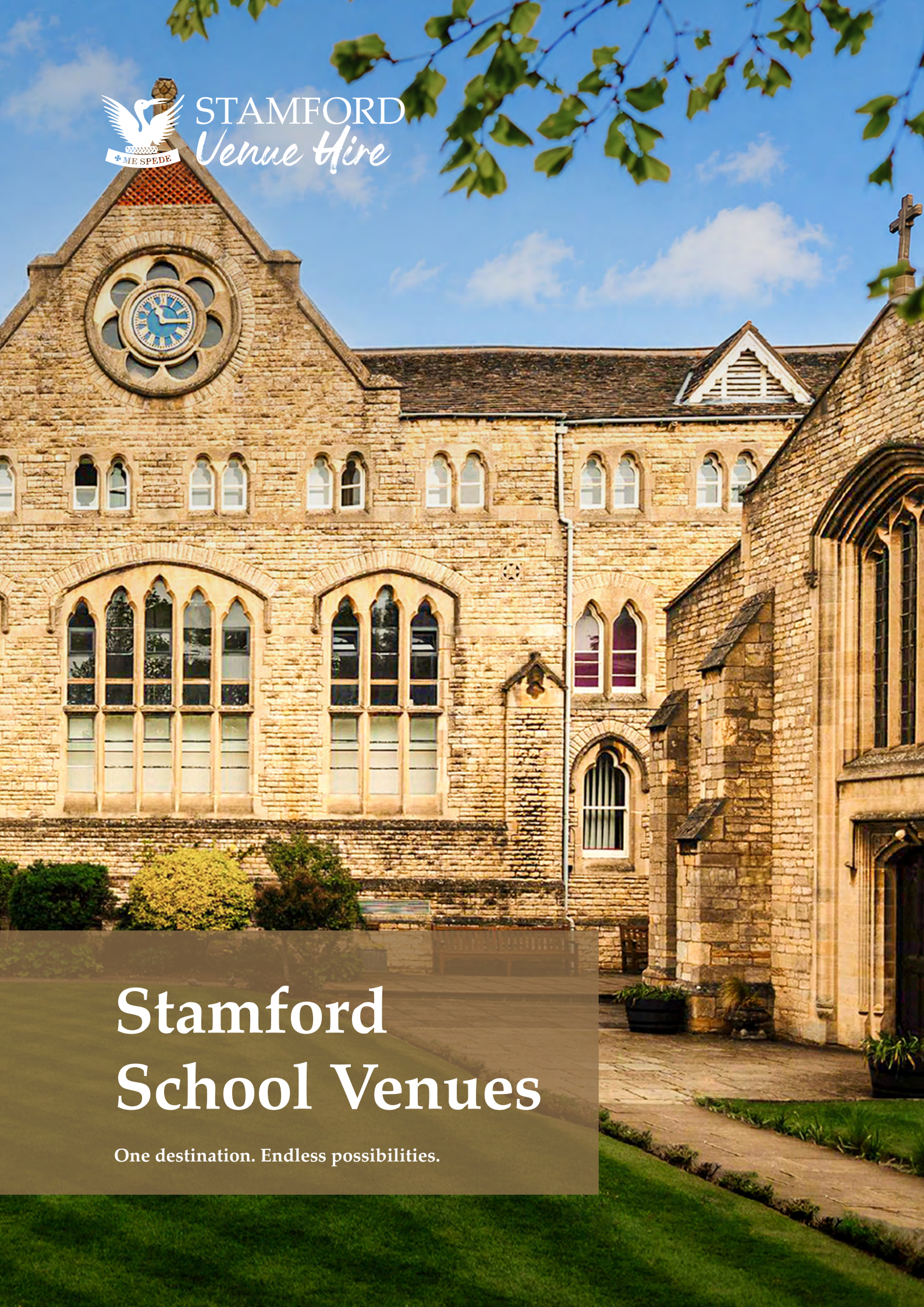


Stamford School Venues

One destination. Endless possibilities.

Welcome to Stamford School Venues

For almost five centuries people have gathered at Stamford School. Today, that same historic setting offers an extraordinary range of spaces in which to meet and celebrate.

