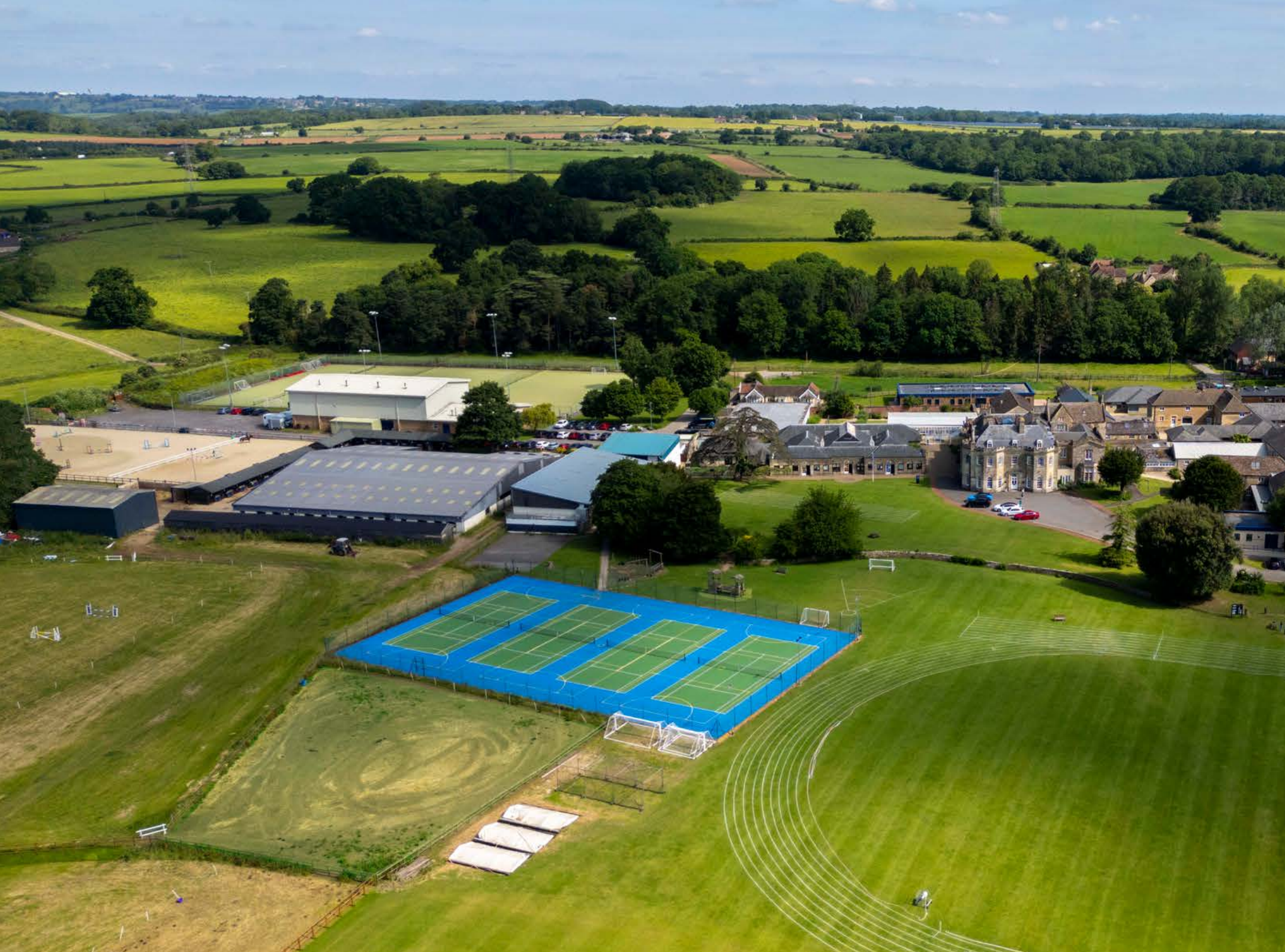




STONAR





130 Years of History

Stonar was founded in 1895 by educational pioneers who aimed to create a school rooted in innovation and inclusivity. They championed co-education and embraced diversity, welcoming pupils from all backgrounds and with a wide range of talents and abilities.

