



# Sandringham School

'Everybody can be Somebody'



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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Thank you for expressing interest in a place in the Sixth Form at Sandringham School. Sandringham has a very large, high performing academic Sixth Form with significant opportunities for young people to excel and progress to university and apprenticeships. We work closely with Beaumont and Verulam Schools in the BeauSandVer Education Trust which provides an outstanding range of opportunities for you to consider in the future. Please ensure that you apply to only one of the three schools. This will be your home school even though you may study a subject at another school. Sandringham Sixth Form is open to all post-16 learners who meet the entrance criteria.

The BeauSandVer prospectus is designed to give you basic information about the Sixth Form. In addition, you will be given a booklet detailing each individual course that is offered in the Sixth Form to help you with your deliberations. All subject presentations are also available on-line at <https://sandringham.herts.sch.uk/> after the Open Evening.

There are three main pathways for you to consider at school and a fourth pathway is at College:

- Pathway 1** A-levels: for students who have gained an average points score of 6+ and wish to follow three A-levels including separate sciences (some may decide to study four A-levels).
- Pathway 2** A-levels: for students who have gained an average points score of 5 – 5.99 and wish to follow three A-levels. Any A-levels, apart from Biology, Chemistry and Physics, may be chosen.
- Pathway 3** A vocational blend of BTEC/CTEC and A-level qualifications: for students who have gained an average points score of 4 – 4.99 should study at least one BTEC or CTEC qualification.
- Pathway 4** Students who do not achieve the entry requirements for the Sixth Form courses should apply for an appropriate course at College.



Sandringham has an excellent record of Sixth Form achievement going back many years: students gain places at university and apprenticeships supported by powerful references and expert guidance. You will benefit from the continuity of studying with students and staff who know you well, in a familiar, friendly and stimulating environment. Our teachers and tutors will give you the correct balance between challenge and support to allow you to perform at your very best. There will also be plenty of opportunities to contribute to the wider aspects of school life and to demonstrate personal and leadership qualities.

As you may know, we have invested over £1m in developing some of the very best study facilities for our Sixth Form and firmly believe they will help you to achieve highly.

You will need to set yourself high expectations when considering which courses to study, but should also ensure you have alternative choices in case you do not achieve the entry requirements for your first choices. These are set out in the documentation.

You need to make a provisional decision about the post-16 courses you would like to follow for Year 12 and submit your application form to Sandringham by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**. Your preferences will be used to help us organise staffing and timetables so it is important to be as accurate as you can be at this stage.

Guidance discussions with senior staff will take place to help you work through this process and ensure that you are choosing courses at the right level and with a sensible balance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need clarification on any of the points of detail. We look forward very much to working with you in the coming months and to you being part of our Sixth Form in September 2023.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Gray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Alan Gray**  
Headteacher