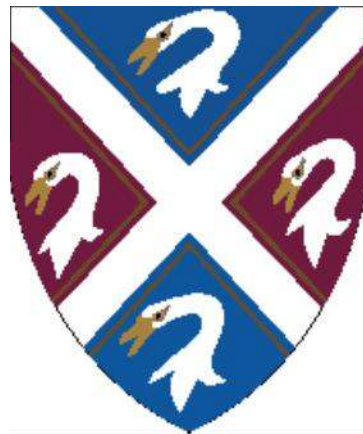


# SWANBOURNE HOUSE

THE *Stowe*  
GROUP



SCHOOL PERFORMANCE  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

## SEPTEMBER 2021 – JULY 2022

Swanbourne House is a boarding and day Independent Boarding and Day School. There have been 253 pupils across the School, ranging from 4 to 13. 68 pupils have been registered for boarding [38 boys and 30 girls]. Of these, 4 were full boarders, 5 weekly, and 59 flexi-boarders. This document provides a summary of school and individual pupil achievements throughout the year.

### ACADEMIC RESULTS

Since September 2019, we have followed the Pre-Senior Baccalaureate (PSB) system for all pupils in Years 7 and 8. This year has seen our second cohort of Upper School successfully complete their two-year course of studies under the PSB assessment framework. Of particular note were the two children who achieved the top grade of 10. In addition, this year we have won 19 Scholarships and Exhibition Awards for children moving from Swanbourne House to their chosen Senior School.

At the end of this year we have 36 Year 8 pupils graduated from Swanbourne House. Leavers to Senior Schools at 13+: Stowe School; Oakham School; Malvern College; Rugby School; Bradfield College; Royal Hospital School; Harrow School; WAB; St Edward's School.

### Scholarships 13+

- Academic Scholarship, Bradfield College [1]
- Dr Gray All-Round Scholarship, Bradfield College [2]
- Academic Scholarship, Stowe [1]
- Roxburgh Scholarship, Stowe [2]
- Academic Scholarship, Royal Hospital School [1]
- Drama Scholarship, Stowe [3] [1 declined as already held two awards]
- Art Scholarship, Stowe [2]
- Sports Scholarship, Stowe [1]
- Sports Scholarship, Harrow [1]
- Linguistics Prize, Harrow [1]
- Sports Exhibition, Malvern [1]
- Music Exhibition, Malvern [1]
- Drama Exhibition to Stowe [1]
- DT Exhibition, Stowe [2]

### Internal Scholarship Awards 11+

- 1 pupil was awarded an Art Scholarship for 2022-2023
- 23 pupils have been awarded internal scholarships for 2022-2024
- Fremantle Academic Scholarship
- Goodhart Outstanding All-rounder Scholarship
- 3 Academic Scholarships
- 4 Art Scholarships
- 3 DT Scholarships

- 5 Drama Scholarships
- 2 Music Scholarships
- 4 Sports Scholarships
- A number of other children have been invited to join bespoke scholarship mentoring groups.