From the very beginning, Stonar forged a strong connection with nature, embedding outdoor learning as a core part of its educational philosophy - an approach that continues to thrive today. The School has always prioritised the development of each child, recognising and celebrating their individual strengths.

The original motto, 'Sincerity, Honour, Service', laid the foundation for the School Values that guide Stonar now: Work Hard, Be Kind, Get Involved, Shape the World. While this wording has evolved, the underlying spirit remains unchanged.

Over a century ago, the arrival of Tufty the pony sparked the beginning of a beloved equine tradition, with Tufty quickly becoming a vital part of the community. Today, while not all pupils at Stonar are riders, many are, and the Equestrian Centre at the heart of the campus offers lessons in responsibility, resilience, and collaboration, nurturing a sense of freedom and joy that embodies Stonar's ethos.

Welcome To Stonar



Aaron J. G. King,
Headmaster

Achieve *with joy*

As parents, choosing a school is one of the most important decisions we make for our children. We want them to be happy and cared for, of course, but we also want to know that their school will make a real difference: that it will recognise their potential, open doors, create opportunities and help them achieve more than they might otherwise have thought possible.

At Stonar, we are ambitious for every pupil, irrespective of their starting point or particular strengths. Achievement will look different for different children, and that is exactly as it should be. Our responsibility is to understand the individual, challenge them appropriately and help them find their own pathway to success.

That begins in the classroom. We want pupils to be intellectually curious, well taught and well supported, and able to explore a broad education that allows different interests and abilities to flourish. But some of the greatest value a school adds happens beyond individual subjects. It comes through sport, equestrian, music and the arts; through activities, leadership and service; through friendships and new experiences; and sometimes simply through encouraging a young person to try something they never imagined they could do.

At Stonar, we capture this approach in three simple words: Achieve with joy.

We have high expectations. We want pupils to work hard, challenge themselves and fulfil their potential. But we also want them to enjoy the experience of growing up and learning. In more than 25 years in education, I have seen that young people achieve more when they feel secure in themselves, know that they are valued and have people around them who believe in what they can become.

Nobody achieves entirely on their own. Our Stonar educators - not only our teachers, but the many people who coach, mentor, listen, care and create opportunities across the School - share responsibility for knowing and supporting each pupil. Parents are key partners in that journey too.

Our values express what we ask of our young people: Work hard. Be kind. Get involved. Shape the world. We want Stonarians to develop the habits, relationships, confidence and character that will enable them to make the most of school and, ultimately, of life beyond it.

My own three children are Stonarians, so that promise matters to me as a Headmaster and as a parent. What I want for them is what I want for every pupil here: excellent teaching and appropriate challenge; a breadth of opportunity that allows them to discover what they enjoy and where their talents lie; great friendships and wonderful experiences; and the confidence and resilience to make their own way in life.

That, for me, is the real value of a Stonar education. It isn't about asking every child to achieve the same things. It is about discovering what each young person is capable of and helping them get there while enjoying the journey. I hope that as you explore this prospectus you will begin to imagine what Stonar could offer your child. Better still, come and experience it for yourself.



Click here to watch
Stonar | Achieve with joy

“Happiness and well-being are more important than ever in today’s world. You can’t learn if you aren’t happy... Stonar does this so well.”

- Stonar Parent



Achieve
with joy

At Stonar, we believe that joy is the catalyst for extraordinary achievement. It's the spark that ignites curiosity, fosters resilience, and empowers our pupils to reach their full potential.

Our Values



BE KIND

Each pupil is known individually and respected by teachers, tutors, house parents and peers.

Being part of a supportive community empowers pupils to be heard, supported, and self-assured.



SHAPE THE WORLD

Our countryside school has global goals and offers worldwide opportunities as a member of Globeducate.

Learning to be global citizens who can shape the world.



