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The Sixth Form at Stowe

It is an exciting time to be joining Stowe in the Sixth Form. Your A Level years are potentially the most rewarding of your School career, and we want all our Sixth Form pupils to make the most of the opportunities available at Stowe and to enjoy the education and environment that we offer here.

The Sixth Form is an important time and in these two years you will make decisions about Higher Education and your career. You will be offered all kinds of challenges and opportunities.

In the classroom, we ask that our pupils take a positive approach to learning from the outset, with an understanding that talent in any field is something that is grown through practice. Academic study is, of course, the main reason why you will be at School and Stowe's focus on delivering the best teaching and learning environment means that our support system here has been developed to help you achieve the best results you can.

In addition to the A Level programme, we also offer an Extended Project Qualification which provides the perfect opportunity for you to identify and explore a topic of your

choice as well as a selection of standard AS courses and BTECs and demonstrate your ability to work independently which will stand you in good stead for university.

The Sixth Form at Stowe requires a maturity and an ability to organise yourself in a way that develops this independent study.

You will experience the pleasure of discovery and exploration, of forging ideas and increasing awareness and of deepening your understanding of the world around you, learning personal responsibility and self-motivation as you progress.

We will help prepare you for a world that is changing rapidly and we will equip you with the skills you would need to go out into this changing world and be ready to make positive change.

Life at Stowe

We ask all our pupils to make the most of the community at Stowe, to think about others, and to contribute to the School. Stowe has so much to offer - we are looking for candidates who will take every opportunity and make the most of each day. There are countless extra-curricular activities on offer and academic stretch can be found through an extremely active offer of academics societies.

Stoics benefit from joining a Boarding or Day House and all the support this brings. Each Stoic will also have a personal Sixth Form Tutor to guide them.



How to apply

Our Sixth Form Entry Days take place in November and the examination dates are provided at the back of this brochure.

All application forms are available on our website. Candidates are required to submit a Registration Form and Enrolment Form and, if relevant, a Scholarship Form. References must be provided where required to support some Scholarship applications.

The closing date for applications is Friday 1 October 2021.

Entry Requirements

UK candidates are required to attend Stowe and sit three Entry Papers, two from a range of subjects (related to their A Level choices) as well as an English Essay Paper. Each candidate will also have an interview with a member of our pastoral team. Those applying for a scholarship will take additional interviews and assessments during the Entry Day. Candidates are required to pass the Entry Papers and achieve a minimum of Grade 6 in six subjects at GCSE/IGCSE, which are relevant to their proposed A Level choices. However, for candidates intending to study A Level Maths, Sciences or Languages a minimum of Grade 7 at GCSE/IGCSE is required in the relevant subjects.

Overseas candidates are first required to submit by email a copy of their last two most recent school reports to admissions@stowe.co.uk. Those not taking GCSE/IGCSE are required to achieve the equivalent standard in their final examinations.

Where English is not a candidate's first language, UKiset results or a Cat4/GL Assessment are required and we will only proceed with applications where this has been provided. Overseas candidates unable to attend Stowe for our Entry Days may take examinations at their own school or at the British Council, with pastoral interviews carried out remotely.

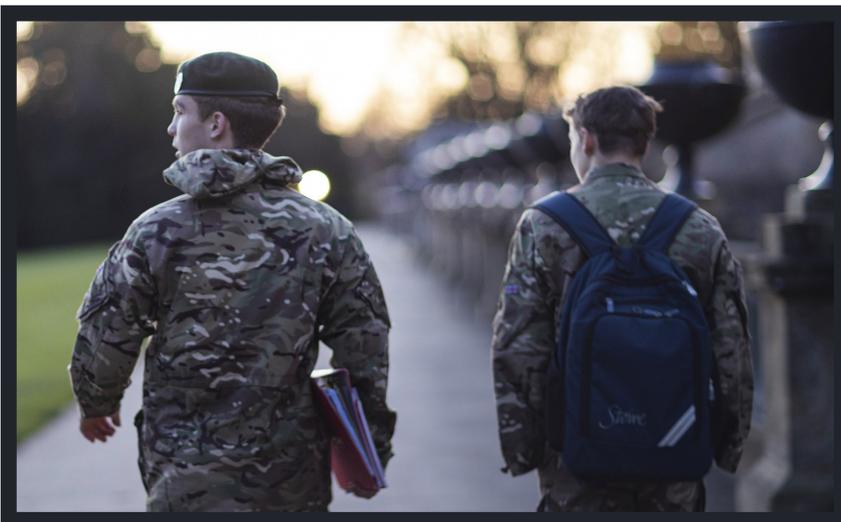
Candidates will be required to sit three examinations, two from a range of subjects (related to their A Level choices) as well as English as an Additional Language (EAL) paper.