Few venues bring this range of environments together in one connected place: historic halls sit alongside theatres, studios, sporting facilities, boarding accommodation, dining spaces and marquees within the landscaped grounds.

Each can work independently or as part of a wider event programme. Whatever your needs, there's a space for you at Stamford, throughout the year.



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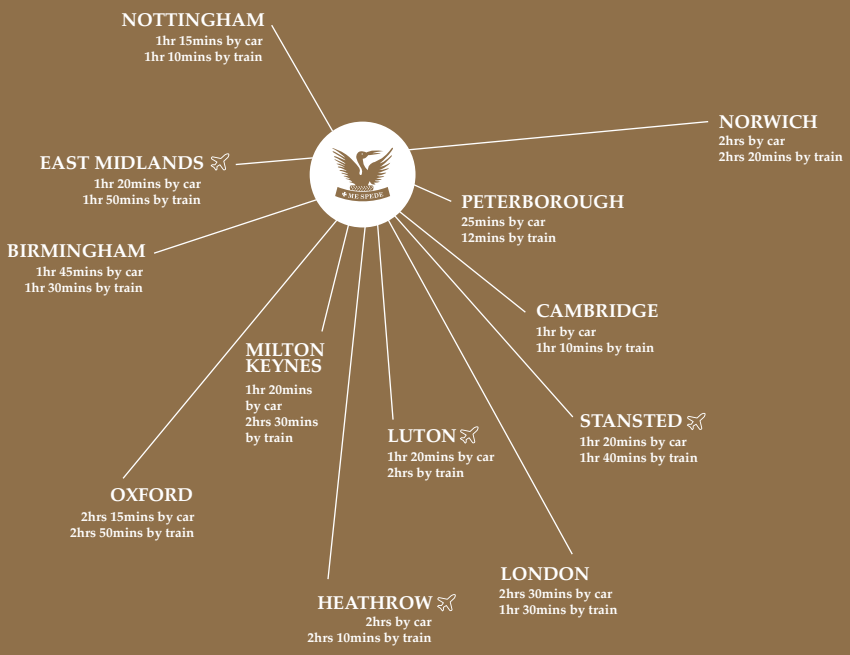
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WHERE WE ARE

Beautifully connected, distinctly memorable



Two hours north of London and two hours south of York, in the East Midlands, lies Stamford — the UK's first ever conservation area. The town combines excellent transport links with enchanting Georgian character and a vibrant town centre.



"BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN BRITAIN"

THE SUNDAY TIMES

WHERE WE ARE

Your event, held in the heart of one of England's finest market towns



Stamford School Venues are woven through the town. The striking buildings, all within walking distance, are nestled alongside medieval churches, welcoming pubs, riverside meadows and a short walk from the magnificent 1,400-acre Burghley estate. Please see the appendix for maps of all three sites: St Paul's, St Martin's and Kettering Road.

PLANNING & SUPPORT

A place with people behind it

The breadth of Stamford gives you options. Our team helps make sense of them. We will work with you to understand the people attending, the atmosphere you want to create and the practical requirements behind it. From choosing spaces to coordinating accommodation, catering and event arrangements, you will have a clear point of contact throughout.



Discover

Tell us what you want people to experience.

Shape

We will recommend the right combination of spaces and services.

Deliver

Our team will help coordinate the details and support your event.

PERFORM & CREATE

Concerts, theatre productions, screenings and festivals

Space for your story.

Thanks to the school's dedication to the Arts, Stamford offers several purpose-built options for music and theatre — including rehearsals, performances or screenings.



SIX PERFORMANCE VENUES

Oswald Elliott Hall: 450 seats, with glass atrium for a pre-event drinks reception or welcome desk.
TED Theatre: Opened in '23, features surround sound. Perfect for corporate events, presentations and launches.
Dora Abdy Hall: Sprung floor, custom staging, airy but intimate. Ideal for seated events up to 300.
Ancaster Studio: Integrated sound, lighting and projection facilities. Ideal for the creative arts, with 110 seated.
Drama Cube: Purpose-built with lighting and sound, perfect for rehearsals, breakout sessions, as well as performances.
Llowarch Performing Arts Centre studios: Directly linked to the main hall, ideal for music camps or drama workshops.

