

SWANBOURNE HOUSE



THE STOWE GROUP

**We are delighted to announce that
Swanbourne House, Winchester House
and Stowe will be coming together to
create the Stowe Group.**

The Group will be established with effect from 1 January 2021.

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**SWANBOURNE
HOUSE**

Stowe

**WINCHESTER
HOUSE**



OUR VISION

Our ambition is to build a strong group of schools that will thrive by enhancing our existing strengths and by continuing to provide a world-class education for all our pupils.

The formation of the Stowe Group will enable the member schools to benefit from a wealth of shared expertise. It will provide opportunities for sharing strategic leadership and resources for professional development, as well as delivering economies of scale across the Group.

Most importantly, it will enable pupils to enjoy access to enhanced teaching and learning environments, leadership and coaching opportunities and extensive Group facilities.

We believe in delivering transformative educational experiences that will shape pupils' attitudes and behaviours. By doing so, the Group's schools will be creating a generation of Change Makers and we are delighted that Swanbourne House is going to be a part of this exciting new journey.



THE SWANBOURNE SPIRIT

By coming together with Stowe and Winchester House to form the Stowe Group, our families can be assured that we will continue to provide our enriching and dynamic approach to learning that ensures all our pupils are well prepared for their next school and beyond.

We will retain our proud name, our distinctive identity and our educational autonomy. The school will remain registered separately with the Department of Education and Jane Thorpe, as Head of Swanbourne, will continue as a member of the Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPS).



PUPILS

Our progressive and innovative approach to education and enrichment will continue. Indeed, the Group is aligned in its vision of enabling pupils to become thriving, resilient, inspired learners with confidence and creativity across academic subjects, performing and expressive arts and sport.

Nurturing and supporting the creativity, abilities and aspiration of each child at Swanbourne House is crucial to us. We are incredibly proud of the 'Swanbourne Spirit' and this will always be at the heart of what we do.

Pupils will continue to be taught by staff at Swanbourne in the classes and year groups with which they are familiar. As well as the incredible facilities at Swanbourne which they know and love, our pupils will also benefit from the immediate sharing of Stowe's facilities and its broad academic and co-curricular provision. We are excited about the significant opportunities for group wide collaboration for all our pupils and staff.

The Pre-Senior Baccalaureate (PSB) will continue to be the assessment model for 11s and TY unless pupils are selected for the academic scholarship stream. PSB aligns very well with the approach and ambitions of Stowe's Change Makers Programme.

Pupils and their families will be warmly invited to attend events at Stowe.



STAFF

In the future, staff across the Group will benefit from the planned investment, as well as the increased collaborative opportunities and extended training and development provision both within and outside the Group.

GOVERNANCE

Jane Thorpe will continue as Head of Swanbourne and will join the Group's Executive Leadership Team. She will be supported by her current Senior Leadership Team.

From January 2021, there will be a Group Governing Body which together with the Head of Stowe, Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, and the Group's Executive Leadership Team, will provide support to, and oversight of, Swanbourne's strategic direction.

This strategic oversight will drive longer term development through the implementation of a plan that will be developed by the Governing Board.

Three of Swanbourne's current Governors will be selected to sit on the Stowe Group's Governing Board for at least an initial three year period. A committee of this overarching board will also be established to provide governance overview for the Group's prep school operations.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

EDUCATING

Our educational philosophy and our much-loved traditions are an important part of the Swanbourne Spirit and as the School grows and develops, new traditions and approaches will evolve to mark this next chapter in our history.

As part of the Stowe Group we will build upon the excellent education already provided by Swanbourne across a wide range of areas. Providing pupils with optimum opportunities to develop a love of learning, subject knowledge and skills that will prepare them for the next stage of their education and life beyond is at the heart of the Group's educational vision.

INVESTING

One of the benefits of creating the Stowe Group will be the pooling of resources to help us to execute our development plan. Through significant capital investment we will realise further improvements in our teaching and learning environment, boarding and other facilities, enabling us to extend our reputation for our progressive and innovative approach to education. Priorities for investment will be determined based upon need and by agreement of the overarching Governing Board.

Our obligation, as an educational charity, is to use the School's resources in ways that have the most positive impact on educational outcomes for our pupils.

Like all successful schools, in a challenging and changing market, we continually look for opportunities to develop and regularly review our strategic options to ensure the long term success of the School. By creating the Group, we will have the benefit of economies of scale and stronger purchasing power. The synergies and efficiencies of being a part of a group are both an important driver and key benefit.

ADMISSIONS

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Admissions to Swanbourne House will continue to be managed by us.

STOWE SCHOOL

The creation of the Group guarantees a place for Swanbourne House pupils at Stowe subject to them meeting Stowe's academic requirements, but it does not create any pressure on our families to send their children to Stowe. Indeed we will continue to explore a wide range of senior school options with our families to ensure a decision is made in the best interests of each child.

FEES, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Fees, bursary and scholarship arrangements will continue as previously published for the academic year 2020/21. The Group's aim is to offer value for money in providing high quality education.



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