



'Stonar really does get the best out of everyone'

2015 Tatler Schools Guide

A British school with a global perspective, Stonar currently educates girls aged 2–18 and boys aged 2–11. From September 2016, boys will be admitted into Year 7 and co-education will be extended through the Senior School.

Bringing out the best in each individual child by developing their confidence lies at the heart of Stonar's ethos, and our pupils regularly achieve above expectations both academically and personally. We excel at 'adding value' to a child's education, which means pupils generally score at least one grade higher than predicted at GCSE and A-level. This puts Stonar in the top 10% of schools throughout the UK in terms of pupils' academic progress. Those who respond to Stonar's thoughtful and personal approach know they are doing better than they would at five out of six other independent schools.

Pupils' achievements shine in many areas – academic, riding and sports, performing and visual arts, community spirit. Accomplished in tackling challenges, team working, leadership, building strong relationships, our pupils move on to achieve success and fulfilment in a huge range of university courses and rewarding careers.

As part of the NACE Education Group, Stonar has international partner schools with whom we collaborate to offer a unique educational experience, including academic projects, exchanges and joint music, drama and sporting festivals.

Excellent facilities and extensive grounds

Set in 80 acres of stunning parkland and gardens, excellent sport and arts facilities include an indoor pool, floodlit AstroTurf, sports hall, fitness suite, dedicated music school and drama hall. A superb Sixth Form and Arts Centre comprises a social centre, seminar room, study centre and art studios.

The UK's leading equestrian school

Stonar's renowned Equestrian Centre offers pupils the chance to ride, whatever their level of expertise, and has stabling for up to 70 horses. From the age of 9, keen riders may bring their own horse or loan a school horse. A new Rider Development Programme for aspirational riders allows tailored timetables to combine academic and riding programmes. The Development Programme offers learning and development in line with the philosophy that underpins UK Sport's training phases. Stonar's Director of Riding is a former international eventer with extensive experience training youth teams around the world.



'One of the strongest features of boarding is the relationship amongst the pupils themselves and between the staff and pupils'

ISI Inspection Report, April 2012

Boarders live in five comfortable, family-style houses, run by a resident houseparent, an assistant and a team of house tutors. Because Stonar has such a friendly and nurturing environment, pupils naturally develop a strong sense of responsibility. As part of a diverse community pupils make friends from all around the world.

Just 1 hour 15 minutes from London by rail

Stonar is close to the World Heritage City of Bath with its celebrated university and cultural, entertainment, leisure and shopping facilities. Stonar is within 15 minutes of the main motorway networks, with easy access to London and Bristol international airports. Escorted buses are provided for boarders to major airports. Chippenham and Bath Spa rail stations are within ten minutes' drive.

Key facts

Type of school Girls boarding 8–18 and day 2–18; boys boarding 8–11 and day 2–11 (admitting boys to Year 7 from 2016, extending co-education through to Year 13)

Age range 2–18

Number of pupils 350

Number of boarders 130

Teacher/pupil ratio 1:8

Religious tradition Non-denominational

Fees per term Boarding £6,845–£9,500;
Day £2,710–£5,265

ISC associations GSA, SofH



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