Residential courses, holiday programmes and group visits

Three sites, endless possibilities.



Groups can meet, dine, relax and stay within the same connected destination, making Stamford particularly well-suited to camps, courses, retreats and multi-day events. Stay within Stamford itself or make the most of our excellent location, to explore the history, culture and outdoor activities the area has to offer — see Stamford as a destination, pg. 18, for details.

Sports camps, tournaments, coaching and team programmes

Train, compete and stay together.

Stamford has the facilities and infrastructure to support a huge range of sporting events, be it a one-day tournament, a recurring pitch booking, or a full sporting programme. From the charming cricket pavilion to the modern Memorial and Wothorpe Centres, Stamford has sports covered.



Swimming pools, fitness facilities, teaching studios, netball courts, squash and tennis courts, outdoor grass pitches and floodlit astroturf can be combined with accommodation, catering and meeting spaces for a memorable group experience.



CELEBRATE

Weddings, dinners, receptions and private occasions

A setting worthy of the occasion.



Centuries of heritage, light-filled halls, and marquees set in our immaculate grounds, give celebrations at Stamford a genuine sense of place. From ceremonies and receptions to dinners and evening celebrations, our collection of spaces offers each celebration a truly memorable setting.

FILMING & PHOTOGRAPHY

Capture the perfect mix of tradition and modern elegance



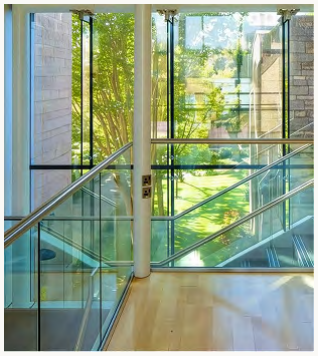


Stamford has been protected by conservation status since the 1960s, preserving the distinctive character of this historic town. Across three unique sites, period interiors, sweeping lawns and contemporary architecture offer an exceptional range of settings for film, television and editorial shoots.

LOCATION HIGHLIGHTS

16th-century architecture
Gardens, lawns, sports pitches
Glass-fronted 21st century buildings
Domestic spaces
Generator and power for outdoor locations









MEET & INSPIRE

Conferences, leadership meetings, training and launches

Give people space to think differently.

Stamford offers spaces for presentations, workshops, conversation, dining and time outside. Formal venues can be combined with breakout rooms, hospitality and accommodation to create a complete programme in one destination.

CAPACITIES

Three distinctive sites to choose from or combine
Multiple presentation and conference spaces, accommodating 500+ delegates
Endless breakout options



THE ESTATE AT A GLANCE

Signature venues



The Chapel

The oldest part of the school, dating to the 12th century, sits at the heart of the St Paul's site. Available for wedding ceremonies or other events that require a setting with a real sense of history and occasion.

Best for: Weddings, performances, talks
Capacity: 200 pew seats
Facilities: AV, Wi-Fi, catering



Oswald Elliott Hall

Ideal for productions, conferences or concerts — a high ceiling and original wood floor make a dramatic backdrop for seated dinners by candlelight or canapés at a standing reception.

Best for: Conferences, concerts, dinners
Capacity: 450 seated / 1,000 standing
Facilities: Integrated AV, retractable seating, glass atrium, catering



Dora Abdy Hall

Large windows and a vaulted ceiling in the heart of the Sixth Form building — grand yet intimate, and well-suited to smaller conferences, weddings or receptions.

Best for: Weddings, receptions, small conferences
Capacity: 300 seated / 600 standing
Facilities: Integrated AV, sprung floor, staging, balcony, catering



TED Theatre

A state-of-the-art, purpose-built space, with a large screen and surround sound. A perfect choice for private screenings, presentations, small performances and product launches.

