



Old Stoic Society

# Welcome to Stowe & the Old Stoic Society

Information for Parents



Stowe



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(Bruce 79)

Dear Parent

I am delighted to welcome you, and your son or daughter, to Stowe and introduce you to the Old Stoic Society. This may seem a strange time to start talking about what happens after they have left the School, but I assume you have chosen Stowe both for the education it provides and for the head start it will give to your child's adult life.

The Old Stoic Society sees its role as providing the School's after-care. We define that as offering lifelong support for careers and broader interests, as well as providing personal support and offering an active calendar of social events and sporting activities. Our aim is to provide a modern, global infrastructure for Old Stoics, wherever they are now and wherever they may go later.

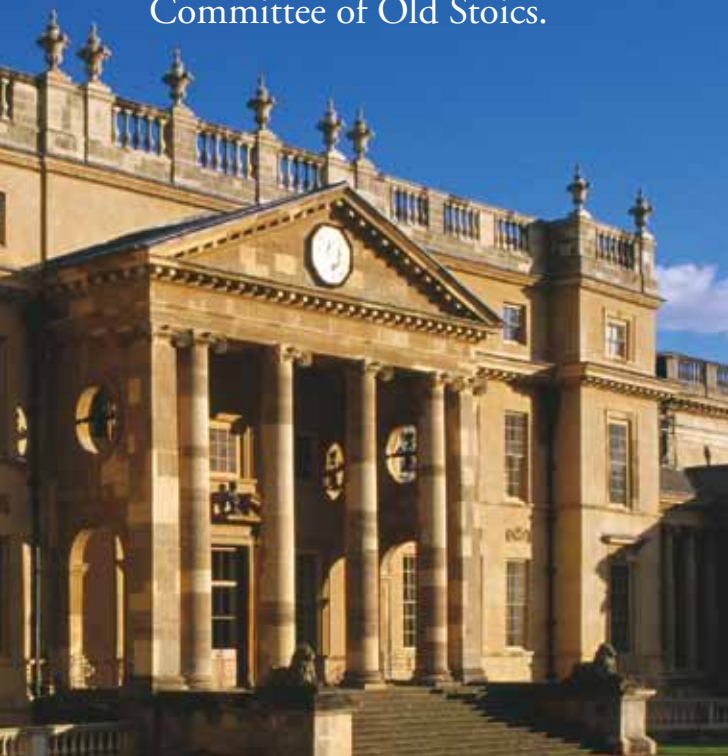
Dr Anthony Wallersteiner has impressed you with what he and his staff can do; the Old Stoic Society hopes to do the same with its team of very able volunteers and Anna Semler, our full time OS Director, who is herself an Old Stoic.

With very best wishes

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- The Old Stocic Society exists to support its members and to support Stowe and Stoics.
- The Society has about 10,500 members, ranging in age from 18 to over 100.
- The Society is run on behalf of its members by an elected Committee of Old Stoics.







### Funding

The costs of promoting the Society's objectives are covered by life subscriptions and income from investments. Life subscriptions are paid in equal instalments over a Stoic's second to sixth terms at Stowe, ensuring that when they leave the School they become fully paid-up life members of the Society. No further subscription is payable thereafter.

With over 10,500 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.



### Events and Activities

The Society organises a full and varied annual programme of events to appeal to and engage with the widest possible spectrum of Old Stoics, including:

- Annual Summer Party at the Kensington Roof Gardens
- Black Tie Old Stoic Dinner
- Business & Networking Receptions
- Classic Car Display at Speech Day
- Old Stoic Day at Stowe
- Year Group Reunions
- Regional Lunches and Special Interest Groups
- Sports Clubs



Old Stoics can join any of the OS sports clubs which include golf, cricket, hockey, tennis, squash, fives, cross country, football, lacrosse, sailing and clay pigeon shooting. Additional sports are welcome, with funding and support available to Old Stoics who are interested in setting up a team.

Old Stoics can also play Golf at Stowe for a small Green fee.









## Careers

The Old Stoic Society makes a lifelong commitment to provide career support to its members, starting with advice and assistance for Stoics and continuing as Old Stoics start on the career ladder. The Society provides help with midlife career changes, holds useful workshops to enable professional development and provides a mentor matching service for its members.

The Old Stoic Society supports current Stoics with:

- Annual OS Careers' Fair
- Regular visiting OS Careers' Lectures
- OS mentors
- Work experience and placements

Old Stoics looking for careers' advice can find:

- OS mentors
- Work experience and placements
- Advice workshops
- Networking evenings

The OS Society awards 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.

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

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 can make use of our global network to make useful business contacts and find help from a career mentor. Workshops and seminars for Old Stoics are held to encourage shared knowledge between our members and enable professional development to support members throughout their lives.





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## Staying 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 contact details of 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 available to support Old Stoics who wish to organise an OS event in their region or country.

*The Corinthian* – the annual news round up for the Society

*The Old Stoic Website* – the hub for all OS activity and contacts

*Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn* – to interact with other members and network

*The Old Stoic Register* – to find old friends and network

*Old Stoic Online Business Directory* – for discounts and advertising

*Archive* – to collect memories of years gone by

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 Director, Anna Semler (Nugent 05), by telephoning +44 (0) 1280 818252 or email [asemler@stowe.co.uk](mailto:asemler@stowe.co.uk)

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