



Into the Sixth Opening Evening

Frequently Asked Questions

What grades do I need to get in?

There are two things students have to consider:

1. **Average Point Score (APS):** this is the average 'points' achieved across all of your Level 2 Qualifications. Students need a minimum APS of 4+ to enter the Sixth Form but your APS will determine the pathway or combination of subject we will offer:
 - **4+** - students will be offered our '**Vocational Blend**' pathway: this will comprise one or more BTEC / CTEC subjects alongside A Levels.
 - **5 - 6** - students will be offered our '**A Level**' pathway: this will enable students to select three A Levels (or BTECs / CTECs), not including the Sciences.
 - **6+** - students will be offered the full range of our qualifications: this will enable students to study three A Levels, including the Sciences.
2. **Subject Requirements:** in addition to the APS requirement, each subject has a specific entrance requirement. For example:
 - **History** requires a Grade 6 in GCSE History and a Grade 6 in GCSE English.
 - **Mathematics** requires a Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.

What subjects do Sandringham offer?

See the **BSV website** for a list of subjects offered at each school. See the **A5 subject booklet** for more detail of the courses offered at Sandringham School. Details of all courses offered across BSV can be found at: <https://beausandver.org.uk/>

How many subjects should I do?

All students must study a minimum of three Level 3 Qualifications (A Levels, BTECs, and CTECs). Students can opt to study four A Levels if they have an APS of 7+.

Students can opt to study additional qualifications, including Mathematical Studies (AS equivalent) or the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) as a fourth enrichment subject.

Where can I get an application form?

There is one in **packs** given to all students (pale yellow) and will be found on the website in January <https://sandringham.herts.sch.uk/sixth-form-admissions/>

When is the deadline to apply?

Application forms must be received by **Friday February 7th 2025**. If we receive applications after this date, they will be treated as 'late applications' and subject choices are not guaranteed.

Application forms must be sent directly to Louise Grubb: GrubbL@sandringham.aetrust.uk.

How many schools do I apply to?

Students should apply to **one** school only in BSV. This will be your home school.

What if I am timetabled to study a subject at one of the other BSV schools?

Students choose subjects across BSV each year and then travel via minibus between the schools for their lessons. Timetables are coordinated so that this is possible.

Can I choose different schools for my different subjects?

No, you will always be provided with a place in a class at Sandringham unless there is a clash with your subjects, or the chosen subject is only offered by one of the other schools.

Can I come and visit during the day?

We have Open Mornings from 9am – 10.30am on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 and Tuesday 28th January 2025. Please use this google form to register interest - [Open Morning](#)

Please sign up via the link on the Sixth Form Admission website: <https://sandringham.herts.sch.uk/sixth-form-admissions/#>

Alternatively, contact Louise Grubb by phone on 01727 799560 ext: 4232, or email GrubbL@sandringham.aetrust.uk.