

PRIVATE TUITION (IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

The School's preference and recommendation to parents is that no private tuition is necessary or desirable during term time.

We place a high value on spontaneously arranged contact time with pupils outside the classroom whenever assistance with projects and work problems is requested and, in addition, all departments run clinics to help individual pupils with their work. This extra academic assistance is available, free of charge, to all Stoics outside of lessons during term time upon request.

If a parent or pupil does wish to organise privately paid individual tutoring during term time, this will only be allowed under certain conditions.

No private tutoring (in-person or online) will be allowed to take place at Stowe for Lower School pupils (Years 9-11) between 8:00am on Monday morning through 5:00pm on Saturday afternoons, unless there are unique circumstances which have been approved in advance by the Deputy Head Academic and the pupil's Houseparent. All pupils have a busy schedule of lessons, activities and prep that is designed to support the development of the pupil and which takes priority.

For Sixth Form pupils, private online tutoring is not encouraged but can be organised for independent study lessons or in other available times as long as a private space can be found where other pupils will not be disturbed. It should not replace any scheduled lessons, supervised study lessons or required school activities. Any such private online tutoring must be agreed with the Houseparent, who should have the written permission from the parent in advance, with the name and contact details of the private tutor. Where private tutoring is being used, work set and advice given by Stowe teachers on academic subjects should always be prioritised.

No 'in-person' private tuition should take place at School, other than sessions that have been agreed with our own teachers, such as music lessons, Additional Foreign Language tuition (e.g. Russian, Mandarin, Italian) or one-to-one learning support or coaching. These sessions will be agreed with parents in advance and charged to parents through the School. This ensures the School have oversight for both safeguarding and quality assurance.

Parents may not engage Stowe teachers in private tutoring of Stoics between 8:00am on Monday morning through 5:00pm on Saturday afternoons during term time, unless there are unique circumstances which have been approved in advance in writing by the Deputy Head Academic. At no stage should a teacher advertise their services as a private tutor to members of the Stowe community.