WORK HARD

We set high standards and support pupils to strive for and achieve their goals with joy and purpose.

Building confidence, discipline, and self-respect.



GET INVOLVED

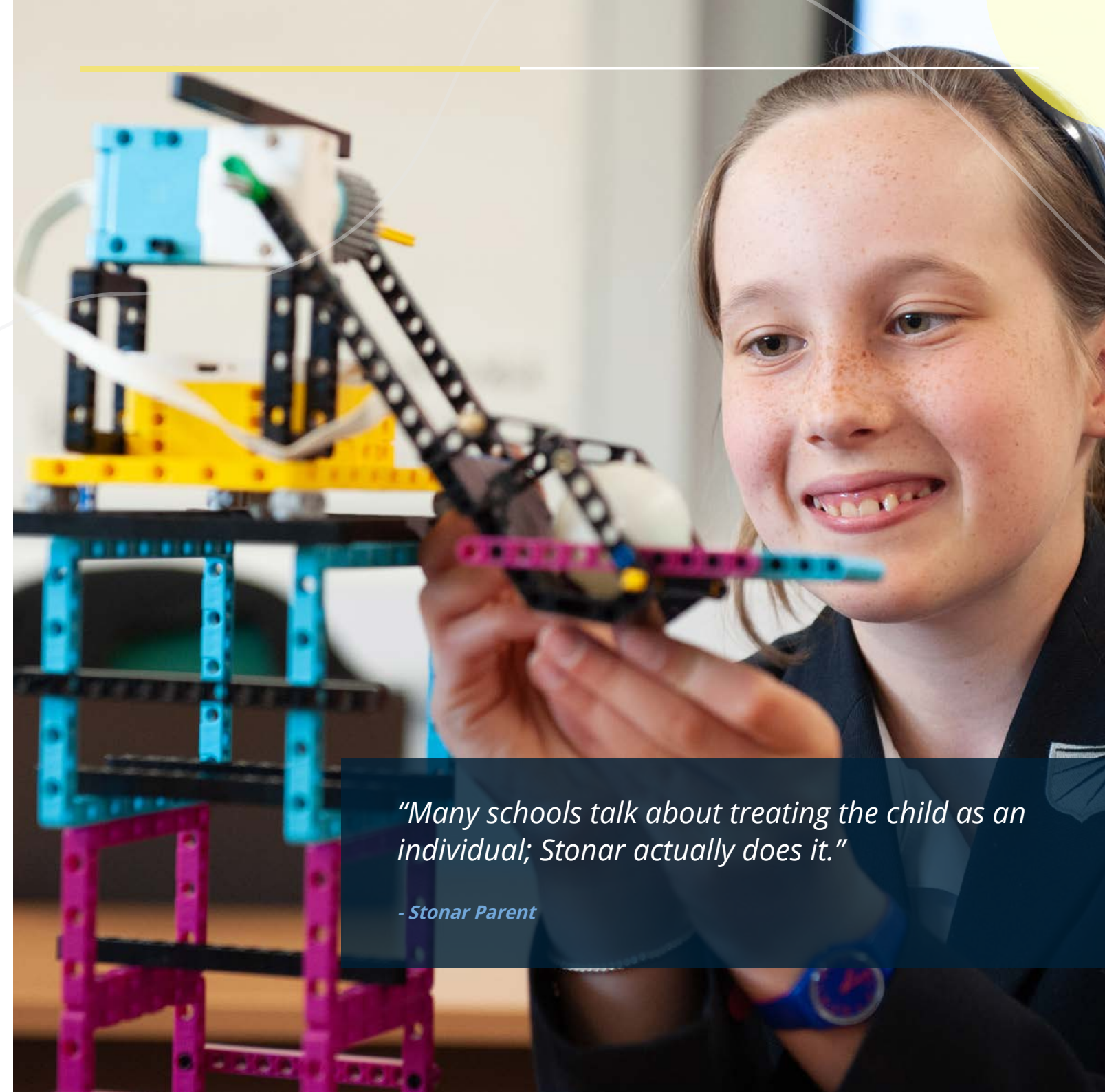
We expect pupils to get stuck into all aspects of a vibrant, joyful, productive school life.