Best for: Screenings, talks, small performances
Capacity: 60 seated
Facilities: Large screen, surround sound, tiered seating

Signature venues



Drama Cube

A state-of-the-art, 200m² black-box space for drama productions and rehearsals. There is a side room for breakout groups and dedicated prop storage.

Best for: Rehearsals, drama, intimate performances and tuition
Floor area: 200m²
Facilities: Integrated lighting & sound, free seating, storage, breakout room



Wothorpe Sports Centre

Opened in 2022, this centre at Kettering Road is the perfect base for a wealth of indoor or outdoor activities. With floodlit astros, a choice of studios and courts, it also features a stunning glass-walled foyer and catering facilities — perfect for seamless pre or post game events.

Best for: Tournaments, training, fitness classes, camps and community clubs
Capacity: Full details available on request
Facilities: Astros, courts, dance studio, fitness suite, changing rooms, kitchen, dining and entertainment space



Memorial Sports Centre

Just one of the school's dedicated sports centres, this striking building opened in 2012 sits in the heart of the St Paul's site's 20 acres of playing fields. Providing facilities and pitches for a huge range of sports, even fencing! There is also an on-site catering suite.

Best for: Sports clubs, swimming lessons, fitness classes, training, and sports events that require catering provision
Facilities: 25-metre pool, sports hall with basketball, netball, cricket and tennis markings, full catering and events suite, changing rooms, lockers



Cricket Pavilion

A charming, characterful venue overlooking the school's immaculate cricket grounds, ideal for conferences, networking events, receptions, celebrations and community gatherings. To make the space more flexible, a marquee can be set up on the adjacent lawn.

Best for: A unique space for meetings, talks or celebrations
Capacity: 20 seated
Facilities: Kitchen, traditional wooden bench seating, cloakroom

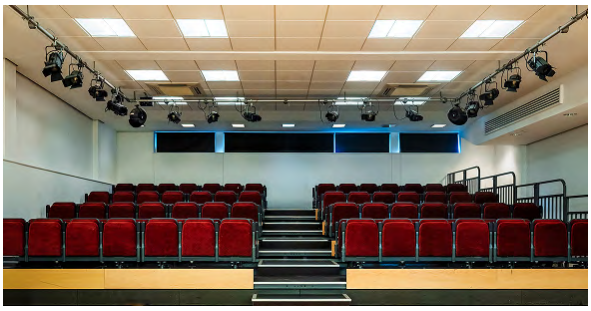
Arts & Design Technology



Richard Harris Art Centre

See imagination brought to life in this vibrant arts centre. Set up for a range of activities including: painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, photography and textiles. A dedicated gallery is also available for artist exhibitions or to showcase your group's work.

Best for: Community events; creative workshops and courses; team activities for corporate, sports or residential groups
Facilities: Five large studio spaces and gallery



Ancaster Studio

A dedicated drama and dance venue ideal for presentations and product launches, or any events that require a smaller venue with seamless technical support.

Best for: Any talks, meetings or performances that require a more intimate venue
Capacity: Max seating for 110
Facilities: Integrated sound, lighting and projection



Llowarch Performing Arts Centre

Dedicated to drama and music, this complex within the St Paul's site offers a huge range of facilities. For musicians the space includes a soundproof recording booth with mixing desk. For drama professionals or students a studio with rubberised floor and direct access to the stage of the impressive Oswald Elliott Hall.

Best for: Orchestras, one-to-one tutorials, rehearsals, group classes
Facilities: Music rooms, soundproof walls, rehearsal space, mixing studio, recording equipment



Speciality Tech Spaces

Stamford offers specialised sites for food tech, design and engineering. There is a dedicated 3D printing space, computing suite, woodworking machinery, and engineering and CAD facilities. You can even run your own cooking event or class within our Leith's catering hub, for up to 28 attendees.

Best for: Residential groups, day events, local community, classes
Capacity: Activity dependent, contact for details
Facilities: Contact for full information on your chosen activity

Marquees

The quintessential English garden experience.







Whatever your celebration, Stamford's beautiful grounds offer a number of settings for the perfect marquee event. A fully bespoke experience: your event the way you pictured it, from the food and decor to lighting and entertainment. Simply contact us to discuss the vision for your event and we will manage all requirements on your behalf.

