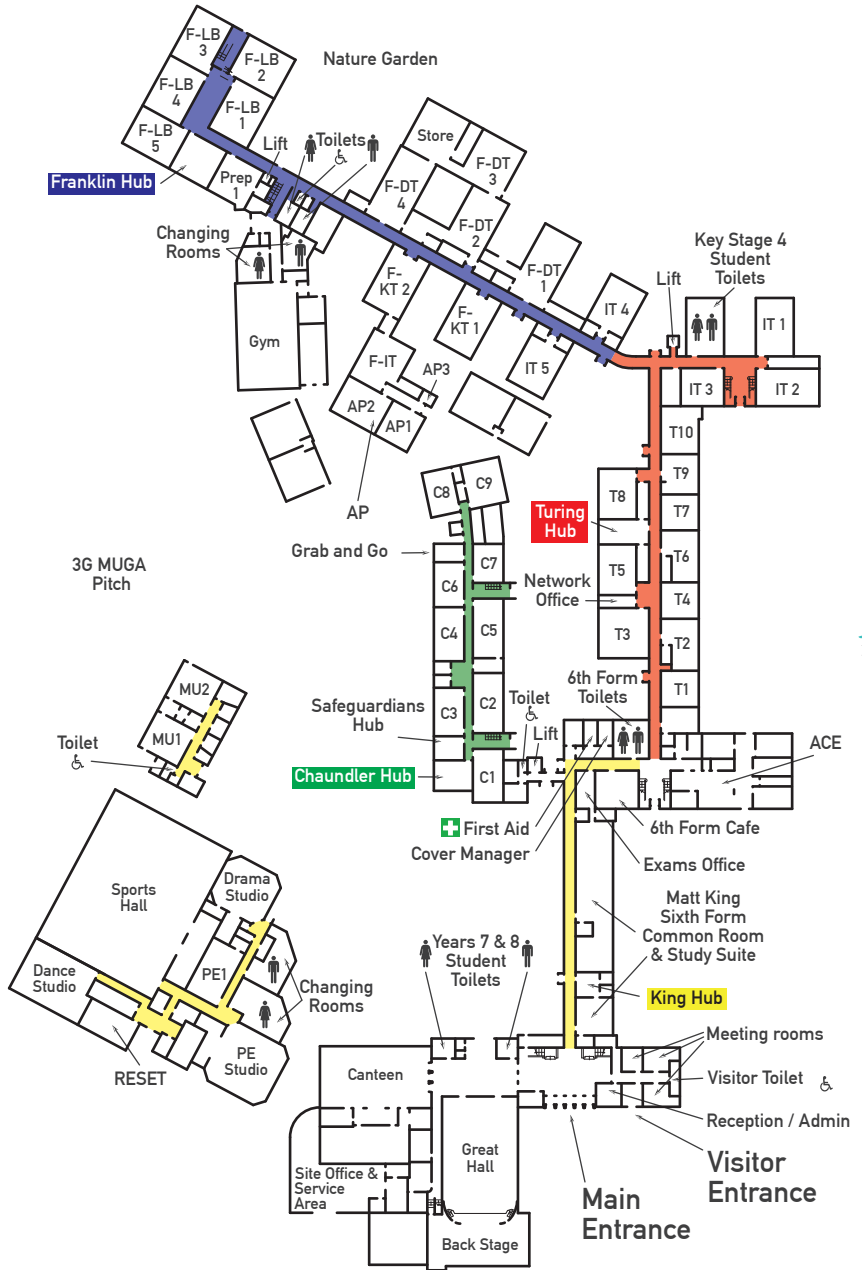
Uniform

More information about uniform and our PE kit can be found on our school website. Make sure you have space in your bag for any unworn uniform, as this cannot be left anywhere and must be always carried around with you.

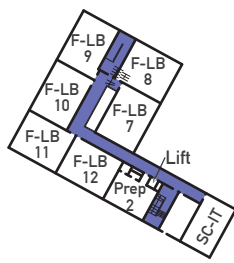
- Your blazer is to be worn at all times when moving around the building. You may of course remove it when sitting in lesson if you are too warm.
- Ties must be worn correctly and to the appropriate length.
- Shirts are to be tucked it at all times.
- Jackets and external clothing to be removed once inside the building.
- Black shoes only to be worn.

Our supplier will be here at Stratton School on the 17th June 2026 with all items and sizes available for students to try on, parents can then order the correct size directly from the website. Uniform cannot be purchased at these events they are purely to guide you for sizing of the various garments available.