Please note that candidates applying for general entry and intending to study A Level Design, Drama or Music are required to complete the following:

Design - Submit a small digital Portfolio of your work by Wednesday 27 October to admissions@stowe.co.uk. On the Entry Day, our Head of Design will provide feedback about your portfolio during a short interview.

Drama - Submit a small portfolio of achievements by Wednesday 27 October to admissions@stowe.co.uk. On the Entry Day, perform a one-to-one piece between two to four minutes from a recognised published play, participate in a group workshop and take a short interview.

Music - On the Entry Day perform a piece on your chosen instrument no more than five minutes long, followed by a short interview with a member of the Music Department.



Scholarship candidates should read the following pages, which describe the criteria for each Scholarship. We will only proceed with the applications where candidates meet the criteria.

Please note upon receipt of the Enrolment Form we will make an application to your child's school for a confidential reference.



A Stowe Scholarship

**is to be
treasured**

Scholars take the lead in the life of the School, and by doing so they learn how to use and mix their special gifts with those of others. It is vital that the scholarship process should encourage and reward attitudes to learning that will above all set standards for others.

We believe that scholarships should not reward talent alone but should also take into account an individual's independent potential and ability to maintain an eager, open-minded attitude to learning. It is important that Scholars consistently achieve high standards during each year. For all scholarship applications, a full report from the candidate's school will be requested.

Candidates may apply for more than one scholarship and will be awarded fee remission for each.

It should also be noted that all scholarships are tenable throughout the holder's career at Stowe, subject to the Head's satisfaction with the holder's industry, performance and behaviour.

Our scholarship entry is competitive, and the average scholarship award is 5% of the Day or Boarding fee.

Bursaries

Scholarships may be supplemented by means-tested bursaries, with a limited number of fully-funded places where there is proven financial need.

If your child is applying for a scholarship and requires additional bursary support, please contact admissions@stowe.co.uk to obtain a Financial Circumstances Form.

Bursaries are available to successful scholarship candidates and are awarded to further supplement fees according to financial circumstances following an in-depth financial assessment ahead of the day.

**Scholarships
and bursaries
are available
to gifted and
talented
children**





Academic Scholarships

Successful Academic Scholarship candidates are expected to gain a minimum of eight grade 8s or above in their final examination subjects at GCSE/IGCSE (or the equivalent for those not taking GCSEs), as well as having a real enthusiasm for learning and showing a genuine commitment to academic pursuits and extension.

It is our expectation that our Academic Scholars will fully commit to the Head's Essay Society (HMES), which meets weekly as either a larger cohort for talks or in smaller subject-focused groups for discussions and seminars led by specialist teachers. Through the HMES, and with further bespoke support from subject Departments, Academic Scholars will also be given expert guidance in achieving successful applications to the most competitive universities, both in the UK and abroad.

Academic Scholars have access to a wide range of extension opportunities during their Sixth Form experience. They are expected to be intellectually curious, to seize opportunities and to explore their subjects beyond the normal confines of the examined syllabus. They are encouraged by their teachers to participate in Clubs and Societies that stretch and challenge them without the bounds of normal subject disciplines. Academic Scholars should be academic leaders who through their passion for learning, efforts and achievements, encourage their peers to develop ever-higher levels of academic ambition and motivation.



Before Entry Day

The deadline for Scholarship applications is Friday 1 October 2021.

Entry Day

Candidates are invited to Stowe on Saturday 6 November 2021 and are required to sit three Entry Papers, two from a range of subjects (related to their A Level choices) as well as an English Essay Paper. Each candidate will also have a pastoral and academic interview.