Best for: Weddings, celebrations, sporting events, dinners
Capacity: Flexible, on request
Facilities: Hired lighting, AV for presentations and music, heating, furniture, catering, entertainment

CATERING & DINING

Award-winning in-house catering

Our in-house catering partner will create a memorable experience whether for 5, 50 or 500 guests. Guests can expect nutritionally designed menus made from sustainable ingredients, with expert guidance on allergens and dietary requirements provided.



DINING HALL CAPACITIES

St Paul's Site	252 seated / 840 standing — can be partitioned
St Martin's Site	216 seated / 721 standing — bistro & bench seating
Kettering Road Site	107 seated / 358 standing — child-friendly setup

ACCOMMODATION

Stay just moments from Stamford's charming shops, cafes and historic town centre





Stamford offers a total of 180 beds across seven houses, each with its own garden and on-site parking. All accommodation is within the town centre, close to the event venues and local amenities.

Overnight accommodation by site

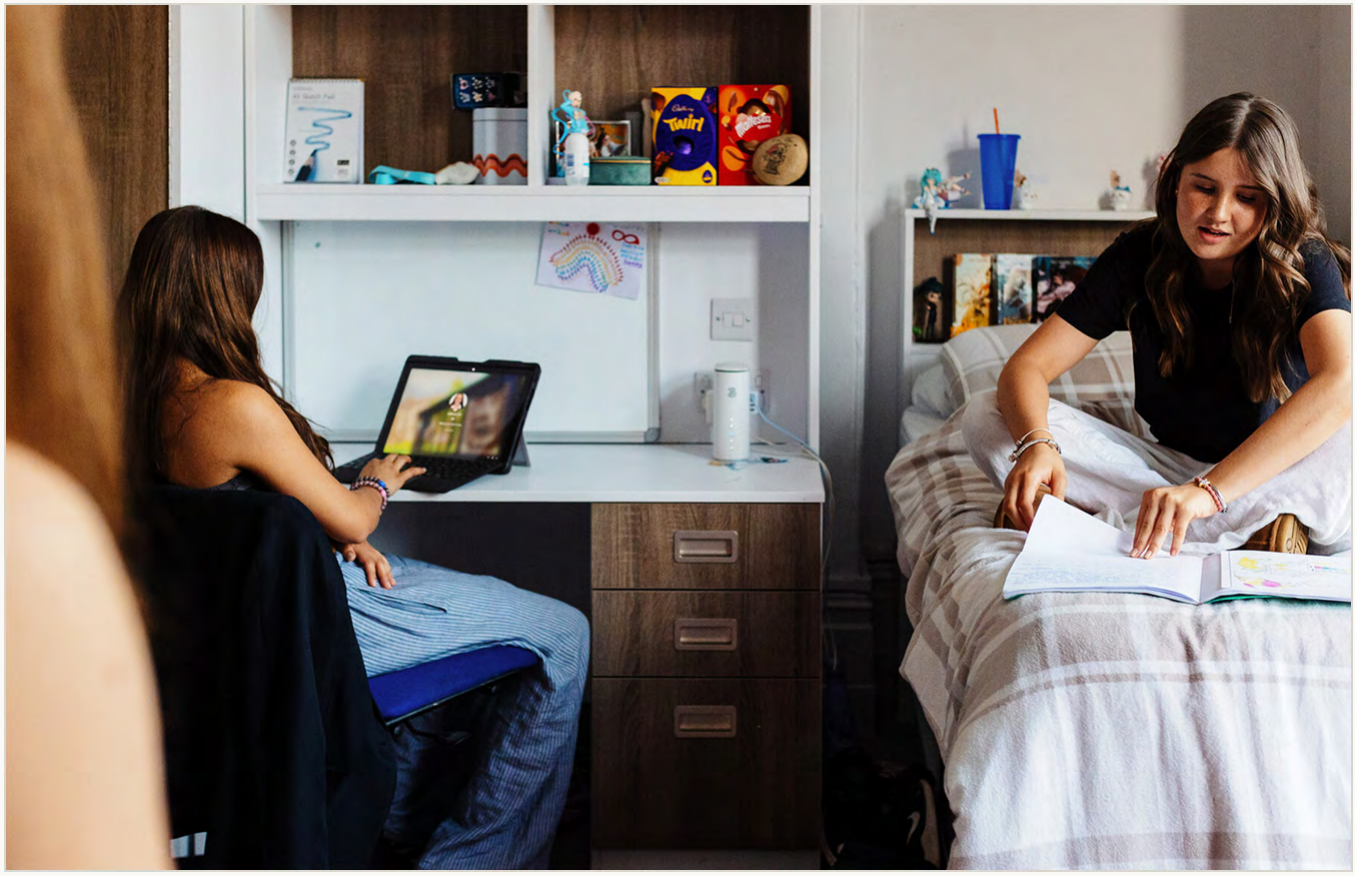
ST PAUL'S SITE — ST PAUL'S STREET

Browne	32 beds (20 singles, 6 twins)
St Peter's	18 beds (6 singles, 6 twins)
Rusholme	13 beds (2 singles, 1 twin, 3 triples)
Byard East	29 beds (4 singles, 4 twins, 3 triples, 2 quads)
Byard West	27 beds (4 twins, 1 triple, 4 quads)

ST MARTIN'S SITE

24 St Martin's	15 beds (2 singles, 2 twins, 3 triples)
Welland House, 16 Water St	42 beds (1 single, 6 twins, 1 quad, 5 quins)

For a full breakdown of facilities at each site - including catering, laundry, communal space and parking - please contact the team.



More than just hired space. Come for the event, be enchanted by the town

