



# GENERAL INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS





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### MR RICHARD NOTMAN

# HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

Stover School delivers cutting edge education while retaining a healthy focus on traditional morals, manners and Christian values. Happy children are at the very centre of our ethos, reflecting our robust system of pastoral care. Children who feel safe, valued, respected and who trust those around them are free to focus on learning to their maximum potential. Our stunning rural setting allows children to enjoy being children and is integral to enhancing this ethos.

In this school, the family atmosphere ensures that every child is known and understood by the staff and their fellow pupils, as an individual who has something to offer the school community and world at large. This approach is reflected in our absolute focus on adding value to the academic potential of each pupil, in an effort to maximise individual educational and examination outputs, regardless of ability.

We believe that success breeds success and our extensive additional curriculum and activities programme provides opportunities for all of our children to explore a range of interests and enjoy positive outcomes, leading to a burgeoning self-confidence that then enhances progress in all areas of the curriculum.





# MISSION STATEMENT

Stover School provides education which nurtures, celebrates, challenges and inspires each pupil. Our holistic approach combines a progressive research based curriculum, with a resilient moral code based on sound family and Christian principles. We prepare confident and independent young people to adapt and succeed in an ever changing world.

In pursuit of this we aim to:-

- •invest in educational excellence enabling the provision of effective, inspiring and stimulating teaching to pupils of wide ranging abilities, encouraging their enthusiasm for learning, enabling each pupil to achieve their potential.
- ·maintain an ongoing evaluation of the quality and content of both teaching and learning.
- •provide a broad, forward looking curriculum at all levels with appropriate resources.
- •maintain a supportive and happy environment where the individual and spiritual needs of pupils and staff are recognised and provided for.
- •provide sound moral values through clear expectations of behaviour, emphasising respect and consideration for others.
- •encourage self-confidence, self-motivation and self-discipline within a safe and caring community.
- •engage and maintain effective communication with members of the School and wider community.
- · value the school's special, natural environment and historic estate and to use them wherever appropriate in the school curriculum.

# RESEARCH BASED LEARNING

Research Based Learning is a philosophy that transcends the whole curriculum at Stover School, being employed from the Nursery to the Sixth Form. It defines an approach in which teachers encourage pupils to be researchers, discoverers and creators of their own and others learning.

Teachers encourage pupils to be hands on in their approach. The focus is, therefore, more practical, involving problem solving, discovering, experimentation and research.

Pupils take ownership of their learning and derive more satisfaction, engagement and enjoyment from the outcomes achieved. This methodology facilitates pupils in developing essential cognitive skills that will see them succeed in both higher educational environments and the wider world: creativity, critical analysis, logic, flexibility, risk management, research skills, problem solving, initiative, mental conflict, resolution, summation and conclusion.

In addition personal skills are developed, as successful Research Based Learning relies on fruitful interaction with both peers and staff. These include communication and presentation, team-working, personnel management, empathy and decision making skills, which in turn develop self-belief and the robustness required to deal with setbacks and failure. The skill sets that are developed put pupils in the best possible position to access the highest levels and grades in public examinations, thus maximising their potential. More importantly, the understanding of learning and their own strengths results in young adults who can go on achieving for the rest of their lives.







# **CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### PREP SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Excellent academic results are only one aspect of the school. Pupils have plenty of opportunities to explore new interests, develop talents and enhance creativity through our activity programme. Many extracurricular activities and clubs are offered after school and provide an opportunity to extend learning outside the classroom. A variety of clubs are offered each term during the school year.

· Activity Club · Arts and Crafts · Athletics · Bushcraft · Clay Pigeon Shooting · Chess · Cricket · Drama · Fencing · Football · Gardening · Hockey · Homework Club · ICT · Judo · Lego · Netball · Outdoor Fitness · Quiz Club · Scenery and Prop Making · Ski Club · Spanish · Tag Rugby · Zhumba

#### SENIOR SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

At Stover School, we believe that enrichment experiences are vital to a child's development, so in Senior School activities are timetabled as part of the school day, rather than being an optional extra. Pupils have the opportunity to try a plethora of activities which help them gain important life skills, time management, learn about resilience and commitment, raise self esteem, develop relationships and prepare for the future as well as having a lot of fun.

