the next steps

Boarding Places

Stowe

1 Registration

Families are encouraged to Register no later than December 2026, however late applications will be accepted subject to availability. The registration fee is waived for those already within The Stowe Group.

2 Private Visit & Interview

Between September 2026 and March 2027 you should visit Stowe with your child for their Private Visit and Interviews.

3 Academic Assessment & Reference Request

UK & Overseas Prep Schools. The request for a reference and CAT4 data will be made to Prep Schools in October 2026.
UK State, Independent Senior or Overseas Schools. A report will be requested at the point of enquiry. Candidates will be required to sit CAT4 tests or UKiset if a non-native English speaker in October/ November 2026.

4 Offer of Place

Following the Private Visit and Interviews, the receipt of CAT4 or UKiset results and a reference from your child's current school, a decision will be made about whether to offer your child a place at Stowe. Unconditional offers will be made in March 2027.

5 Acceptance of Place

On receipt of the completed Acceptance of Place Form and payment of the Acceptance Deposit, your child's place, and their House, at Stowe will be confirmed.

Key Dates for 2029 Entry

September 2025 - June 2026	**Year 5** Attend one of Stowe's Open Mornings with or without your child and Register
September 2026 - March 2027	**Year 6** Private Visits and Pupil Interviews
October/ November 2026	**Year 6** Reference Requests and CAT4 Tests or UKiset (for non-native English speakers)
March 2027	Unconditional offer of Boarding Places
June 2029	New Families' Day