As soon as you arrive in Stamford it is easy to see why it was voted *The Sunday Times'* 'Best Place to Live'. The town combines charm, history, convenience and a range of activities to make any trip, event or programme feel extra special.

THE TOWN ITSELF

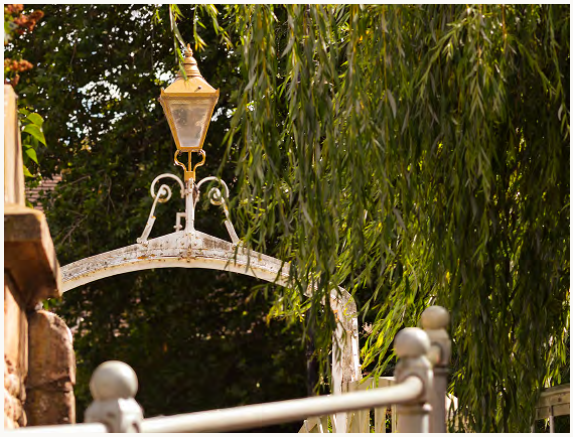
Shops for essentials or something special, including a Waitrose & M&S — both open late and on Sundays

Charming pubs and hotels with award-winning restaurants

Idyllic waterside open spaces

Georgian streetscapes and medieval churches

You might even glimpse a film or television shoot — Stamford has been featured in The Crown, Pride and Prejudice, Middlemarch and many others



DOWN THE ROAD

Burghley - Burghley is a must-see: a magical estate and one of the UK's grandest Tudor houses, completed in 1587. Discover 18 state rooms, extensive gardens, an adventure play and deer park. The estate runs a packed events schedule including food markets, concerts and the annual Burghley Horse Trials.

Rutland Water - The UK's largest, and arguably most beautiful, reservoir. The activities, set amongst this idyllic landscape, include water sports, an aqua park, cruises, mini golf, cycling and walking.

Cambridge - With its world-famous colleges, picturesque streets, and relaxing punting along the River Cam, Cambridge offers a perfect blend of history, culture, and charm. Its easy accessibility from Stamford makes it a wonderful choice for a memorable day out.

Peterborough - Home to one of England's finest cathedrals, Peterborough offers a mix of heritage, culture, shopping, and entertainment. Its close proximity to Stamford makes it a convenient and rewarding destination for an excursion.