Exploring sports, drama, riding, expeditions, arts, languages, leadership and more.



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Read more about our values on the website.



"Many schools talk about treating the child as an individual; Stonar actually does it."

- Stonar Parent



Educational Excellence

As an all-through school, Stonar ensures a seamless journey from Nursery to Sixth Form. Our dedicated Prep School fosters a safe and happy start, nurturing high achievers from the outset. Our vibrant Senior School builds upon this foundation, delivering consistent academic excellence and equipping pupils with the tools to thrive both in examinations and beyond the classroom. Finally, our Sixth Form provides the focused support and mentorship needed to achieve academic success and realise individual aspirations as they embark on their future after school.

Stonar consistently ranks in the top 10% for value-added at GCSE and A Levels – meaning pupils achieve grades above their predicted outcomes – something we are very proud of. A high percentage of our pupils gain places at their first-choice Russell Group universities, fully prepared for the demands of higher education.

We maintain small class sizes to ensure personalised attention and deliver exceptional teaching. Our outstanding 90-acre countryside campus offers state-of-the-art facilities, enriching the learning experience for pupils of all ages.

We understand the demands of busy lives. Our flexible wraparound care, included in school fees, allows families to balance school routines with other commitments. With a diverse selection of 20 co-curricular daily clubs each term, pupils enjoy a vibrant and deeply enriching education, fostering well-rounded individuals who are equipped to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Since 2013, Stonar has been proud to be part of Globeducate, one of the world's leading education groups, with more than 65 schools, educating 40,000 students across 11 countries. As such, we benefit from the stability, resources, and forward-thinking approach of a global education group network, ensuring that Stonar remains resilient, future-ready, and committed to delivering exceptional value and education, even in challenging times.

Nursery & Prep School

We understand that the early years are crucial in shaping a child's future. That's why our Prep School is dedicated to providing a truly exceptional start. We create a safe and happy atmosphere, filled with the joy of learning, where every child's potential is nurtured and celebrated. We believe in building confidence, fostering a love of discovery, and laying the groundwork for a lifetime of academic excellence.

- A creative curriculum delivered as thematic units
- Teaching driven by the latest, well researched pedagogy
- Pupils consistently make impressive academic progress
- Specialist teaching from the youngest age in Drama, Art, Languages, Music and Sport
- Outdoor learning, excellent facilities and extensive outdoor play areas
- Daily co-curricular programme
- Free, flexible wraparound care
- Small class sizes
- Utilising whole School facilities
- A countryside school with a global outlook
- All-year-round care for two year olds in Nursery
- Centrally located for easy drop-off and collection
- Familiarity for Senior School transition



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Find out more about our
Nursery & Prep School





Senior School

(YEARS 7-11)

Our Senior School experience goes beyond simply passing exams. It's a journey of intellectual discovery and personal development, fostering confident, well-rounded individuals ready to make their mark.

- Broad, progressive curriculum including 20 GCSE subjects
- Trusted by families since 1895
- 'Excellent' ISI rating
- Small class sizes – 15 on average
- Small tutor groups of 8-12 pupils enable individual pupil and family support
- Rigorous tracking of individual capability
- Exceptional, inspiring countryside environment
- Impressive exam results
- Consistently in the top 10% of schools for value-added at GCSE
- Individual guidance, support and challenge
- Broad curriculum in Years 7 & 8 of over 15 subjects
- The Stonar 9 engages Year 9 pupils, with a more bespoke curriculum and a year-round leadership programme



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Find out more about
our Senior School

Sixth Form

Stonar's Sixth Formers strive for academic excellence. Our inspiring teachers and mentors help students to develop a clear vision for their future and provide them with the support to make it a reality.