Art Scholarships

Art Scholarships are offered to candidates who show an exceptional ability to think and create with skill, imagination and passion. The committed Art Scholar will be a leader in their year group and beyond, organising and participating in exhibitions, entering competitions and pushing the boundaries of their working practice at all times. They are exemplary in their commitment to the Art School, taking full advantage of daily activity sessions and weekend workshops.



The Watson Art School is one of the most spacious and well-appointed art centres of its type anywhere in the country, with dedicated painting studios, printing presses, sculpture and ceramics studios, photographic workshops and VR facilities supported by specialist teachers and technicians. Digital learning and processes are taught in parallel to traditional techniques so all students gain a broad and contemporary artistic education.

Upper Sixth pupils enjoy their own individual studio spaces where they can focus on their studies in a more university style environment, receiving daily tutorials, weekly feedback sessions and monthly lectures from professional artists, architects and designers. Life drawing classes are also offered to all the Sixth Form alongside intensive specialist Sunday workshops.

As a result, around 50% of our graduates go onto study an Art or Design-based subject at foundation course or their first choice university.

Prior to the Entry Day

The deadline for Scholarship applications is Friday 1 October 2021.

Entry Day

On Saturday 6 November, candidates are required to sit three Entry Papers, two from a range of subjects (related to their A Level choices) as well as an English Essay Paper.

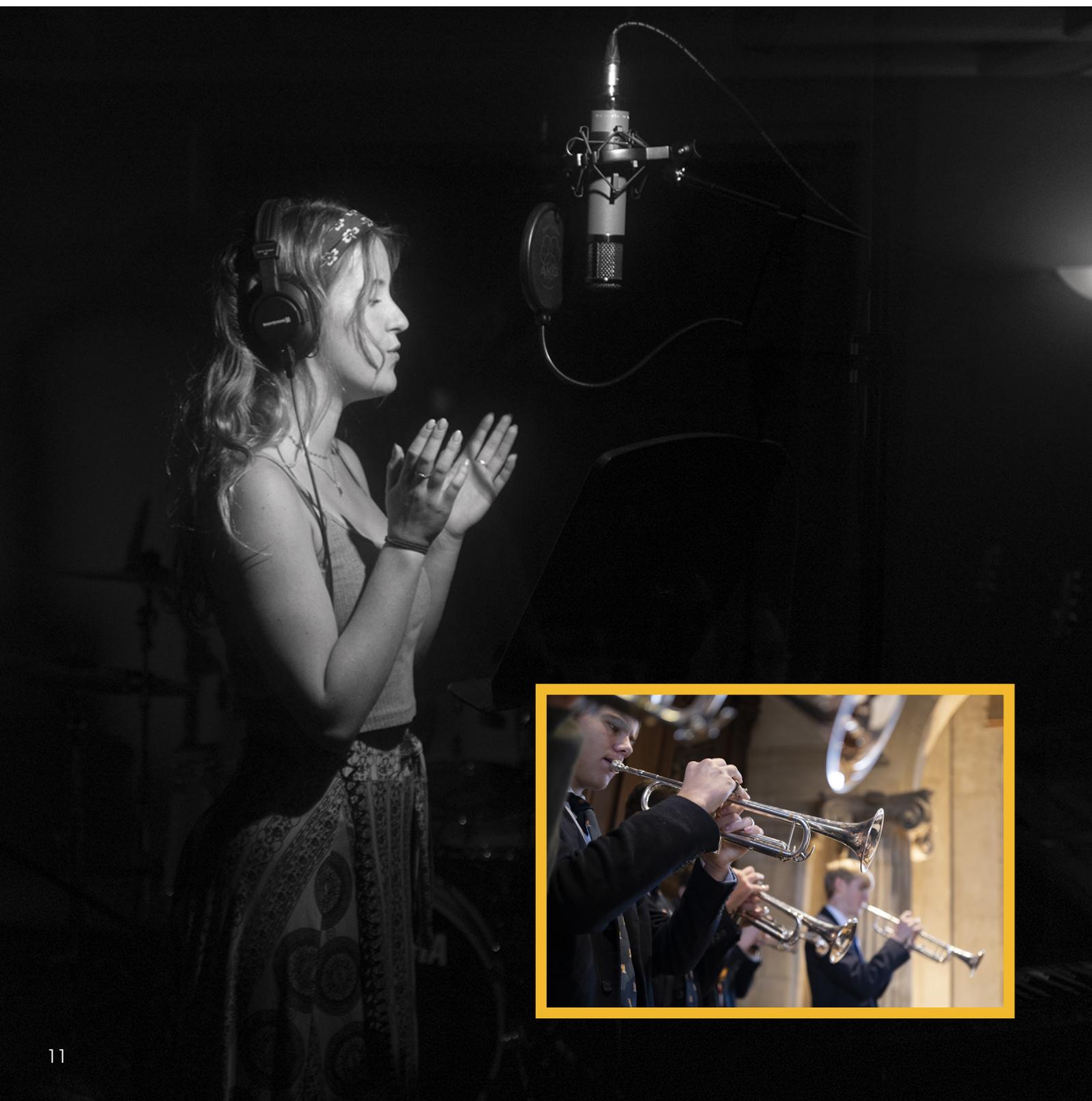
Candidates will be required to bring with them a portfolio of recent work.

