

School Prospectus

Stone



balance is important

Stowe is the contemporary British independent school.

We are proud to be a fully co-educational, boarding and day school. Pupils at Stowe are educated in a sublime environment that produces confident young people who are proud of their achievements.

We emphasise academic achievement alongside other learning experiences. Balance is important, for the well-being of pupils and for maximising their academic and intellectual attainment.

Stowe's unique surroundings and unrivalled facilities help in the development of well-rounded individuals.

Our pupils leave Stowe ready to embrace the challenges that lie ahead.

our **curriculum**
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We believe every pupil has abilities and talents and we are committed to helping young people develop their potential to the full.

Preparing our pupils for life after Stowe begins in their very first year, with teaching and academic support that helps each and every pupil to achieve excellence in whatever field he or she chooses.

Our curriculum is broad and innovative. Pupils explore an exceptionally wide range of subjects. Lessons are exciting and fulfilling. We do not restrict teaching styles, approaches differ but all are excellent. Our academic staff are specialists who infuse our pupils with their enthusiasm for their subjects. Our pupils gain superb GCSE and A Level results.





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Our Virtual Learning Environment provides teachers and pupils with a resource which can be accessed in and outside the classroom, and helps pupils to continue their studies in their own time. Teachers at Stowe embrace new technologies which are proven to improve pupil learning.

Whether in a traditional classroom, or in our centres for Art, Drama, DT, Music, Science and Sport, we give our pupils space to explore and fulfil their ambitions.





Music can be studied as an academic subject or enjoyed at leisure.

It is our aim that every pupil should have the opportunity to develop his or her full musical potential. Stowe's provision is second to none and the Chung Music School provides a creative hub for different genres. The purpose-built facility with practice and teaching rooms and a beautiful auditorium has given pupils a place to explore their musical talents. Stowe is an All-Steinway School.

Our pupils are taught by some of the finest musicians in the UK. They explore a wide variety of musical styles and can be found performing at St John's Smith Square one night, at a fully staged School rock concert or at Ronnie Scott's the next!

music is at the
heart of Stowe

drama challenges the individual and builds confidence

Talent has many outlets at Stowe and drama is one of these.

Our pupils achieve very high standards and they are accepted into the most prestigious drama schools.

Our 400-seat Roxburgh Theatre and excellent teaching are complemented by visits from professional companies, directors, actors, set designers and by visits to theatres.

We believe that taking part in drama challenges the individual and builds confidence. Throughout their time at the School our pupils are encouraged to participate and to take what they learn from our extraordinary drama tuition and productions into other aspects of their lives.



