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Sixth Form

2021 ENTRY

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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, in these two years you will make decisions about Higher Education and your careers. 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, demonstrating 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 independent study.

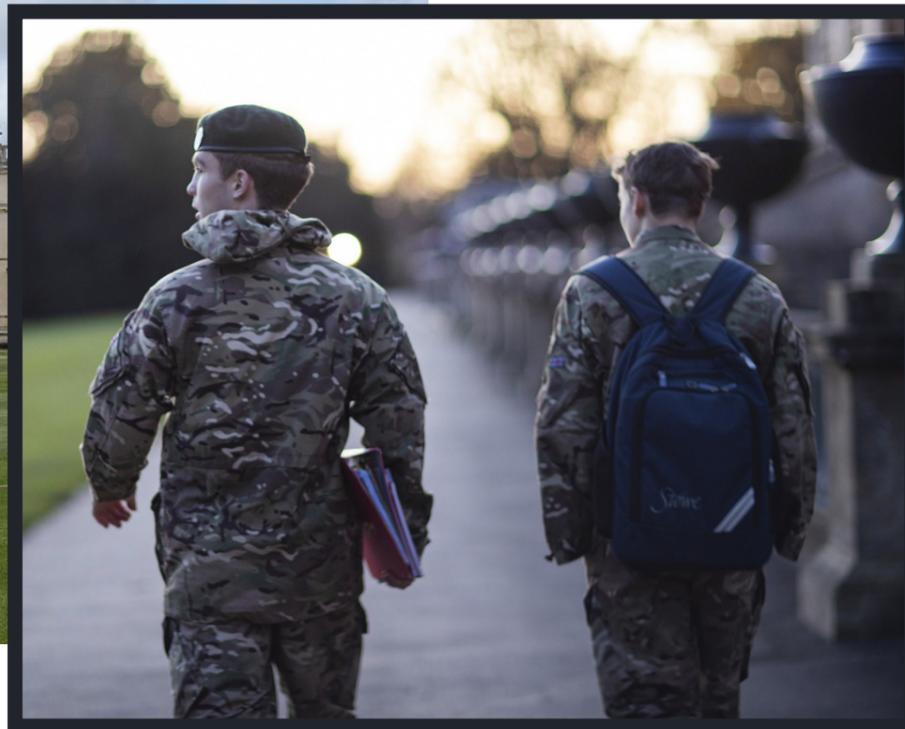
You will experience the pleasure of discovery and exploration, of forging ideas and increasing awareness and of deepening your understanding of the world around you, learning personal responsibility and self motivation as you progress.

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 School

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 academic societies.

Stoics benefit from joining their House and all the support this brings. Each Stoic will also have a personal Sixth Form Tutor to guide them through and provide everything Stowe has to offer.



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 and Enrolment Form, and if relevant, a Scholarship Form to admissions@stowe.co.uk by Friday 2 October 2020.

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 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 all Stowe 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 - 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 is required and we will only proceed with applications where this has been provided. Overseas candidates unable to attend Stowe may take examinations at their own school or at the British Council with pastoral interviews carried out via SKYPE, Zoom or Microsoft Learning. 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 Art, Design, Drama or Music are required to complete the following:

Art - submit a small portfolio by Friday 30 October this will be assessed by the Director of Art and feedback will be used to support your application.

Design - submit a small portfolio by Friday 30 October, this will be assessed by our Head of Design and feedback will be used to support your application.

Drama - submit a small portfolio of achievements by Friday 30 October. On the Entry Day, perform a one to one piece between 2-4 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. Scholars who are required to submit a Portfolio should ensure this is with Admissions no later than Friday 30 October 2020.

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 should 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 award fee remission for each award.

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.

Bursaries are normally only 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.

If your child is applying for a Scholarship and requires additional bursary support, please contact admissions to obtain a Financial Circumstances Form.

Scholarships and bursaries are available to gifted and talented children





Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships are available to pupils joining the School in the Lower Sixth Form. Successful scholarship candidates are expected to gain a minimum of eight grades 8 or above in their final examinations subjects at GCSE/IGCSE (or the equivalent for those not taking GCSEs), as well having as 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 Headmaster'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 encouraged to go beyond the confines of the syllabus by their teachers to participate in Clubs and Societies that stretch and challenge them beyond the limits of the examined curriculum and without the bounds of normal subject disciplines. They are expected to be intellectually curious, to seize opportunities to explore their subjects beyond the confines of the examined syllabus. 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.

Assessment Day

Candidates are invited to Stowe on Saturday 7 November 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 Paper. Each candidate will also have a pastoral and academic interview.



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.

Art Scholarships

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, printing, sculpture and photographic workshops, supported by specialist teachers. Digital learning and processes are taught in parallel to traditional techniques so all students gain a broad yet contemporary artistic education.

Upper Sixth students 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, a large proportion of our graduates go onto study Fine Art, Design and Architecture degrees at their first choice university or foundation courses. The Assessment Day is on Saturday 7 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 Paper. Each candidate will also take a pastoral interview.

