

February 2017

Dear Upper Sixth Parents

Leavers' Service and Leavers' Ball - Saturday 1 July 2017

I have great pleasure in inviting you, together with a party of guests, to a very special evening incorporating the Leavers' Service and Leavers' Ball on Saturday 1 July. The **Leavers' Service** will take place in the Chapel at 5.30pm and this is the third year that we are opening it up to parents. I very much hope that you will enjoy being present at this significant event in your son or daughter's life as they graduate from School. The Leavers' Service will be followed by a magnificent evening of entertainment at the Leavers' Ball to be held in the State Rooms.

Most Stoics will be absent from Stowe following their last exam and will return to School on Saturday afternoon to get ready for the Leavers' Service and Ball. Houses will be open from 3.00pm to allow Stoics and Parents to make their final preparations for the two events. The dress code is **Black Tie**.

It is our intention to make the 2017 Leavers' Ball particularly memorable and a fitting occasion for all of us to celebrate the end of A Levels and the arrival of summer. The evening will feature a sumptuous dinner, a funfair on the South Front, a fireworks display over the lake and entertainment featuring live music and a DJ. The tickets will remain £125.00 for Parents and guests, while Stoics receive a ticket free of charge.

After the Leavers' Service, everyone will return to the Boarding Houses for a **Reception, hosted by Housemasters and Housemistresses from 6.30pm in each House**. At 7.45pm there will be a photograph of all guests on the South Front, followed by a three course dinner with wine from 8.30pm and a cash bar in the Marble Saloon will be open throughout the evening.

The Ball will end at 2.00am and we ask that all guests (including Stoics) leave soon afterwards to allow the organisers to dismantle the rides and pack away equipment.

There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available. Do let me know if you would be willing to sponsor any of the funfair rides, bands, wines, champagnes, fireworks, goody bags or any other aspect of the Leavers' Ball: this will be a very distinguished and discerning guest list! Leavers will be involved in every part of the Ball – planning, setting up and organising the tables – this will be their special event.

Please complete the enclosed application form for your tickets and send it to The Ball Treasurer by Monday 1 May. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and wrist bands will be distributed by Housemasters at House Receptions.

Your son or daughter will receive a complimentary ticket for the Ball, but please still include him/her in your table plans. Stoics attending without parents still need to complete a form.



We look forward to welcoming you and your guests to this event which has all the promise of being a truly spectacular and unforgettable Ball for the Leavers of 2017. If you have any queries about the Ball, please contact Rebecca Armstrong (rarmstrong@stowe.co.uk and +44 (0)1280 818282) or Jenny Bullock on jbullock@stowe.co.uk +44 (0)1280 818280.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Wallersteiner'.

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner
awallersteiner@stowe.co.uk

A large, stylized, light blue logo of the word 'Stowe' in a cursive script, oriented vertically.

2017 Leavers' Ball Information Sheet

Wrist bands for the evening will be issued at House Receptions.

Please return the form(s) by Monday 1 May 2017 with your cheque made payable to 'Stowe School Ltd' to:

The Ball Treasurer
Stowe Events Office
Stowe School
Stowe
Buckingham
MK18 5EH

Timings:

3.00pm	Houses open
5.30pm	Leavers' Service in Chapel
6.30pm	Reception in Boarding Houses
7.45pm	Photograph on South Front
8.30pm	Dinner and dancing
2.00am	Carriages

House Rules:

- All Stoics (Leavers) and guests must leave the site at 2.00am.
- Licensing laws prohibit alcohol from being brought into this event from outside the premises. Bar stock will be sold at competitive prices, with most alcoholic drinks including mixers available from £3.50 each.

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Leavers' Ball

Saturday 1 July 2017

This form should be completed for everyone wishing to come to the Ball (including Stoics attending without parents/guests). PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name of Stoic:

House:

Parent Name:

Address:

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Telephone Number:

Email:

Total number of tickets required @ £125.00 per ticket:

(Your son/daughter will receive a complimentary ticket)

Group Details: please list the names of **everyone** in your party, including Stoics.

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Please list any dietary requirements for guests on your table.

Table Details: please list the names of people you would like your table to be seated the closest to, in order of preference. We will do our best but we cannot guarantee to fulfil everyone's requests.

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2017 Leavers' Ball Sponsorship

You are invited to sponsor any aspect of this year's Leavers' Ball. Sponsors will be acknowledged and thanked in the programme and on the website by the Headmaster.

The costs of sponsoring specific aspects of the Ball are:

Wine and champagne	£5,000
Fireworks	£3,000
Fairground attractions (each)	£2,500
Entertainment	£1,500
Bands	£1,500
Theming of State Rooms (Carnival Theme)	£1,000
Goody bags	Price to be determined

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the 2017 Stowe Leavers' Ball, please contact the Headmaster (awallersteiner@stowe.co.uk).

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