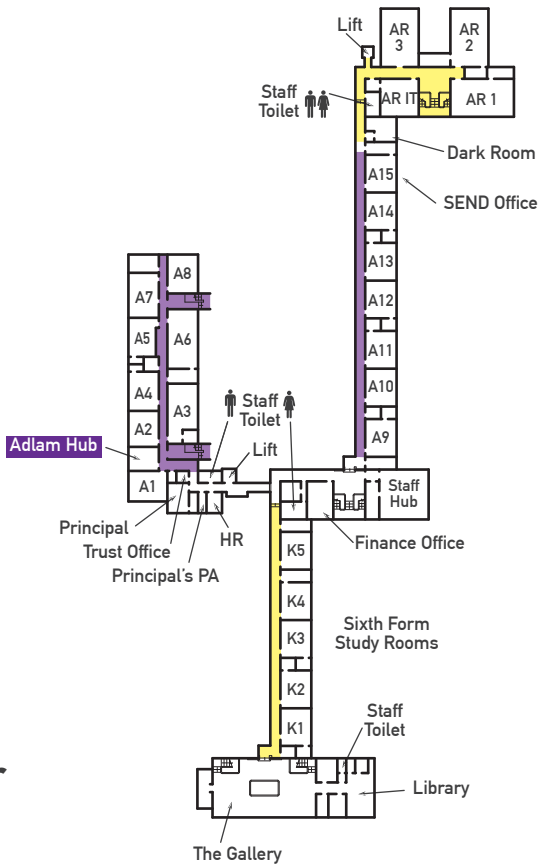
The size of our school can look quite daunting, but you will soon get used to where everything is.



Ground Floor



On your first transition day, you will get a tour of the school and have a chance to explore the site to find out where your lessons will be, where your form will meet, and where your House Hub is located.



First Floor



Sports Day 2025

Workshops

Our 'New Beginnings' activities are a fun way to help you get ready for life at Stratton School before starting Year 7!

You can choose from lots of exciting activities including science experiments, sport, robotics, baking, art, music, treasure hunts, storytelling, team games, and much more. It's a great chance to:

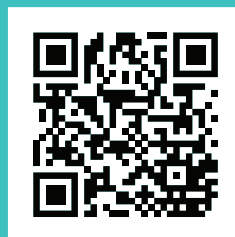
- meet new friends
- get to know teachers
- explore the school
- try something new
- and have fun!

We encourage everyone to sign up and get involved. The more activities you join, the more confident and ready you'll feel for starting secondary school in September.

How to book

To book your place on to an activity, ask a parent to use this link and access our online form.

You can select one activity for each available evening.



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Technology Challenge 2026


















Science



Tenner Challenge 2026



Complete one activity from each evening to gain your 'Participation' PLEDGE.

Tuesday 16th June 2026	    	Tuesday 23rd June 2026	    	Tuesday 30th June 2026	    
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Tuesday 16th June 2026

Addams Family
School Production 2026



Local Explorers



In this session, you'll explore the area around you through a set of challenges. You'll use maps, spot clues, and think like problem-solvers to understand how people live, move, and use local spaces.

Adlam

The English - Raiders of World Languages



Come to our languages area to work out a word puzzle and find out where many of the words we use in English come from. Then, take part in an exciting word treasure hunt solving clues to find some words hidden throughout the school. There will be a prize for anyone who completes it!

Chaudler

'Vegetable Indicators'



Explore how everyday vegetables can be used as indicators to test acids and alkalis. Carry out simple investigations on common household substances to observe their colour changes!

Franklin

Tetra Pak Printmaking



Ever finished a juice or milk carton and wished you could turn it into art? You actually can! That's the idea behind Tetra Pak Printmaking. Tetra Pak—the shiny, sturdy carton material—can be recycled into a printing plate, like a mini stamp but much cooler.

King

Biggleswade's Best Burgers



Ever wanted to take on Dragons' Den or compete on The Apprentice? In this session, your team will pitch a new burger bar for Biggleswade. What's on the menu, what will you charge, where will you open, and how will you stand out? Most importantly - will an investor back your idea?

Turing

Tuesday 23rd June 2026



Sports Day 2025

Big Questions



Get ready to flex your brain as we dig deep to explore some of life's bigger questions. Can one person change the world? What makes something fair? Would you rather be Spiderman or Batman? These are just some of the many questions we will try and answer.

Adlam

Create your own storyboard



Create your own storyboard inspired by Disney Pixar films. Come up with a story idea and draw the key moments that show what happens. Think about your characters, setting, and the message you want to share. It's your chance to be creative and think like a storyteller.

Chaundler

Twist and thread



A mixed media weaving session using paper, fabric, thread and anything shiny we can find.

Franklin

Spin City - Turntablism Workshop



Want to try your hand at DJ skills? This workshop takes you behind the decks to learn how pros create scratches, drops, and killer mixes. You'll get hands-on with real gear, learn rhythm basics, and start shaping your own sound. No experience needed—just bring your energy.

King

Lunar Theme Park



The Year is 2050 and you have been given the opportunity to build a Theme Park on the Moon.

You are given £500,000 and a set amount of space to create your park. Plan your theme, decide your rides but be careful not to overspend!

Turing

Tuesday 30th June 2026

Check out our Extra-Curricular activities

If you are enjoying our 'New beginnings' activities, you should check out the range of extra-curricular activities we offer. Find out more at our welcome event on the 7th July, or check out our website.