Candidates will be required to bring with them a portfolio of recent work for assessment and take an interview with the Director of Art.

This should contain 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.

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.
- A hard A1/A0 portfolio for carrying work is recommended.

Music Scholarships



A number of Music Awards are on offer each year ranging from Exhibitions which provide free instrumental tuition on one or two instruments to Music Scholarships with free instrumental tuition on two instruments. The value of an award very much depends on the standard of the candidate. A candidate's musicianship and practice ethic will have a direct bearing on any award granted, and successful candidates will be expected to play a full and active role in the Department. There are over 60 performance opportunities each year to help pupils practice their craft in front of an audience.

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

As an approximate guide a Music Scholar should be the equivalent standard of Grade 6 or above on one instrument and be of a good standard (preferably Grade 4 or 5) on a second instrument or voice.

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. Parents should provide references from their child's instrumental teacher at the same time an application is submitted.

Assessment Day

On the 7 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 Paper. Each candidate will also have a pastoral interview.

On the Entry Day, candidates will perform two contrasting pieces on their first study instrument (or voice) and one piece on their second study instrument (or voice). If both first and second studies are performed on instruments and the pupil is also a singer, a short song performance will also be required. The audition will also include a short sight-reading/aural test appropriate to the level of the applicant. There will also be an interview with the Director of Music.

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, netball, lacrosse 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. Along with Registration and Enrolment Forms, candidates are required to submit a CV outlining their sporting achievements to date.

Assessment Day

On Thursday 7 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 Paper. Each candidate will also take a pastoral and sport interview.

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.



Not only will our Design Scholars develop their appreciation of design, but they will also consolidate it within the beautiful environment Stowe provides. Our Scholars will develop an appreciation of various architectural styles, and understanding of the Golden Ratio and they learn 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 showcase their work each year at a major exhibition on Speech Day. The School will also help scholars to enter external competitions and scholarship programmes (for example, The Arkwright Scholarship programme).

Design Scholars are expected to take A Level Product Design as one of their subject choices.

Assessment Day

On the 7 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 Paper. Each candidate will also have a pastoral interview.

Entry Day

On the Entry Day candidates will also be assessed by:

- An interview with the Head of Design
- The submission of a portfolio showing passed design work
- A timed design-based exam

The portfolio should be submitted by 7 November 2020.



Roxburgh Scholarship Award

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.



In addition to strong academic potential, which will be demonstrated in the Entry Examinations and GCSE predictions, Roxburgh candidates are expected to display excellence in at least one of the following: Sport, Music, Art, Design or Drama. Successful scholarship candidates would be expected to gain a minimum of four subjects at level 8/9 and 7s or 8s in their other subjects at GCSE.

Candidates offering Sport to support their application will be assessed at Stowe on Thursday 7 November.

Candidates offering Art, Design, Drama or Music to support an application will be assessed at Stowe on Saturday 9 November.

Scholarship Entry Day

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 Paper. Each candidate will also take a pastoral and academic interview.

Additional requirements on the day are as follows:

Music

For those offering Music we would like you to perform an audition piece on your chosen instrument no more than 5 minutes long followed by a short interview with a member of the music department.

Sport

Candidates offering sport will take a physical assessment in their chosen Sport and be interviewed by one of our Professionals.

Art

For candidates offering Art, you must submit a small portfolio by Friday 30 October. On the entry day our Director of Art will carry out a short interview to discuss your portfolio.

Drama

For those candidates offering Drama a portfolio of achievements must be submitted by Friday 30 October. On the entry day, you will be asked to perform a one to one piece between 2-4 minutes from a recognised published play, participate in a group workshop and take an interview.

Design

For candidates offering Design a portfolio of previous work must be submitted by Friday 30 October. Candidates will have a short interview with the Head of Design.

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 broader 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.

Scholarship Entry Day Process

Prior to the Entry Day Candidates must submit a portfolio of achievements in Drama by Friday 30 October at the latest. Creativity and imagination should be shown in the presentation of your portfolio. Inclusion of relevant certificates and photographs is also welcome.

Entry Day

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 Paper. Each candidate will also take a pastoral and Drama interview. Performance of an audition piece of the candidate's choice from memory of between 2-4 minutes, from a recognised published play. Candidates should be prepared to receive feedback on their monologues and to perform sections again, responding to direction. Candidates will participate in a workshop where they will be expected to work collaboratively on a range of practical drama activities (no prior preparation is necessary).

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 that 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 students who:

- 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;
- And 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 School 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. Students on the scholarship programme will also have access to the Headmaster'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

To be a successful applicant for this scholarship, candidates will need to demonstrate that they possess the qualities needed for original thinking, in addition to meeting Stowe's standard entry criteria. Assessment for this scholarship will involve a short series of interviews with the Headmaster and others, a written test, and other exercises that will allow our candidates to demonstrate their thought processes, perspectives and capabilities.