· Art Club/Card Making · Athletics · Backstage/Tech Theatre · Bee Keeping · Big Band · Bushcraft · Cantabile Choir · Choir · Circus Skills · Clay Pigeon Shooting · Creative Writing · Cricket · Cookery Club · Craft Club · Dance · Drama · Duke of Edinburgh · Fencing · Football · Geocaching · Geology Club · Golf · Hockey · Horse Riding · Journalist Club · Judo · Junior Team Challenge · Knitting Club · Mandarin Club · Maths Help · Music Theory · Netball · Orchestra · Orienteering · Robotics · Rifle Club · Rounders · Rugby · Running · School Play · Science Club · Scrapbook · String Quartet · Ten Tors · Trampolining · Wind Chamber Music

# STOVER SCHOOL BOARDING

A number of the Senior School community are boarders. There is one coeducational boarding house, Park House. offering a family community. We have a range of boarding options including full, weekly and flexi boarding. Boarding pupils develop strong, lifelong and supportive friendships.

The boarding house has been recently refurbished. Sixth Form pupils are in single and double rooms, while younger boarders stay in double or triple rooms which provide a more supportive environment. Evenings in the boarding house are taken up with prep and activities, and there is a full programme of events and activities at the weekend along with some time to relax with friends.

#### **ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE**

Pupils whose first language is not English will be offered English lessons appropriate to their level and will be supported to pass an examination in English as a second language by the end of their first year at the school. Where required, learners can be offered extra tuition in order to improve their reading, writing and listening skills, more information can be obtained from the EAL department.





# SPECIALIST PROVISION

Stover school values all children equally and endeavours to ensure that every child has the opportunity to realise their potential, in a challenging and supportive environment. We believe we make a difference in enabling these pupils to achieve the greatest possible progress and recognise the value and importance of identifying and celebrating their achievements and successes. Research shows that making provision for gifted and talented pupils raises the standards of achievement for all pupils, which is why the provision for Gifted and Talented pupils at Stover School is addressed by every department in the Senior School.

Our definition of ability recognises academic and practical performance as well as those who show outstanding artistic, musical and creative talent, physical skills, leadership qualities and the ability to process ideas and information.

#### PUPILS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

As a non-selective school, Stover welcomes pupils with learning difficulties and disabilities. A small number of pupils have an Educational Health Care Plan. Where this is the case, the school works with the Local Authority to ensure that the needs of the pupil are met. This may include the provision of 1:1 support in class and during other activities, additional teaching by the Learning Support staff, external input from educational psychologists, occupational therapists and the specialists from the County Special Education Team. The School takes a fully inclusive approach aiming to ensure that pupils with learning difficulties or disabilities (whether or not they have an Educational Health Care Plan) take as full a part in the life of the School as is possible and appropriate according to their specific needs.

Individual Education Plans are developed by the Learning Support Department for pupils with learning difficulties.

# STOVER SCHOOL

# **ADMISSIONS**

We welcome the opportunity to show you around Stover School and run several Open Mornings throughout the year. If you would prefer a personal visit please contact the Registrar to make the necessary arrangements. Your visit will include a meeting with either the Head of the School or Head of the Preparatory School and a guided tour of the school.

#### **NURSERY**

#### From 3 to 4 Years

• Please complete a Nursery Application Form available online and return to the Registrar.

#### PREPARATORY & SENIOR SCHOOL

- Please complete the Registration Form available online and return to the Registrar with a registration fee of £100, a copy of your child's birth certificate and a recent school report.
- · Visits and Interviews are arranged followed by Taster Days.

#### **OVERSEAS ENTRY**

- With the initial application, we require copies of a pupil's most recent school reports, provisional subject choices for GCSE and A Level courses, personal school references, copy of passport and registration form.
- · Visits to Stover School and taster days can be arranged at a convenient time. If this is not possible then a Skype interview will be arranged.
- Entry papers are taken in both English and Mathematics.