- 20+ A Levels, BTECs & Diplomas
- Small class sizes – from 3-15 students
- Newly developed Sixth Form Centre with social and study space
- Sixth Form student café and courtyard
- Breadth of opportunities in leadership and volunteering
- Stonar Plus programme offers a range of additional academic qualifications, many gaining additional UCAS points
- Individual support for course research and university applications
- 95% get their first choice university and 50% attend Russell Group establishments
- Active social programme and co-curricular options
- Annual Globeducate Student Leadership Conference held on site



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Find out more about
our Sixth Form



Boarding

We offer a caring, fun, home-from-home environment for children aged 9-18. Your child will feel cared for as part of our boarding family, in a relaxed, kind setting where they are free to be themselves.

- Four boarding houses, 135 boarders
- Full boarding only - 40% of our Senior School board
- Busy weekend programme of sport, onsite activities, study and weekly trips (no exeats)
- Structured weekly evening routine, combining study, activities and quality rest
- Calm, peaceful and safe rural campus
- Located 20 minutes from Bath, accessed by public transport for older pupils
- One hour from Paddington Station, with easy access to Bristol and Heathrow airports
- International boarding profile (50% British; pupils from 15 countries)



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Find out more about
Boarding at Stonar





Sport

Sport is at the heart of a Stonar education. From learning the basic foundations of movement in Nursery, through to the tactical and technical application of skills in the Prep School and beyond, we cultivate not only skilled athletes, but also individuals who understand the value of participation, learning, and enjoyment. We instil a healthy competitive spirit while emphasising teamwork and sportsmanship.

- Boys' major sports include: rugby, hockey, cricket, football, tennis and swimming.
- Girls' major sports include: hockey, netball, tennis, cricket and swimming.
- Pupils have the chance to represent the School as part of our inter-schools fixtures programme from Year 3 upwards.
- Pupils represent the School in all major sports at District, County, Regional and National level.
- Outstanding facilities include: extensive playing fields for rugby, cricket, football and athletics, outdoor tennis and netball courts, heated indoor swimming pool, floodlit Astro, Sports Hall, and fitness suite with weights room.
- Sports scholarships for entry into Year 7, 9 and Sixth Form.
- Gifted athletes become part of the Stonar Able Athletes Programme, including a Rugby Excellence Programme.
- Supported by our academic provisions, with options to study GCSE PE, the BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science and a Level 3 Qualification in Sports Leadership.



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Find out more about our Rugby Excellence Programme

Equestrian

Step into a world where the love of horses fosters a vibrant, inclusive community. At Stonar, we offer an immersive riding experience with an Equestrian Centre at the heart of the School, designed to welcome riders of all abilities. We recognise that every rider's journey is their own, and our experienced coaches are dedicated to providing personalised guidance in a safe and supportive environment.

- World-class, on-site, BHS-approved Equestrian Centre
- Around 40% of our pupils ride, using Stonar-owned horses or bring their own to School
- Indoor and outdoor arenas, cross country course and stabling for over 70 horses
- Lessons for all abilities, delivered by highly experienced BHS coaches, as well as performance coaching on offer
- Competition programme
- Opportunity to loan a Stonar pony
- Flexible stable helping programme
- Equestrian qualifications (BHS and BTEC in Equine Management)
- Combine BTECs with A Levels
- Exclusive to Stonar pupils
- Hacking track options around our 90-acre campus
- Dedicated Academy Lead Coach and Development Coach Squad, providing programmes and competitions for our most promising riders



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Find out more about
riding at Stonar



"The UK's leading equestrian school"

- Tatler



Stonar Explorers

Our expansive 90-acre countryside campus isn't just a picturesque setting - it's a vibrant, living classroom. We believe outdoor education is not an add-on, but a fundamental element to fostering confident, resilient, and well-rounded individuals.

The Stonar Explorers journey begins in Nursery, where our youngest learners embark on weekly immersive Forest School adventures, laying the foundation for a lifelong connection with nature. This isn't just playtime; it's guiding children to engage with the natural world in meaningful ways. In our Prep School, outdoor education seamlessly integrates with academic life, reinforcing classroom learning with practical, hands-on experiences. Extra-curricular Clubs, including our onsite Orienteering Course, Gardening and Wildlife Warriors, encourage curiosity and an understanding of the environment.

