

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Sixth Form Application Process 2010

Following our very successful Sixth Form Open Evening, we are now issuing forms to all Year 11 students to enable them to make their application for courses which commence in September 2010. A list of courses available, their levels and their allocation of teaching hours is shown on the reverse of this letter and our Sixth Form Handbook is available to view on www.sandyupper.net on the Parents' Page.

We offer a wide range of A2 courses and a smaller number of one-year Btec courses at Level 2. Students who select a one- year course will be able to access classes to enable them to resit Mathematics and English if necessary. All Level 3 students follow a General Studies A Level course which is taught for one hour each week over their time in the Sixth Form and in addition, they can choose up to four more A Level subjects. Students may choose to stop studying an A Level after only one year which would normally lead them to an AS qualification.

Once choices have been made, we go through a process of deciding which course combinations are possible and we will interview students whose combinations are not possible within our curriculum. We may, as we explained in our presentations, need to make some decisions about whether group sizes are viable and provide an appropriate learning experience. Again, we will interview students and communicate with parents and carers as necessary. **As the information provided is used to determine our curriculum provision, our timetable and our staffing, we ask that these choices are as well-considered as possible.** Our goal throughout the process is to ensure that the maximum number of students are able to access the education available within our Sixth Form.

We do ask that students who are not intending to return to our Sixth Form at this stage complete the form as well. Increasing numbers of our students find themselves in a position to access the Sixth Form after receiving their results in the summer and the form can be useful in helping us with their admission at a later stage.

If at any time you wish to discuss the options process, please contact Mrs Caroline Northover on 01767 680598 or c_northover@sandyupper.beds.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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**Compulsory Courses
2 hours per fortnight**

General Studies
Enrichment
PSHCE/RE

**One Year Courses
18 hours per fortnight**

Btec Art & Design Level 2
Btec Travel & Tourism Level 2

**Two Year Course
18 hours per fortnight**

Btec Sport Level 3

**Two Year Courses
9 hours per fortnight**

Art	A Level
Biology	A Level
Business Studies	A Level
Chemistry	A Level
Dance	A Level
Drama	A Level
English Literature	A Level
Food Technology	A Level
Forensic Science	Btec Level 3
<i>(This is an extension of the KS4 Applied Science course)</i>	
French	A Level
Geography	A Level
History	A Level
Information Technology	Btec Level 3
Mathematics	A Level
Media Studies	A Level
Music	A Level
Physical Education	A Level
Physics	A Level
Product Design	A Level
Psychology	A Level
Religious Education	A Level
Spanish	A Level
Sport	Btec Level 3