For more information please contact our Registrar on Tel: + 44 (0) 1626 354505 or email: registrar@stover.co.uk







# 11+ AND 13+ SCHOLARSHIPS

Stover School offers scholarships in the following areas:

- Academic
- · Arts (fine art, drama or dance)
- Music
- Sports

at the following stages:

11+ (YEAR 7)

13+ (YEAR 9)

SIXTH FORM (YEAR 12)

For the 11+ scholarships for entry into Year 7 in the Senior School; pupils must be under 12 on 1st September.

For the 13+ scholarship for entry into Year 9 in the Senior School; pupils must be under 14 on 1st September.

The 16+ scholarship is for entry into the Sixth Form (Year 12).

The value of a scholarship award varies from 5% up to 15% of basic school fees (excluding extra charges). Means-tested bursaries are also available. Please contact the Bursar for further details.

For more information please ask for a Scholarship Booklet.

# NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON LOCATION

# By Road

Via the M4 & M5 from London – 3 hours from the M25

#### By Rail

Direct line from Paddington Station to Newton Abbot – 2.5 hours.

# By Express Coach

Direct line from London Victoria coach station or Heathrow Airport – 4 hours.

#### From M5

After Exeter, take the A38 to Plymouth; take the turn off for A382 to Bovey Tracey, Moretonhampstead & Stover, follow signs to Newton Abbot, we are 2 minutes up the hill past Stover Golf Course.

### From Newton Abbot/Torquay

Take the A382, following the signs to Bovey Tracey and Moretonhampstead.

## From Totnes/South Hams

Either follow signs to Newton Abbot or go to Buckfastleigh, then take signs for Exeter A38 and (follow directions below).

20km

### LOCAL DRIVE TIMES

From Newton Abbot: 5 mins From M5 Exeter: 15 mins From Plymouth: 25 mins From Kingsbridge: 35 mins From Torquay: 20 mins

### From Exeter/Plymouth A38

Take the turn off for Newton Abbot, Bovey Tracey and Stover, A382. From roundabout follow signs for Newton Abbot, Stover and Trago Mills.

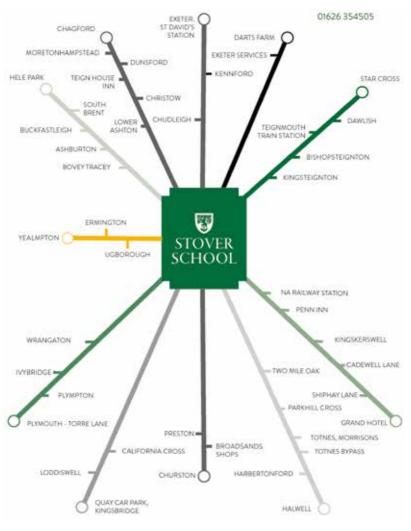
At the next roundabout drive straight across to Newton Abbot, passing Stover Golf Club on the right; Stover School entrance is 200m up the hill on the left hand side.



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# **BUS ROUTES**

We currently run seven daily bus routes to and from Stover within this surrounding area, with various collection points along the route to Stover School. For more information on these pick up points please contact the School Office.



#### **CONTACTS**

### Registrar

Mrs E Schramm Tel: 01626 354505

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# PA to the Head Mrs K Porter

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#### Bursar

Mr P. Jenkins

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accounts@stover.co.uk

### School Shop

Finance Office

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Email: uniform@stover.co.uk

#### Website

www.stover.co.uk

Chair of Governors: Mr Stewart Killick c/o Clerk to Governors, Stover School, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 6QG

Tel: 01626 354505

# FURTHER INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

The following policies and our ISI inspection reports are available on the school website:

Admissions

Behaviour (Senior School & Preparatory School)

Curriculum

Anti-bullying

Health and Safety

Trips

Child Protection

Concerns and Complaints

Examination Results

Please contact the School if you require

any further information.

This information is intended as a guide only and is correct at the time of printing. There may be changes to some of the information, please check for specific details.





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