## Other Areas of Achievement

- In English we have seen author visits, national creative writing competitions, national poetry competitions and poetry workshops. Congratulations to the 9 pupils who are now published poets following their success in the Young Writers' national poetry competition; and to 1 pupil who won the Rugby School poetry recitation competition.
- In Maths, interdisciplinary work has been high on the agenda with cross-curricular trips to Bletchley Park and The National Space Centre. A year 8 PSB project saw the pupils launching a business and making investment decisions; and a Year 7 PSB project involved the pupils designing their own online Maths Revision book.
- In Science, a core focus has been Learning How Science Works and looking in greater depth at sustainability and climate change. The school now has a team of climate change ambassadors and pupils in years 6-8 were invited to attend Stowe's national Climate Action Conference. Year 5 travelled to Wychwood School for a sustainability day, and Year 4 visited Whipsnade zoo.
- In Ancient Languages, we continued to run an optional Ancient Greek language class. We also ran an Ancient Greek History and Civilisation course on our Saturday Enrichment Programme. Our Years 7 & 8 scholars visited the Nero exhibition at the British Museum.
- In MFL we have appointed pupil language ambassadors who promote the cultural and linguistic diversity in the school and who ran language workshops in the Lower School. Mandarin and Spanish were offered as Saturday Enrichment courses and as Lower School weekday courses. Year 7 visited the London French Institute and years 5-8 children experienced French theatre productions here and at Stowe. Year 4 children also visited the Village Shop to practise their practical French.
- In Humanities, Year 7 went on a Geography Fieldwork trip to Dorset; Year 8 went on a Witchcraft Tour around London as part of a cross-curricular English and History project; Year 4 went on a landmarks tour of London. Saturday Enrichment courses were available in Historical Investigation and Geology. Year 5 pupils made bread and baked it in the Outdoor Learning class as part of their medieval banquets work.
- In Computing, Digital Leaders ran an Online Safety workshop for parents and an activity session for Safer Internet Day.
- In Outdoor Learning, residential visits took place to Devon for Year 8, the Dorset Coast for Year 5, a Scout Camp in Hampshire for Year 4 and a camp out for Year 3 in our school grounds. Year 6 enjoyed a day trip to the Wild Forest Obstacle Course in Brentwood. Overseas trips will resume next year with visits to Iceland, France and Zimbabwe.
- In Art, the pupils have explored the influence of Art and Design in raising awareness of sustainability and climate change. Further, a good number of our children chose to submit some brilliantly creative entries for this year's IAPS Art Competition.
- A number of Exceptionally Able pupils attended Bright Young Things sessions at Stowe as part of their Saturday Enrichment programme.

- Younger pupils have also visited the Tower of London and Waddesdon Manor for their project work.
- 8 pupils attended the Winton Cup at Stowe.
- 6 pupils attended the Bloxham Apprentice Challenge.
- 6 pupils participated in the World Wise Quiz at Magdalen College, Oxford, one team winning first place in the Junior Competition.
- Staff and pupils took part in the Swanbourne Endeavour.
- One pupil painted a fantastic portrait of The Queen for The Platinum Jubilee which has been sent to Her Majesty.
- We welcomed a number of external speakers who talked to various pupils on a range of subjects including: A Child Soldier's Story; The Importance of History; Aviation with the Red Arrows; Conservation of Endangered Species.
- One of our Vice School Captains organised a litter pick in the school grounds in conjunction with two Year 4 girls.
- 8 children were awarded half colours in Art, and 4 achieved full colours.
- 3 children were awarded full colours for DT.

## **Drama/Dance**

There have been 14 Drama Performances over the course of the year.

The main Senior Production [for Years 6 -8] was 'Shrek the Musical'.

The Year 3 and 4 Production was 'Matilda Junior'.

Year 5 Productions were Roald Dahl's 'James and the Giant Peach' and 'The Witches'.

Year 6 Shakespeare plays were abridged versions of 'Macbeth' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Year 7 Pantomimes were 'Aladdin' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Foundation and Year 1/2 Nativity plays were performed to parents.

House Performing Arts Competitions for children between Years 3 and 8.

House Poetry Recitation Competitions for children between Years 3 and 8.

Theatre Trips took place to: 'The Prince of Egypt' at the Dominion Theatre, London; 'Les Miserables' at Milton Keynes Theatre; 'What the Ladybird Heard' at Milton Keynes Theatre; 'Cinderella' at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre; 'Treasure Island' at Stowe.

Manor House children taking classes with Pepperpot Perfect gave showcase performance to parents.

Drama Scholars performed a play in Chapel for National Anti Bullying Week.

M&M Theatrical Productions visited and performed 'The Wizard of Oz', giving a theatre technique workshop to Year 5 afterwards.