Each candidate will have a pastoral interview and will discuss the content of their Portfolio during an interview with the Director of Art.

Portfolio Specifications

- Work should be presented in sketchbooks and/or on A1 mounted sheets or smaller (Maximum 20 sheets).
- Any 3D work or 2D work larger than A1 should be photographed, labelled and presented on A1 sheets or smaller.
- Include a broad selection of work in whichever field of Art has been studied.
- Two-dimensional work need not be mounted. Photographs or digital images of three-dimensional work are preferred.
- Examples of confident and accurate observational drawing is strongly encouraged.
- A hard A1/A0 portfolio for carrying work is recommended.

Music Scholarships



Music is a fundamental part of life at Stowe and our Music Award Holders are the core architects of the many and varied musical performances that we are able to stage. Each year we make a number of awards ranging from Music Exhibitions offering free tuition on one or two instruments to full Music Scholarships. The value of a Scholarship Award is based on the ability and the range of skills of each successful candidate. At Stowe we host around 60 musical performances each year and all Stoics are encouraged to participate in our exciting programme of events. Over 400 instrumental/singing lessons take place each week in our state-of-the-art Chung Music School and many of our pupils go on to study at prestigious universities and conservatoires.

We place great emphasis on a candidate's ability to be an active member of the Music Department, and also on evidence of enthusiasm for and dedication to music.

Music Scholarships

Candidates applying for a Music Scholarship should be at least grade 6 standard in their principal study (any instrument or voice type will be considered). A second study of grade 5 standard or above is also expected.

Prior to the Entry Day

All candidates must arrange a Music Consultation Lesson at Stowe. Please contact Jane Horwood (Music Administrator) via email at jhorwood@stowe.co.uk who will be happy to make the arrangements. Feedback from the music consultation will be used to form part of the application.

Entry Day

On the 6 November, candidates are required to sit three Entry Papers, two from a range of subjects (related to their A Level choices) as well as an English Essay Paper. Each candidate will also have a pastoral interview.

Candidates should perform two contrasting pieces on their first study instrument (or voice) and one piece on their second study instrument (or voice). The audition will also include a short sight-reading/aural test appropriate to the level of the applicant. Candidates will be interviewed by members of the Music Department and will have the chance to ask any questions about Music at Stowe during the process.

Making an Application

Parents should submit Music reference/s at the same time as the Registration, Enrolment and Scholarship Forms are submitted. The closing date for applications is Friday 1 October 2021.

Sports Scholarships





Sports Scholarships may be awarded for exceptional candidates showing outstanding potential in at least one of the following major sports: rugby, hockey or cricket for boys and hockey, lacrosse, netball or tennis for girls. Stowe will seek to work with the individual performers to help nurture talent and support their journey in sport

as part of their all-round education. Sport plays a vital role in a Stowe education. Our Sports Programme is supported by fantastic facilities, inspirational coaches and our unique and beautiful environment at Stowe provides a perfect arena for those who are passionate about sport to pursue their sporting ambitions.