STEM Week 2026

Busy Brain



How amazing is your brain? How does it help you think, feel, and move? Can you test it, trick it, and power it up? Join fun, active challenges to discover what your brain can do, while moving, laughing and exploring together through exciting hands-on activities!

Adlam

Create your own Comic Book Hero



Use computers to create your own comic book superhero front cover. Using media language such as page position, colour, language and font to create meaning to a target audience, of school children. First, considering what makes a hero and how heroes are presented in other media texts.

Chaundler

Bready Steady Go



Experimenting with dough, mix ingredients, observe how yeast works, and learn how to make different shapes with bread!

Franklin

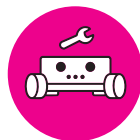
Teambuilding Games



You'll take part in games and activities that introduce the basics of working in a team during sports. You will need to overcome challenges, plan and create ways to work as a cohesive unit, and make decisions that may help your team be successful.

King

Robot Rumble



Step into the world of robotics with the BBC micro:bit and Cutebot! Code, and drive your own mini-robots as you learn how sensors, lights, and movement come together. It's hands-on, developing an autonomous or remote controlled robot to compete in our arena.

Turing

Stratton School Presents

Strat Fest

Arts Festival & Family Fun
Performances, Stalls & Activities

Saturday 4th July 2026

11am to 2pm

Stratton School

Entry cost Adult: £5 Child: Free

Ticket costs includes performances

Tickets available online and on the door



stratton.live/stratfest



Wellbeing



Arts & Craft



Performance



Refreshments



Family Fun

Tuesday 7th July 2026

Stratton School would like to invite you to our

Welcome Evening

Tuesday 7th July

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Introduction from our Principal and Head Students

Details on Extra-Curricular activities

PLEDGES stand

First Aid course sign up

PTA sign up (FOSS)

Bikeability course information

Stratton Archive display

Meet our student leadership

Rewards stand

Refreshments provided

Let us know if you are coming, when you complete the activity booking form.



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Pick up your goody bag!
Find out what House you are in!

Did you attend our activity evenings?

Get your Participation PLEDGE signed off on this night. We will also be awarding prizes to students that demonstrated our values during the activity evenings.

Be Kind

Be Engaged

Be Ambitious



Transition Days

Our transition days are a chance for students to experience a normal day at Stratton School. You will experience a variety of lessons as well as team building activities. You should arrive on site at 8:30am in your current school uniform. Students are required to bring a school bag, pencil case and a water bottle. A packed lunch is required on the Thursday 9th, but we will be providing food in our canteen on the Friday 10th July. (Students are still welcome to bring their own packed lunches.) You will be given your full schedule and timings on arrival.

Thursday 9th July

8:30am to 3:10pm, with an optional meet and greet from 3:15pm. You will get to tour the school, join in breaks with our Year 8 students and take part in a programme of example lessons.

Friday 10th July

8:30am to 3:10pm.

On Friday there will be a House activity, inflatables, team working activities and a tug of war competition.

Your First Day

Thursday 3rd September 2026

On your first day, we will welcome you at the front of school at 8.30am, where you will join your House team and meet other new students in your House colour. From there, you will begin the day alongside friendly staff and older students who will help you settle in, feel confident and quickly feel part of the Stratton community. With inspiring lessons, new experiences and plenty of support, we cannot wait to welcome you to Stratton.

FAQ

What should students bring to the transition activities and transition days?

For the 'New Beginnings' activities in June (after school), please bring a drink and come wearing your current school PE kit. You are welcome to bring a snack with you.

For the Transition Days in July, you should come in your full current primary school uniform. You will need a packed lunch on the Thursday, but food will be provided on the Friday.

How do students sign up for the New Beginnings activities?

Please sign up using the QR code or if you do not have access to a computer/ mobile device you are welcome to come and visit us in the main hall at Stratton school on the 9th June from 4.30 - 5.15pm

Do I need to attend on the 9th June?

No, the event on the 9th June is for any student/families that have not been able to sign up to our activities, or if they have any further questions.

I would love to come to the 'New Beginnings' activities, but I cannot get there.

Please contact Mrs Rooney at drooney@stratton.school.

What if my child feels nervous about starting secondary school?

Feeling nervous about starting secondary school is completely normal, and many students feel the same way. Our Transition Programme is designed to help students feel comfortable, confident, and excited about joining Stratton School. Through the 'New Beginnings' activities, Transition Evening, and Transition Days, students will have the chance to meet staff, make new friends, explore the school, and get used to routines before September. Our staff are experienced in supporting students through this change and will be there every step of the way to help them settle in successfully.

Who can parents contact if they have questions or concerns about transition/ transition programme?

Mrs Rooney - drooney@stratton.school - Assistant Principal (Pastoral)

What will a typical day at Stratton School look like for Year 7 students?

Students at Stratton School follow a structured timetable with tutor time, lessons, break, lunch, and opportunities to take part in enrichment activities and clubs. The school also operates a two-week timetable (Week A and Week B).

You can find full details about the school day and timings on our website.