



8 March 2019

Dear Upper Sixth Parents

Leavers' Service and Leavers' Ball - Saturday 29 June 2019

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 29 June. The **Leavers' Service** will take place in the Chapel at 5.30pm and this is the fifth 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 2019 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 North 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. Please note that all guests must be aged 16+.

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**. There will be a three course dinner with wine from 8.15pm 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.

Please complete the enclosed application form for your tickets and send it to The Ball Treasurer by Tuesday 30 April. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and wrist bands will be distributed by Housemasters at House Receptions. There will be no formal table plan and tables will be arranged by a committee of Stoics.

Your son or daughter is offered a complimentary ticket for the Ball, but please still include him/her on your guest list.

Stoics attending without parents still need to complete a form.

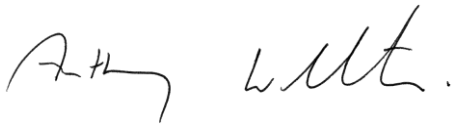


There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available. Do let me know if you would be willing to sponsor any of the funfair rides, bands, wines, champagnes, fireworks, goody bags or any other aspect of the Leavers' Ball: this will be a very distinguished and discerning guest list! Leavers will be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

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 2019. If you have any queries about the Ball, please contact Jenny Bullock (jbullock@stowe.co.uk and +44 (0)1280 818024).

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner
awallersteiner@stowe.co.uk

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2019 Leavers' Ball Information Sheet

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

Please return the form(s) by Tuesday 30 April 2019 by email to jbullock@stowe.co.uk or by post to:

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

Payment can be made by cheque (made payable to 'Stowe School Ltd') or by BACS (see attached instructions). I am sorry that we cannot add the cost of tickets to the pupil's bill.

Timings:

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| 3.00pm | Houses open |
| 5.30pm | Leavers' Service in Chapel |
| 6.30pm | Reception in Boarding Houses |
| 8.15pm | 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 £4.50 each.

Leavers' Ball

Saturday 29 June 2019

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(s):

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.

All guests must be aged 16+.

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Please list any dietary requirements for guests on your table.

The seating plan will be organised by a committee of Stoics. However, please list the names of people you would like your table to be seated the closest to, in order of preference. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee to fulfil everyone's requests but will do our best.

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Stoics

2019 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:

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| 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 2019 Stowe Leavers' Ball, please contact the Headmaster (awallersteiner@stowe.co.uk).

If you have any other queries about the Ball, please contact Jenny Bullock (jbullock@stowe.co.uk and +44 (0)1280 818024).

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BANK DETAILS FOR LEAVERS BALL TICKETS AT STOWE SCHOOL

Account : Stowe School Ltd (Cheques payable to Stowe School Ltd)

Bank : Barclays Bank Plc
Sort Code : 20-03-50
Account : 90849375
BIC/SWIFT : BARCGB22
IBAN : GB97 BARC 200350 90849375

Please quote pupil name, School number and ref : Leavers Ball

Full bank address:

Barclays Bank Plc

Banbury Branch

North Oxfordshire Group

PO Box 1

Banbury,

Oxon,

OX16 8PS

United Kingdom