Successful applicants will be invited to join the Stowe Performance Programme, through which they will get support with strength and conditioning, training programmes, and will be able to develop their understanding of the broader world of performance sport through lectures on nutrition, psychology, life as a top performer and self-organisation. Stowe enjoys prestigious links with local academies and clubs, which allow for individual development for those selected.

Prior to the Entry Day

To be considered, candidates should be playing at an outstanding level within their peer group and chosen sport. Each application is reviewed individually on its merits and due consideration given to the contribution a Scholar will make to sport at Stowe.

Entry Day

On Friday 5 November, Sport Scholarship candidates are invited to attend Stowe in order to be assessed by our Sports Department in their chosen sport. They will also sit three Entry Papers, two from a range of subjects (related to their A Level choices) as well as an English Essay Paper. Each candidate will also take a pastoral and sport interview.

Making an Application

Parents are required to submit sport reference/s from the relevant coach/es as well as provide where possible a list of fixtures at the same time as Registration, Enrolment and Scholarship Forms are submitted. The closing date for applications is Friday 1 October 2021.

Design Scholarships

Our Design Scholars work with our highly experienced teachers to develop a deep understanding of a range of topics, from specific materials, to industry and enterprise as well as sustainability.



The history of Design and Technology at Stowe is steeped in a rich tradition of Stoics developing their problem-solving skills whilst exploring a range of manufacturing processes and materials that we are proud to possess. Not only will our Design Scholars develop their appreciation of design, but they will also consolidate it within the beautiful environment Stowe provides. Alongside our Scholars deepening their knowledge of the subject through the study of the A Level in Product Design, they also develop an appreciation of various architectural styles; experiencing first hand an understanding of what constitutes as beautiful design, engage in our termly manufacturing and disassembly projects with the intent of improving the aesthetic and mechanical properties of existing products, as well as learning about the precision involved in world-class engineering.

The School has strong links with industry and a partnership with the Silverstone UTC which means that our Design Scholars can gain real-life experience, and will certainly learn beyond the examined syllabus. Our Design Scholars will be given an opportunity to showcase their work each year at a major exhibition held by the Department on Speech Day. The School will also help Scholars to enter into external competitions and scholarship programmes, as well as encourage the development of their design portfolio as they progress through their two years in Sixth Form. Design Scholars are expected to take A Level Product Design as one of their subject choices.

Prior to the Entry Day

Candidates are required to submit a small digital Design Portfolio of their work by Wednesday 27 October, portfolios should be emailed to admissions@stowe.co.uk.

Entry Day

On Saturday 6 November, candidates are required to sit three Entry Papers, two from a range of subjects (related to their A Level choices) as well as an English Essay Paper. There will be a timed design-based exam as well as a pastoral interview and interview with the Head of Design, when there will be an opportunity to discuss your portfolio.



Roxburgh Scholarships

The Roxburgh Scholarships are named in memory of Stowe's founding Headmaster, J. F. Roxburgh. These Scholarships are intended to enable any Candidate of outstanding all-round ability and leadership potential to benefit from Stowe's unrivalled environment to develop fully his or her talents.

Roxburgh candidates should display strong academic potential and are expected to gain a minimum of four subjects at level 8/9 with 7s and 8s in all other subjects at GCSE. In addition, candidates are expected to excel in at least one of the following areas:- Art, Design, Drama, Music or Sport. Candidates offering Sport to support their application will be assessed at Stowe on Friday 5 November.

Candidates offering Art, Design, Drama or Music to support an application will be assessed at Stowe on Saturday 6 November.

Entry Day

On Friday 5 and Saturday 6 November, all candidates are required to sit three Entry Papers, two from a range of subjects (related to their A Level choices) as well as an English Essay Paper. Each candidate will also take a pastoral and academic interview.

Additional requirements on the day are as follows:

Art

For candidates offering Art, on the Entry Day you should bring your portfolio, and our Director of Art will review it during a short interview.

Design

For candidates offering Design, a digital portfolio of work must be submitted to admissions@stowe.co.uk by Wednesday 27 October. On the Entry Day, Candidates will take a timed design-based exam and have a short interview with the Head of Design, during which the portfolio will be discussed.