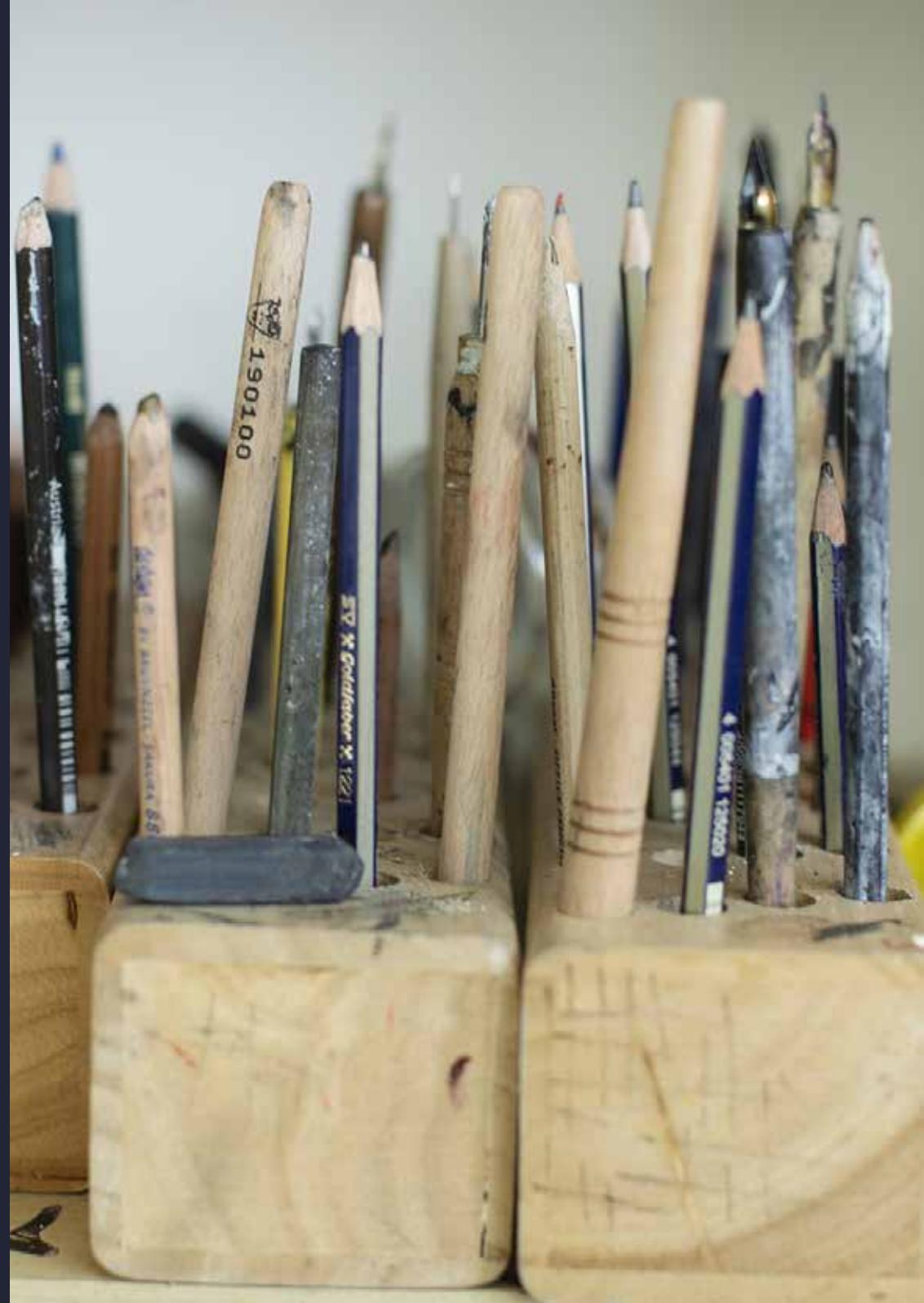


pupils are encouraged
to develop their
awareness of
contemporary **art**

Our splendid Watson Art School is the perfect environment for our pupils to explore the fine arts.

With galleries, classrooms, a study centre, Art and History of Art Library and individual studio spaces, it is simply the best facility of its kind in any school in Britain.

Bold and forward-looking, the Art Department boasts some of the best exam results in the UK. Pupils are encouraged to develop their awareness of contemporary art and aesthetics while exploring every facet of making and learning about Art.









We aim to help Stoics to pursue whatever interests them after they leave Stowe. We are proud that our pupils go into many different careers and have achieved excellence in their chosen paths. Stoics cannot be typecast, they are individuals in the best sense of the word. **Stowe has a reputation for producing bright sparks.**

The Old Stoic Society and our own Careers Department create fantastic opportunities for current pupils to meet former pupils in all kinds of professions and to start building their networks before they even leave Stowe.