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Key Dates

Closing date for Sixth Form applications **Friday 2 October 2020**
(including Bursary applications)

Portfolios must be with Stowe Admissions by **Friday 30 October**

Sports Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Assessment and Interviews
Thursday 5 November 2020

Roxburgh Scholarship (with Sport)

Entry Examinations, Assessments
and Interviews
Thursday 5 November 2020

General Entry

Examinations and Interviews
Saturday 7 November 2020

Academic Scholarship

Entry Examinations and Interviews
Saturday 7 November 2020

Art Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Assessment and Interviews
Saturday 7 November 2020

Berry Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Assessments and Interviews
Saturday 7 November 2020

Drama Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Assessments and Interviews
Saturday 7 November 2020

Music Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Audition and Interviews
Saturday 7 November 2020

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

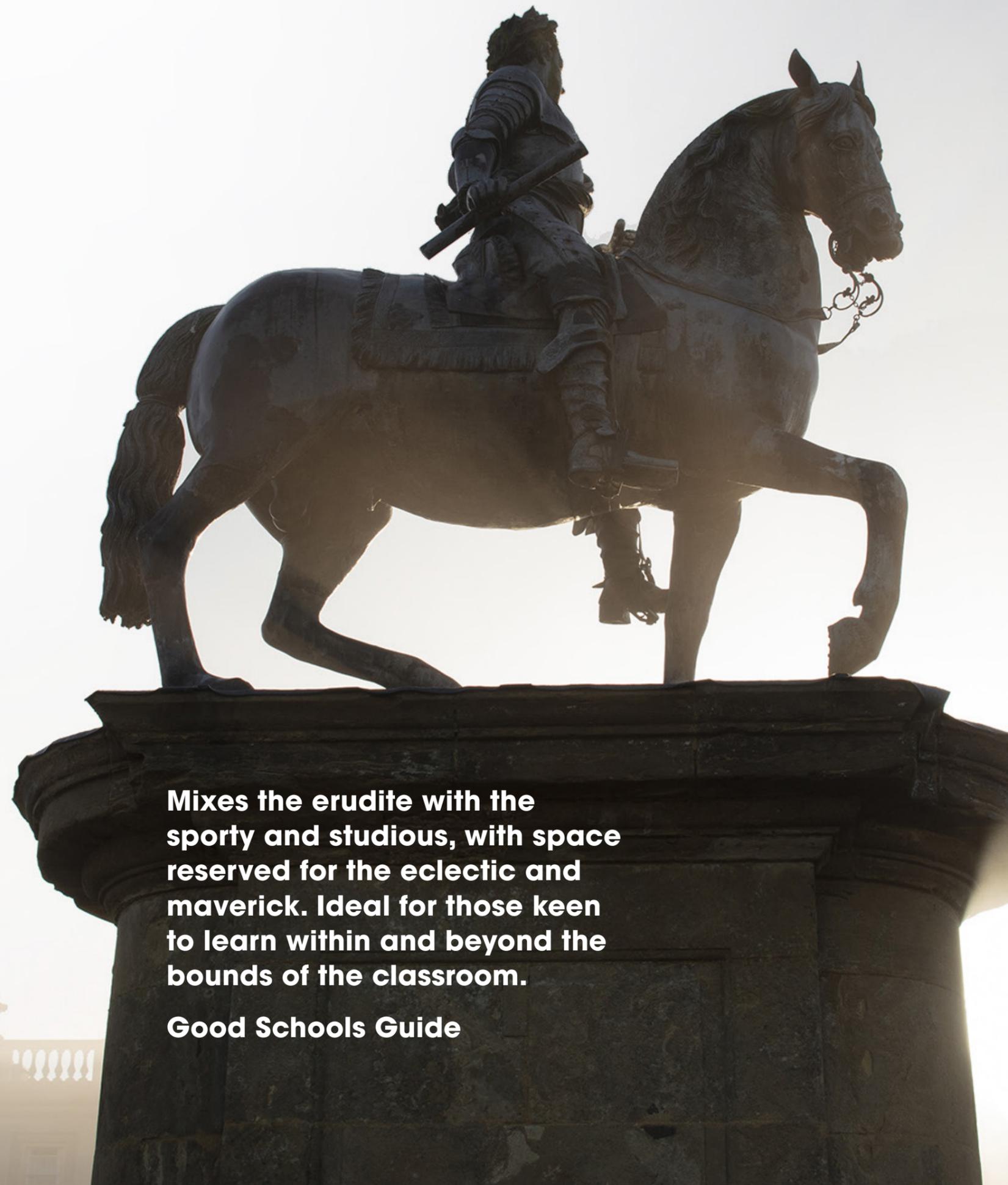
Entry Examinations,
Assessments and
Auditions
Saturday 7 November 2020

Design Scholarship

Entry Examinations,
Assessment and Interviews
Saturday 7 November 2020

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