Burghley Boutique Camping - Opened annually, during the horse trials, a luxury glamping experience inside Burghley's 18th-century walled garden, complete with a cocktail bar and pamper tent.

Burghley Park Golf Club & Padel - One of England's oldest clubs, with historic Capability Brown landscaping.

Michelin Star Dining - Not one but three Michelin recommended restaurants. The Michelin-starred Hambleton Hall, and the showcased Hitchen's Barn and Olive Branch — all within 20 minutes' drive from the school.

Stamford Arts Centre - Located in the centre of Stamford, the multi-purpose centre hosts an exciting mix of performances, films, exhibitions, and workshops throughout the year. A venue rich in heritage, showcasing the town's passion for the arts.

Stamford Corn Exchange - The Stamford Corn Exchange is a lively entertainment venue hosting a wide range of live music, comedy, theatre, and community events throughout the year. Located in the heart of Stamford, it offers visitors a great opportunity to enjoy the town's vibrant cultural scene.

GETTING HERE

Just off the A1, in the heart of the East Midlands



BY ROAD

Stamford sits at the mid-point between London and York. The town is exceptionally well connected, sitting close to the A1 and within easy reach of major towns, cities and airports across the Midlands and East of England. Peterborough is only 25 minutes away, with Birmingham, Oxford and London all comfortably accessible.

Peterborough - 25mins
East Midlands Airport - 1hr 20mins
Birmingham - 1hr 45mins
Norwich - 2hrs
Oxford - 2hrs 15mins
London - 2hrs 30mins

BY RAIL (DIRECT)

Stamford railway station is within walking distance of all three sites. Direct services connect the town to key destinations including Cambridge, Birmingham and Stansted Airport. Peterborough is a 12min direct journey, and provides fast onward connections to London and the wider UK rail network.

Peterborough - 12mins
Leicester - 40mins
Cambridge - 1hr 10mins
Birmingham - 1hr 30mins
Stansted Airport - 1hr 40mins

FAQS

Frequently asked questions

What types of events can Stamford host?
We welcome a wide range of events including conferences, leadership retreats, training days, product launches, performances, sports camps, tournaments, weddings, celebrations, residential programmes, exhibitions and filming projects.

Can we view the venues before booking?
Yes. We strongly encourage site visits so you can explore the spaces and discuss your requirements with our team. Viewings are available by appointment.

How far in advance should we book?
Popular dates, particularly summer weekends and peak event periods, can book well in advance. We recommend enquiring as early as possible, although we are always happy to discuss last-minute availability.

Do you offer exclusive use?
Exclusive use is available for selected venues, facilities and accommodation, subject to availability and the nature of the event.

What facilities are available on site?
Depending on the venue, facilities may include integrated AV, theatre-style presentation spaces, sports facilities, performance venues, breakout rooms, catering areas, accommodation and outdoor event space. Multiple buildings across all three sites can be used for a single booking.

What is included in venue hire?
This varies by venue but may include seating, tables, staging, integrated AV, Wi-Fi and on-site support. We will provide a clear proposal outlining exactly what is included.

What technology and connectivity are available?
All three sites have Wi-Fi and many of our venues are equipped with presentation screens, projectors, sound systems and audiovisual facilities. Our team will work with you to understand your technical requirements and recommend the most suitable space.

Is catering available?
Yes. Our award-winning in-house catering partner can provide everything from refreshments and working lunches to formal dinners, receptions and bespoke event menus. Expert advice on allergens and dietary requirements is also provided.

Can we use our own suppliers?
Yes. We are happy to work with external suppliers, including decorators, entertainers, production companies and specialist event providers. All suppliers must comply with our site requirements and health and safety procedures.

Can guests stay overnight?
Yes. Stamford offers accommodation for up to 180 guests across several boarding houses, making the venue ideal for residential courses, sports camps and multi-day events. Staff, tutors and event organisers can also be accommodated.

How is security managed during events?
The safety and security of our guests is a priority. Our team works closely with event organisers to establish appropriate security arrangements based on the nature and scale of each event. Additional security measures can also be discussed where required.