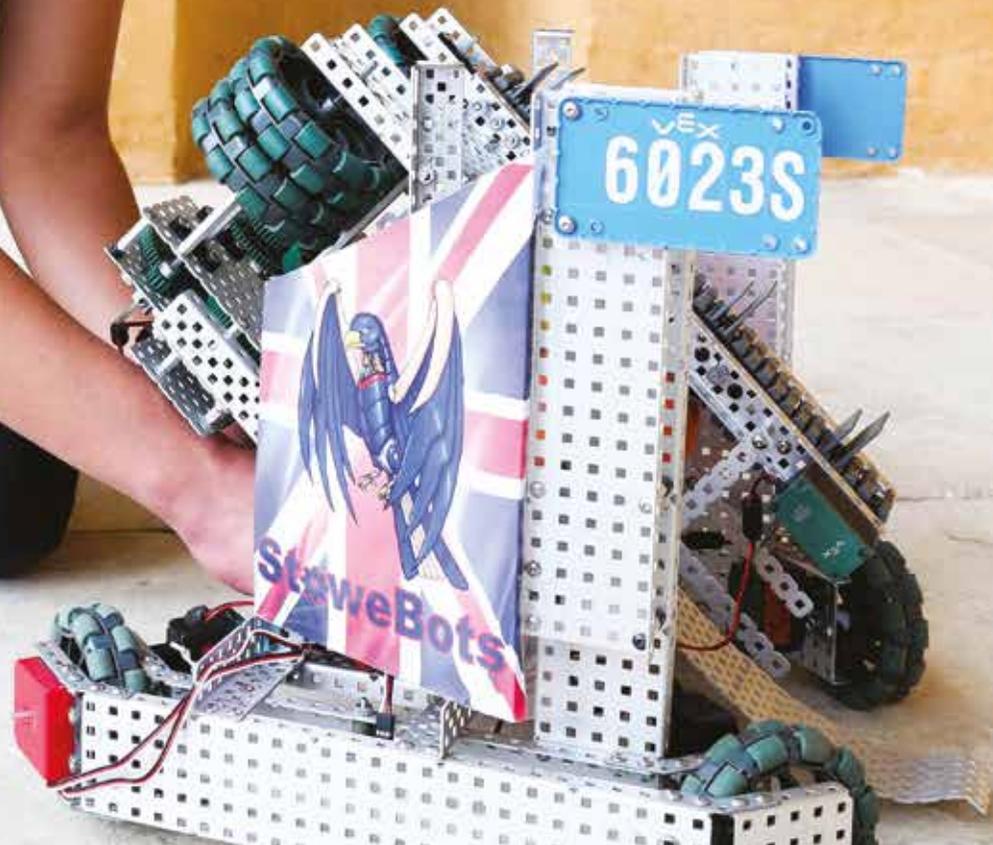
there is more to building well-rounded, active and engaged young people than just lessons, our pupils can choose from sporting, academic and creative activities

Stowe's exciting programme of more than 70 activities helps awaken interest and develop skills which will stay with Stoics all their lives.

We encourage our pupils to participate in a new activity each term during their early years at Stowe – to try out something that they would not normally consider. Once a Stoic is hooked on a new interest, the pursuit of excellence takes over and confidence rises, with the inevitable beneficial effect on the pupil's overall progress and achievement.

Activities extend beyond the School: our 200-strong Combined Cadet Force attend leadership and adventure courses; Duke of Edinburgh's Award candidates are tested on expeditions throughout the UK; while Service@Stowe is a community-based programme that helps good causes locally.

aerobics **robotics** combined cadet force congreve society
science society **whistler society**
community service duke of edinburgh's award **yoga**
music debating society **driving lessons**
brass and woodwind groups hi & lo ropes biomedical society **visual education** theatre crew and set design
sophia philosophy society **chess** rock bands
dance creative writing
chapel choir **lifesaving** literary society **martial arts** self-defence
book group headmaster's essay society
history of art **orchestra** **anacreon society**
science review **pitt society** **arts award** **lamda** **political society**
karate junior academic scholars' group climbing languages society
jazz band design/workshops **quantum society** stage workshop
ballet **gym** choral society **advertising & marketing**
fishing **art** geographical society history society **green team**
open scholars' group **zumba** international student society
crossfire **photography** **corkscrew society** fashion and textiles
chamber choir **swing band**
filmmaking



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Stowe has a tremendous
reputation for sporting
success and many Stoics go
on to stellar sporting careers







sport plays a vital role in developing physical confidence

Our pupils can take part in over 30 sports and can try anything from fencing to netball, squash to water polo, and beagling to clay pigeon shooting.

