



Welcome to the
**OLD STOIC
SOCIETY**
Information for Parents



Dear Parent

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to Stowe and introduce you to the Old Stoic Society. The Old Stoic Society exists to help Stoics, new and old, throughout their lives by means of support, activities, connections and members' services. We also aim to encourage current Stoics to thrive during their time at Stowe.

There are over 11,000 Old Stoics around the globe, ranging in age from 18 to over 100. The Old Stoic Society is run by an elected committee of Old Stoics who work hard to serve our members, alongside two members of staff who work in the Old Stoic Office at Stowe. This leaflet summarises the services and opportunities available to your child to support them whilst they are at Stowe and after they leave the School.

Life membership of the Old Stoic Society is paid during your child's time at Stowe, as an extra to the school fees. Full details about the costs and life services provided in return are detailed in this brochure. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the Old Stoic Office.

Our aim is to provide a modern, global infrastructure for Old Stoics, to support them throughout their lifetime.

Best wishes



Hannah Durden (Nugent 01),
Old Stoic Society Chairman

THE FACTS



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FUNDING

The costs of promoting the Society's objectives are covered by life subscriptions and income from investments. Life subscriptions are paid in five termly instalments over a Stoic's first two years at Stowe, ensuring that when they leave the School they become fully paid, life members of the Society. No further subscription is payable thereafter.

The current life subscription is £900, paid in five instalments of £180 each. If you are unable to pay these instalments and would like to discuss alternative payment options for your child, please contact the Old Stoic Office on +44 (0) 1280 818252.



With over 11,000 members and a range of facilities and activities that are the envy of other schools, the Old Stoic Society offers a lifetime of support, friendship and networking opportunities.



NETWORKING AND OPPORTUNITIES

We provide Old Stoics with opportunities to meet useful business contacts either online, through Stowe Connect or at OS events – networking receptions are held regularly throughout the year.

We also facilitate advertising opportunities in our annual magazine, The Corinthian, via our digital magazine, Corinthian.online and through Stowe Connect.

We work with luxury brands and offer exclusive discounts to our members, as well as providing sponsorship opportunities to brands wishing to advertise at OS events.

The School shop and Old Stoic website offer a range of branded bespoke merchandise. We are in the process of working on a new product range to include giftware, clothing and leather goods.

STOWE CONNECT

Stowe Connect is our exclusive networking platform for the Old Stoic community. Launching in the summer of 2020, we had over 1,000 members join in the first 3 months. It promises to be an invaluable tool for networking, mentoring, job listings and business promotions, as well as keeping in touch with the OS community and contacting long-lost friends.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

We organise a full and varied annual programme of events to appeal to and engage with the widest possible spectrum of Old Stoics. More than 20 events are held annually including; regular social occasions, wine tastings, gallery tours, lunches and dinners held at Stowe, in London and around the country, as well as online events and global gatherings hosted by overseas representatives.

A popular programme of reunions take place at the School and in London each year, starting with those celebrating their 1st anniversary up to those marking 60 years since their departure from Stowe.

SPORTS CLUBS

Old Stoics can join any of the OS sports clubs which include Clay Shooting, Cricket, Cross-Country, Fives, Fly Fishing, Football, Golf, Hockey, Horse Racing, Lacrosse, Netball, Rugby, Sailing, Squash and Tennis. Additional sports are welcome, with funding and support available to any Old Stoics who are interested in setting up a team.

For the less sporting among us, we also have dedicated clubs for music enthusiasts, classic car lovers, wine drinkers and fine food fanatics. If your child has a particular passion for something, the Society actively encourages the creation of new groups and will help support them where necessary.



CAREERS

The Society supports current Stoics with:

- Annual Stowe careers fair
- Regular visiting OS careers lectures
- OS mentor matching services
- Work experience and placements
- Virtual/online events
- Access to a library of careers advice

Old Stoics looking for support can find:

- Advice from an OS mentor
- Work experience and placements
- Advice workshops
- Networking evenings



CHARITY AND OUTREACH

We support the Old Stoic Benevolent Trust (OSBT) with an annual grant. This stand-alone charity exists to support Old Stoics who fall on hard times by means of emergency funds and connections. The OSBT has been a lifeline for a number of our members in recent years.

Old Stoics have generously supported a succession of fundraising appeals, which have helped to finance the construction of many vital new facilities at the School – academic, sporting and pastoral.

Old Stoics are frequent speakers at meetings of Stowe's numerous academic societies including, debating, Crossfire, Lenten Addresses and Confirmation retreats.

We award two prestigious prizes to Stoics at Speech Day each year: The Sir Nicholas Winton Goblet for 'Service to the Community' and The Old Stoic Goblet.

STAY IN TOUCH

The Old Stoic Office at the School, equipped with the OS database, is the administrative hub of the Society. Old Stoics are always welcome to contact the Office for information, advice and help with contacting other Old Stoics, as well as to communicate their own news to be published annually in The Corinthian. The office also provides help in co-ordinating other privately organised gatherings of Old Stoics, with funding and support available to support those who wish to organise an OS event in their region or country.

If you would like to discuss the advantages available to your son or daughter which result from membership to the Society, please contact the Old Stoic Office on +44 (0) 1280 818252 or email oldstoic@stowe.co.uk

WAYS TO CONNECT

Old Stoic Website: the hub for all OS activity

Stowe Connect: a wide range of online services for Old Stoics including, business advertising opportunities, discounts at luxury brands, a jobs board and the Old Stoic Register

In Person: visit the School and National Trust Gardens by arrangement with the Old Stoic Office

The Corinthian and Corinthian.online: The printed and online annual roundup for the Society

Instagram, Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn: to interact with other members and network, follow us @oldstoic

Archive: we collect memories and ephemera from years gone to support the history of our School



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