As pupils progress into the Senior School, the outdoors becomes a springboard for personal growth. Challenges like Ten Tors, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and Explorer Scouts are embedded within our curriculum, developing resilience, teamwork, and critical problem-solving skills. Our innovative Stonar 9 programme includes a dedicated Leadership Day and Outdoor Activities Residential Trip, where Year 9 pupils can apply classroom knowledge in real-world contexts, helping to hone leadership and practical skills. For the ultimate physical and mental challenge, we run our unique Nine Peaks Challenge, summiting the three highest mountains in each country - England, Scotland and Wales.

From Year 3 upwards, residential programmes allow pupils to immerse themselves in a range of environments – from the Welsh and Somerset countryside to international destinations like Iceland, Costa Rica, and India. These trips challenge pupils to explore new cultures and landscapes, and engage in activities that push them beyond their comfort zones. And, of course, our annual ski trip remains a highly popular event.

At Stonar, the outdoors is central to our approach to providing a joyful education.

Co-curricular

Life after lessons is busy at Stonar. All pupils are encouraged to take part in a number of activities in addition to their normal commitments. With at least 20 different clubs and activities per day each term, our Co-curricular Clubs really do offer something for everyone. There are also supervised prep (homework) sessions for Senior Day pupils, if they wish to work on their academic studies before going home.

- A rich and dynamic co-curricular programme encompassing Sport, Creative and Performing Arts, Academic, STEM and Enrichment.
- The majority of Clubs are included in the School fees.
- Recently launched clubs include Stonar Flying Club, Golf Club, and Triathlon Club.
- Clubs are regularly updated to introduce new and exciting activities that reflect the evolving interests of our pupils.
- Our user-friendly booking system enables parents to effortlessly select lunchtime and after-school activities for their child .
- Co-curricular Clubs help to support personal development, foster leadership and teamwork, build resilience and introduce valuable future skills.



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Find out more about
Prep Clubs



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Find out more about
Senior Clubs





Independent Schools Inspectorate report:

"Hardworking, positive, resilient learners with an excellent attitude to learning."

"Pupils make excellent progress, enabled by teaching that treats them as individuals."

Results

While exceptional results are a hallmark of Stonar, we believe the journey to those outcomes is equally vital. Our teaching prioritises individual growth, providing tailored support that empowers each pupil to surpass expectations. This personalised approach is reflected in our consistent top 10% value-added ranking at GCSE, A Levels and BTEC qualifications, and our impressive record of pupils securing places at leading Russell Group universities, well-prepared for their next academic step.

"There is no doubt that I wouldn't have received these results and university offers without the top tier teaching and support I received at Stonar. I was continuously challenged by my teachers and really encouraged in my degree choice – their individual expertise made such a difference to me."

- James - 3 As in Maths, Physics and History



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Find out about our academic results here

GCSE

GRADE 9S

20%

GRADES 7-9 (A*-A)

50%

A LEVEL

AVERAGE 70%
A* - B

OVER 95% GO TO
UNIVERSITY OF
CHOICE

ON AVERAGE
OVER 50%
TO RUSSELL
GROUP

Stonar at a Glance



Co-educational day and boarding



Key entry points include Reception, Years 7, 9 and Lower Sixth



Senior School Scholarships available in academics, sport, art, music, drama and riding.



440 pupils – 30 Nursery, 100 Prep, 235 Years 7-11, 75 Sixth Form



135 full boarders – 55% English native speakers, 45% international



60% girls and 40% boys



Four boarding houses



State-of-the-art facilities including indoor pool, Theatre, Sixth Form Centre and world-class Equestrian Centre



90-acre rural campus (20 minutes from Bath)



20 different daily clubs and activities, which change termly



Adventure Training programme with own Explorer Scouts



Consistently in top 10% for value added at GCSE and A Level.



30% of pupils ride



20+ GCSE and 20+ A Level options to choose from



Trusted by families since 1895



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