



Information from the Second Master

GAP YEAR

Parents of present Sixth Formers will find information about Stowe's GAP year service included on the website. Many of you will have heard about this at our Higher Education and GAP Meeting in the Lent term. Stoics are urged to give these opportunities careful thought and, if it does seem a good idea, to begin making plans now. All too often many teenagers leave the planning until it is too late. Early application is very important for most of the major schemes.

INSURANCE

May I remind you that the School's insurance policy does **NOT** cover the loss of your child's personal property at School. In this regard, I should remind you that **only** overseas pupils may, with the permission of their Housemaster or Housemistress, leave personal property at Stowe over the School holidays. Parents are therefore advised to make sure that adequate arrangements are in place for the insurance of their children's property.

TRAVEL TO AND FROM HOME

Parents are reminded that the cost of travel to and from home (coach, taxi, trains, flights etc.) may not be charged to the termly bill. Where parents wish the School to make travel arrangements for their child, a deposit sufficient to cover the term's requirements should be sent to the Finance Department at the start of each term.

POCKET MONEY

Parents are reminded that it is not possible for the purchase of luxury and recreational items to be charged to the termly bill; parents are specifically requested to take account of such expenditure by writing cheques payable to 'Stowe School Ltd' rather than giving their son/daughter large amounts of cash. Housemasters/Housemistresses are happy to advise on what constitutes a reasonable amount and, of course, Pocket Money Accounts can be topped up from time to time as circumstances dictate.

MOBILE PHONES

Parents are advised not to allow pupils to bring expensive mobile phones to School as they can be a target for theft.

CLOTHING

As storage space in Boarding Houses is limited, please ensure that your children return in September with the minimum amount of casual clothing for weekend wear. It should be in a good state of repair; torn jeans and, for girls, very short skirts are not allowed.

Parents should also be aware that **all** clothing should be clearly named, as this will allow us to ensure that lost items are returned to their owner.

HAIR

All Stoics are expected to return to School with neat and tidy hair which has been properly cut. Boys' hair should be off the collar at the back and out of their eyes at the front.

PUPILS' CARS AT SCHOOL

Pupils are not permitted to bring cars into School without specific permission. We ask parents of the Upper Sixth in particular not to request permission for Stoics to bring cars to School. In the past we have been inundated with such requests, and we ask you to make alternative arrangements for their return home at the end of the term. This is a good opportunity to remind parents of our rules about Stoics driving cars – in particular that on no account should Stoics ever drive other Stoics, nor should they be driven by anyone under the age of 21.

PORTABLE APPLIANCE TESTING (PAT)

Any electrical appliance brought onto the School campus must comply with the following conditions:

- It must be new and BEAB approved OR you must be able to supply a test certificate confirming its safety.
- No appliances with heating elements, for any purpose, are to be brought to the School.

The School will reserve the right to test all mains powered appliances and remove any that it believes to pose a risk, however small.



Crispin Robinson
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