

Stowe



**Announcing
THE STOWE GROUP**



**Stowe, Swanbourne House and
Winchester House are delighted to
announce the creation of
The Stowe Group of Schools.**

From 1 January 2021, Swanbourne House School and
Winchester House School will join The Stowe Group and this
will mark the beginning of a new era for all three schools.

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The formation of the Stowe Group will enable the member schools to benefit from a wealth of shared expertise. It will provide opportunities for sharing strategic leadership, resources for professional development and pooling pedagogical ideas, as well as delivering cost efficiencies across the Group.

Stowe has a proud reputation for disrupting education for the better, and we believe that we should continue to play our part in the national education debate. Together, the Group will prepare our pupils for the world they are entering, a world that is changing faster than ever before. We are passionate about educating our pupils to be ready to adapt as the world changes and to go out into the world and make positive change. We believe in delivering transformative educational experiences that will shape pupils' attitudes and behaviours. By doing so, Stowe is creating a generation of Change Makers and we are delighted that Swanbourne House and Winchester House want to share in this vision.

Our Vision

Our ambition is to build a strong group of schools that will thrive by enhancing our existing strengths and by continuing to provide a world-class education for all our pupils







How has this decision been taken?

As you might expect, the formation of the Group has involved lengthy and detailed discussions which have taken place over many months involving the Heads, the Governors and members of the senior management teams.

What are the benefits of the new group?

We believe that by creating the Stowe Group, we will be even more successful in delivering our shared and pioneering vision by preparing young people to go out into the world and make positive change, create new opportunities and build a better future for all.

Through the Group, we will also be able to develop closer synergies in our teaching and learning, pastoral care, boarding experience and co-curricular offering. There will also be enhanced opportunities for Art, Drama, Music and Sport. Furthermore, older pupils will have increased leadership, coaching and mentoring opportunities and younger pupils will benefit from this larger community.

The Group's founding schools share a strong philanthropic culture and together will support and benefit from the Stowe Change 100 programme. Our ambition is to raise a transformative £100 million dedicated to providing financial assistance which will give access to the life-changing benefits of a Stowe education to those families who do not have the financial means to consider independent education.

Across the Group, we will develop our enterprise activities to make best use of our facilities, so we can realise additional revenue which in turn will enable re-investment in the schools for the benefit of pupils and staff alike.

Why Swanbourne House and Winchester House Schools?

Swanbourne House and Winchester House have a long tradition of sending pupils to Stowe. In recent years, the number of children joining us from these schools has increased.

It is perhaps no surprise that our shared ethos and values make Stowe a destination school for their pupils. Formalising this connection to these schools has become the natural next step. Together, we are even better placed to provide outstanding educational opportunities for all our pupils.

For both Schools, joining the Stowe Group will offer support for long-term development and enhanced opportunities for pupils to pursue their passions inside and outside the classroom.



How will Stowe be affected by the change?

Stowe will continue to work to deliver its own strategic vision and school development plan, whilst benefiting from being the Group's lead school. The respective Heads of both of the prep schools will also join the Stowe Executive Leadership Team.

We expect the positive flow of boarding and day pupils from both prep schools to continue and we look forward to collaborating with staff and pupils at both Swanbourne House School and Winchester House School.

Both schools are highly regarded and important local feeder schools. However, like all senior schools we have strong links with many feeder schools and we will continue to work to foster and develop our relationships with other schools. We value our relationships with a wide range of prep schools which trust Stowe to provide an outstanding senior school education for their pupils.

How will any future investment in Swanbourne House and Winchester House be funded?

As with all independent schools, investment and capital developments are dependent on strong pupil numbers and generating a healthy financial plan that allows for on-going investment. The creation of the Stowe Group is part of a carefully considered and costed development plan.

What impact will this have on Stoics currently enrolled at Stowe?

The majority of pupils at Stowe will see very little change on a day-to-day basis. However, over time they, in common with all pupils in the Group's schools, will benefit from new and enhanced opportunities across the full range of activities. As part of our Change Makers vision we will be seeking to realise the potential that creating the Group creates to equip pupils with skills, resilience and ideas they need to adapt and thrive.

Further questions?

We value the relationships we have with the wider Stowe Community and we would be pleased to speak to you should you have any further questions; please do contact Tori Roddy, Director of Marketing & Admissions (troddy@stowe.co.uk).

**We are
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