



Introduction

There is provision for pupils who do not have English as their first language which is coordinated through the International Department. In the Third Form Stoics have the opportunity to follow courses in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) tailored to their individual needs. Some pupils also opt to study for the IGCSE in English as a Second Language as one of their main GCSE options or as an additional GCSE subject. International sixth-formers may need to be prepared for the IELTS examination, which is important for meeting university entrance criteria. In addition to IELTS, some students in the sixth form also choose to sit the advanced Cambridge ESOL examinations including CAE (Certificate in Advanced English) and CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English). TOEFL preparation is offered to Sixth Form pupils applying to American universities. Courses in general English and academic writing are also available, as well as English language support for specific subject areas.

International Links

The Head of International Visits, Expeditions and Gap Years is the School's central point of reference for evaluating, encouraging and supporting initiatives which widen pupils' awareness and knowledge of the world around them.

Stowe's international initiatives cover the following areas, though it is recognised that some projects will fall into more than one category.

1. Academic support

- a) Study Trips

2. Cultural experience

- a) Tours (e.g. sport, music)
- b) Expeditions
- c) GAP placements for leavers

The School encourages staff to consider opportunities for widening the academic and cultural awareness of pupils. All international projects must first be put to the Head of International Visits, Expeditions and Gap Years for consideration and for incorporation into the overall annual calendar of international initiatives. Trips, dates and staffing have to be approved by EMT before parents are approached.

International pupils at Stowe

The Head of International Department (EAL) is also the member of staff in charge of International pupils and has two main areas of responsibility in addition to supervising the teaching and preparation for EAL qualifications:

- a) To help international pupils to adjust to and mix well into the School community
- b) To provide opportunities for all Stoics to be aware of and gain some understanding of the culture of their fellow pupils.

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EAL Provision (Education and Welfare)



Guardians

Details regarding the provision of guardians are detailed in the Admissions policy and other related documents are available from the Admissions department.