Drama

For those candidates offering Drama, a portfolio of achievements must be submitted digitally to admissions@stowe.co.uk, by Wednesday 27 October. On the Entry Day, you will be asked to perform a one-to-one piece between two to four minutes from a recognised published play, participate in a group workshop and take an interview.

Music

For those offering Music, we would like you to perform an audition piece on your chosen instrument no more than five minutes long followed by a short interview with a member of the Music Department.

Sport

On 5 November, candidates offering Sport will take a physical assessment in their chosen sport and take an interview with one of our professionals.



Drama Scholarships

Creativity, empathy, leadership, collaborative skills and confidence - Drama is a vibrant and thriving aspect of education at Stowe, offering pupils the opportunity to develop their potential as performers, designers and directors as well as building core skills including emotional intelligence, risk-taking, problem solving and team spirit. There are many opportunities to participate in School productions, enjoying the state-of-the-art facilities provided by The Roxburgh Hall and for more intimate work, The Dobinson Studio. The Drama Department and Technical team offer a wealth of expertise that enables pupils to pursue their ambitions.



Drama Scholars play a vital role at Stowe, contributing positively to the community through the Arts.

Drama Scholars are expected to take the subject at A Level and to audition for all co-curricular School productions. Academically, Drama Scholars are expected to show devotion and enthusiasm, maintaining high standards of academic achievement throughout the A Level course.

In School productions, Scholars are expected to show commitment to the development of skill and dedication to the process of making theatre, setting an example both on stage and in the rehearsal room and acting as ambassadors across the wider School body and as representatives of the School at public performances.

Drama Scholars at Stowe can expect an excellent education within the field of Drama. The committed pupil will attend National Theatre Live events at The Roxburgh Hall and be found supporting other events in the Theatre.

Prior to the Entry Day

Candidates are required to submit a Drama Portfolio of their work by Wednesday 27 October. Creativity and imagination should be shown in the presentation of your portfolio. Inclusion of relevant certificates and photographs is also welcome. Portfolios should be emailed to admissions@stowe.co.uk.

Entry Day

On Saturday 6 November, candidates are required to sit three Entry Papers, two from a range of subjects (related to their A Level choices) as well as an English Essay Paper. Scholarship candidates are also required to:

- Take pastoral and Drama interviews.
- Participate in a workshop where you are expected to work collaboratively on a range of practical drama activities (no prior preparation is necessary).
- From memory perform an audition piece from a recognised published play of your choice, between two to four minutes long. Prepare to receive feedback on your monologue and perform sections again, responding to direction.



The Berry Scholarship

for Original Thinking

The Berry Scholarship for Original Thinking reflects the importance of original and creative thinking, not just in itself but, crucially, to the future needs of business and much wider society. Macro-level changes to the world's economic make-up, coupled with technological advancement, changing workforce demographics, global integration and increased competition have meant that approaches and attitudes towards work have transformed - indeed, the world of work is almost unrecognisable compared with that of just a few years ago. We want pupils to leave Stowe not only with an ability to adapt and thrive in a volatile world, but with the confidence to go out into the world and make positive change. Their ability to engage in and use the skills of original thinking will be key to that - and so we seek candidates who will be 'constructive non-conformists' within our community, and set an example for others to follow.

“Education is what is left after one has forgotten everything one learnt at School.” - Einstein

We would like to encourage applications for this Scholarship from pupils who:

- Meet Stowe’s minimum academic entry.
- Display the qualities and the capacity to think differently, originally and creatively.
- Challenge convention and thus others around them in the way they address and solve problems.
- Are strong advocates for the virtues and value of original thinking.

This exciting new Scholarship Programme will provide the recipient with access not only to the excellent education available at Stowe but to a range of other opportunities.

Scholars will be given a Staff Mentor, an Old Stoic Mentor and a Mentor from our parental body - giving them access to members of the Stowe community at the cutting edge of a range of disciplines, from business to the creative arts. Pupils on the Scholarship Programme will also have access to the Head’s Essay Society (a regular meeting of Scholars).