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Our key sports of rugby, hockey, cricket, lacrosse and tennis are supported by some of the best facilities in the country including: extensive playing fields; floodlit Astroturf pitches; an indoor swimming pool; a modern sports hall; a state of the art athletics track; a golf course; badminton, fives and tennis courts; and a fitness centre. Coaching styles vary but all foster a love of being active, healthy and positively competitive.

Regular fixtures on Wednesdays and Saturdays give parents the opportunity to support on the touchline. Sport is played competitively against other schools, between Houses and just for fun. There is a team for every one and every ability.

rounders

fencing

hockey

netball

rugby

hacking

volleyball

aerobics

table tennis

water polo

fly fishing

squash

clay pigeon shooting

lacrosse

martial arts

badminton

cricket

sculling

equestrian

cross-country

handball

dressage

fishing

swimming

golf

sailing

basketball

weight training

beagles

football

polo

rowing

shooting

tennis

athletics





all are welcomed
into **Chapel**

In Chapel, the whole School community gathers for assembly and worship.

At the heart of the School, Chapel is a place of Christian Prayer into which all are welcomed – and into which, whatever their Faith or Philosophy, all come. All who acknowledge a Christian devotion are invited to be nourished and nurtured and to express that Faith with confidence.

Those from other Faiths are affirmed as full participants in the spiritual life of Stowe and are invited to celebrate and reflect on all that is shared in our common humanity.

Stowe offers **full-boarding**
– so a fully active, fully
inclusive school life
continues over the
weekends

During term time, home for boarding Stoics is one of our thirteen Houses.

The Boarding Houses are located either in the Mansion or in purpose-built, modern buildings nearby. Each House has around sixty pupils (aged 13-18) and they and the staff become family for the duration of each term. Our Sixth Form House, West, is the newest addition to the Stowe community and accomodates fifty girls.

The Houses have well-equipped bedrooms and social spaces in which pupils can meet together and relax after a busy day.

All our Housemasters and Housemistresses have extensive experience in looking after young people and they are often supported by their families. Each relies on close-knit staff, teams of visiting Tutors, Matrons. Under-Housemasters and Housemistresses. From a Stoic's very first day in House, there is always someone to turn to for a kind word, help or encouragement.



we know that a **happy,**
settled and secure pupil
is more likely to succeed
academically and have
a positive social and
personal life

Evenings and weekends are full of House and Inter-House activities.

As well as sports tournaments, plays, concerts, discos, theatre visits and quizzes, Houses compete to put on imaginative events, from catwalk shows to 24-hour football marathons for charity.

Parents and Guardians are an important part of House life too, often seen shouting from the sidelines at sports fixtures or watching House plays. Keeping in touch with home is very important.





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day pupils enjoy all the
fantastic opportunities
of life at Stowe

Our Day Pupils play a full part in School life.

They are involved in music, art, drama and sport and are fully integrated into the life of the School. Alongside our Boarders, our Day Pupils contribute fully to Stowe's vibrant, friendly and inclusive community.

To show our commitment to our Day Pupils, in 2019 we are opening two bespoke Day Houses which have been carefully designed to meet the specific needs and requirements of Day Pupils. We want all Day Pupils to have the best possible experience of Stowe, either as members of Day Houses or as Day Pupils in a Boarding House. Both options offer the highest level of pastoral care and access to the whole educational experience that Stowe has to offer.

why not come and
see for yourself what
Stowe has to offer?

So what should you do next?

Come and visit us either at one of our Open Mornings or Taster Days, or for an individual tour.

We hold **Open Mornings** each term and these provide an opportunity for an introductory glance of all Stowe has to offer. You will find out about the aspirations and objectives of our Headmaster. You will meet young Stoics who will show you around the School. There will also be a chance to chat informally to the Heads of our academic and extra curricular departments, while your children will be entertained and stimulated by teachers in a variety of subjects offered at Stowe.

Alternatively you are most welcome to contact us to arrange an **individual visit**. Our Admissions Team will be happy to discuss this with you and make the necessary arrangements for your visit.

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