Children had the opportunity to join Stowe and Winchester House pupils to perform in a Stowe Group performance of 'Oliver!'.

Over the course of the year, 20 children were awarded their ½ drama colours and 6 their full drama colours.

Over the course of the year, 5 children were awarded their ½ dance colours, and 3 their full dance colours.

86 children took LAMDA exams between Entry Grade and Grade 6, 43 achieving Merits, and 39 achieving Distinctions.

88 children participated in LAMDA lessons.

## Music

Two large scale concerts at Christmas and the Summer, featuring all music groups and several solos from senior musicians.

Choral Concert in May featuring all singing groups.

Two ticketed Carols by Candlelight Concerts given by the Senior Choir at St Guthlac's Church, Passenham.

Eight informal house concerts featuring 88 solo performances from children between Years 3 and 8.

Form concerts for every class were held, giving further performance opportunities for children between Years 3 and 8.

Staff House Band formed (Mind the Gap), fundraising concert in aid of the School charity.

House Music Competition for children between Years 3 and 8.

Stowe Keyboard Day for pianists attended.

54 ABRSM practical exams taken over the course of the year between Prep Test and Grade 5, 13 of these achieved Merits, and 11 achieved Distinctions.

5 Trinity practical exams were taken, 1 achieving a Merit and 3 Distinctions.

Over the course of the year, 6 children were awarded their ½ music colours and 4 their full.

151 children had individual music lessons.

Year 2 took part in an African Drumming workshop.

The band 'Here at Last' performed to children in Years 5 to 8 to raise awareness of mental health.

## Sport

In Physical Education and Sport, 217 fixtures were held against other schools and pupils also participated in IAPS tournaments.

New sports have been introduced at Swanbourne in the form of Lacrosse and Korfbal.

Externally coached Masterclasses were held in Hockey and Tennis.

This year saw us field our first school equestrian team for many years.

We also fielded our first IAPS triathlon team.

We were thrilled to be able to host Sports Days for every member of the school this year. The school record in Triple Jump which has stood for the last 31 years was beaten with an impressive distance of 10m40. The winning House was Cottesloe, finally knocking Evans off the top spot after 8 years.

29 children competed in the Prep School Athletics Meet at Stowe.

Children competed in the annual Swanbourne Chase.

46 children received their half colours in different sports, and 33 their full colours.

One child represented the County and then the South of England in athletics.

Two children represent the County in Hockey.

Year 7 and 8 pupils did pre-term Hockey, Rugby, and Cricket training at Stowe.

One child qualified as a PADI Open Water SCUBA diver.

One child completed their Level 2 RYA qualification.

Two girls have been invited onto the Bucks Cricket Board Pathway.

One child has been invited to represent County in Cricket.

One child has achieved their green belt in kickboxing.

Four children have been competing in Equestrian events.

One child has been selected to train for County in tennis.

Two children have been selected to play a match for MK Dons.

## **Charitable Works**

The School have supported Imire Rhino Conservation (Zimbabwe) through a variety of events, including Mufti days, Bake Sales and Concerts, raising over £4000 this year. Several children have also set themselves challenges to raise money for Imire.

Adults and children have also individually raised money for Imire by; completing a triathlon; swimming 5k; sleeping out in the cold; cycling 10km

We have also supported Comic Relief (some staff also walked/ran to raise money for Comic Relief), the Royal British Legion (selling poppies and other associated products, in addition to the Senior Choir leading the music at the village's Remembrance Service), Big Little Give

In addition, individual pupils have supported charitable efforts in Ukraine, Afghanistan, for Autism Awareness, and Disadvantaged Children in India.

One family created a Well-being Garden for the pupils and staff at the School, which was officially opened in the Summer Term. They also worked to raise awareness of mental health. Years 3 and 4 helped to pick apples to make fruit juice to raise money for local families in need. 84 children from Swanbourne House took part in the triathlon at Oundle, raising nearly £5k for Girls' Education in Sierra Leone.