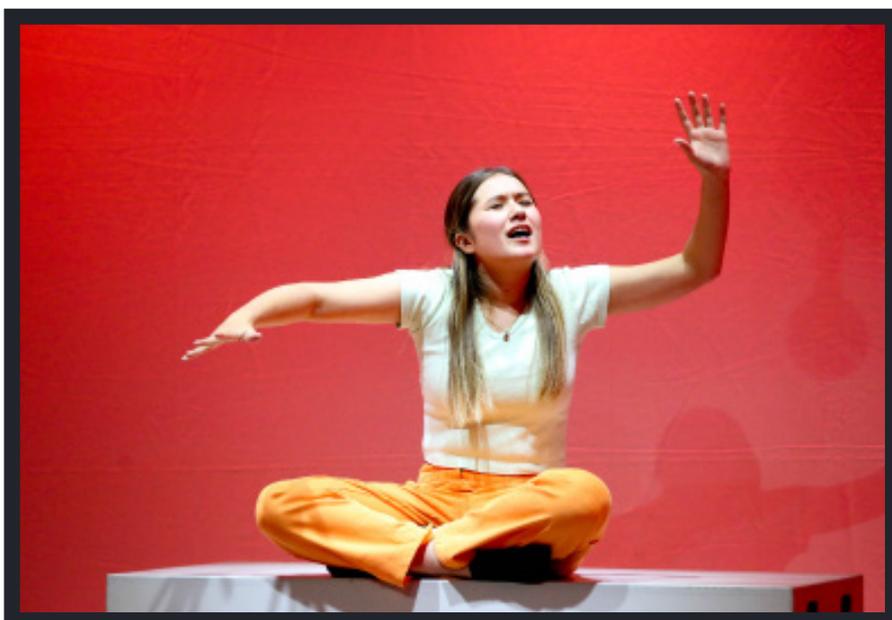
The successful recipients of the Scholarship will be invited to report back on the progress that they are making at Stowe in the field of ‘Original Thinking’ at the end of their first year. How the candidate reports back to the Scholarship Committee and to the wider School community will be entirely up to the Scholar, but it should be done in such a way that shows what skills they have developed, and how they and others can apply those skills to solving complex problems.

Beyond that, they will also be directed to exciting opportunities for work experience and internships that will allow them to develop their skills and explore the role of original and lateral thinking within a working environment.

Entry Day

On Saturday 6 November, candidates are required to sit three Entry Papers, two from a range of subjects (related to their A Level choices) as well as an English Essay Paper. To be a successful applicant for this Scholarship, candidates will need to demonstrate that they possess the qualities needed for original thinking. Assessment for this Scholarship will involve:

- A short series of interviews with the Head and others.
- A written test, and other exercises that will allow our candidates to demonstrate their thought processes, perspectives and capabilities.
- Following the entry day, candidates may be required to undertake additional interviews which form part of the selection process.



2022 Entry

Key Dates

Closing date for Sixth Form applications Friday 1 October 2021
(including Bursary applications)

Portfolios must be received by Stowe Admissions
by Wednesday 27 October 2021

Sports Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Assessment and Interviews
Friday 5 November 2021

Roxburgh Scholarship (with Sport)

Entry Examinations, Assessments
and Interviews
Friday 5 November 2021

General Entry

Examinations and Interviews
Saturday 6 November 2021

Academic Scholarship

Entry Examinations and Interviews
Saturday 6 November 2021

Art Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Assessment and Interviews
Saturday 6 November 2021

Berry Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Assessments and Interviews
Saturday 6 November 2021

Drama Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Assessments and Interviews
Saturday 6 November 2021

Music Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Audition and Interviews
Saturday 6 November 2021

Roxburgh Scholarship (with Art, Drama, Design or Music)

Entry Examinations,
Assessments and Auditions
Saturday 6 November 2021

Design Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Assessment and Interviews
Saturday 6 November 2021

Registration, Enrolment and Scholarship Forms
can be submitted online from our website
www.stowe.co.uk/sixthform.

Please note:

Mrs Dawn Breward is the Admissions Manager for Sixth Form Entry
at Stowe. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the
scholarship application process, please feel welcome to email
her at admissions@stowe.co.uk or call 01280 818409 or the
Admissions Office on 01280 818323.



“Mixes the erudite with the sporty and studious, with space reserved for the eclectic and maverick. Ideal for those keen to learn within and beyond the bounds of the classroom.”

Good Schools Guide

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