Are the venues accessible?
Many of our spaces offer step-free access and accessible facilities. As some buildings are historic, we recommend discussing specific requirements with us in advance so we can advise on the most suitable venue.

Can we decorate or personalise the space?
Yes. We want you to make the venue your own. Some restrictions apply to protect historic buildings and facilities, and our team will guide you through what is permitted.

How does Stamford support safeguarding?
Safeguarding is central to how we operate. Every event is supported by clear safeguarding processes and guidance, with organisers working alongside our team to ensure appropriate supervision, welfare arrangements and risk management measures are in place. This allows guests, participants and organisers to enjoy a safe, secure and professionally managed experience.

Is parking available?
Parking is available across our sites, with arrangements tailored to the size and nature of your event. Additional local parking options can also be recommended. Parking for coaches and large vehicles is also available on-site.

When can we access the venue?
Access times vary depending on the venue and event requirements. We will agree arrival, set-up, event, breakdown and departure times during the planning process to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Can you help with planning and event management?
Absolutely. From initial enquiry through to delivery, you will have a dedicated event planner who can assist with venue selection, catering, accommodation and event coordination.

Can guest numbers be amended after booking?
Yes. We appreciate that attendance numbers may change during the planning process. Our team will work with you to manage any adjustments, although final numbers will be required by an agreed date to support venue setup, catering and operational planning.

How do I get a quotation?
Contact our Commercial Enterprises team with your preferred dates, expected numbers and event requirements. We will prepare a tailored proposal and pricing package.

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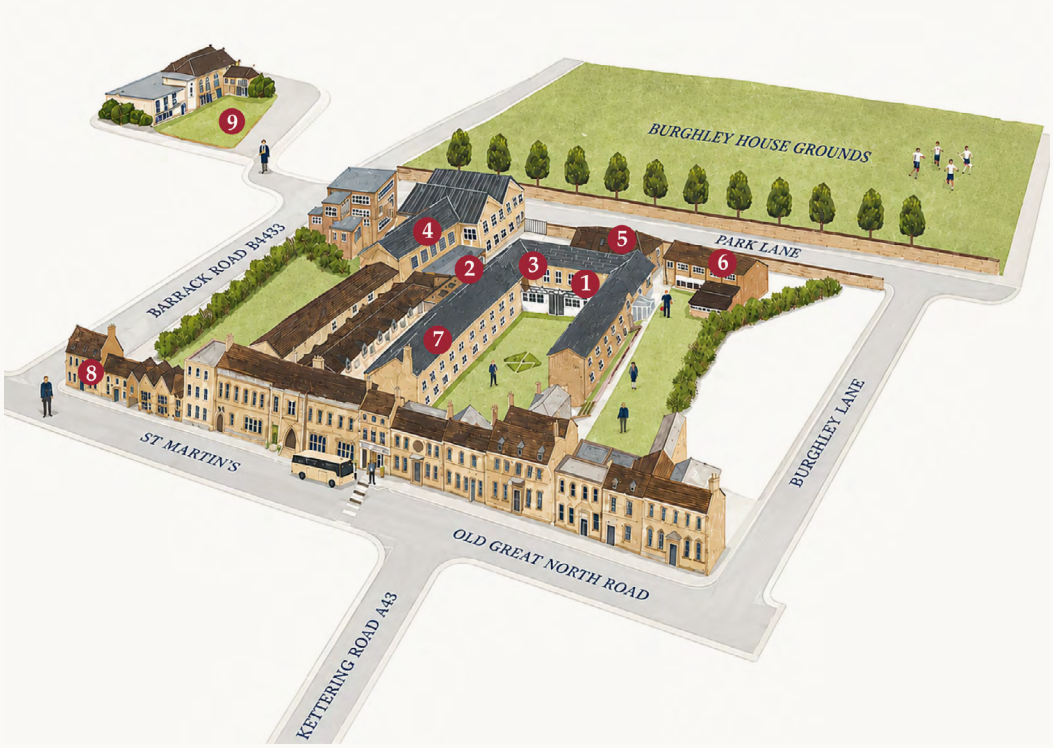
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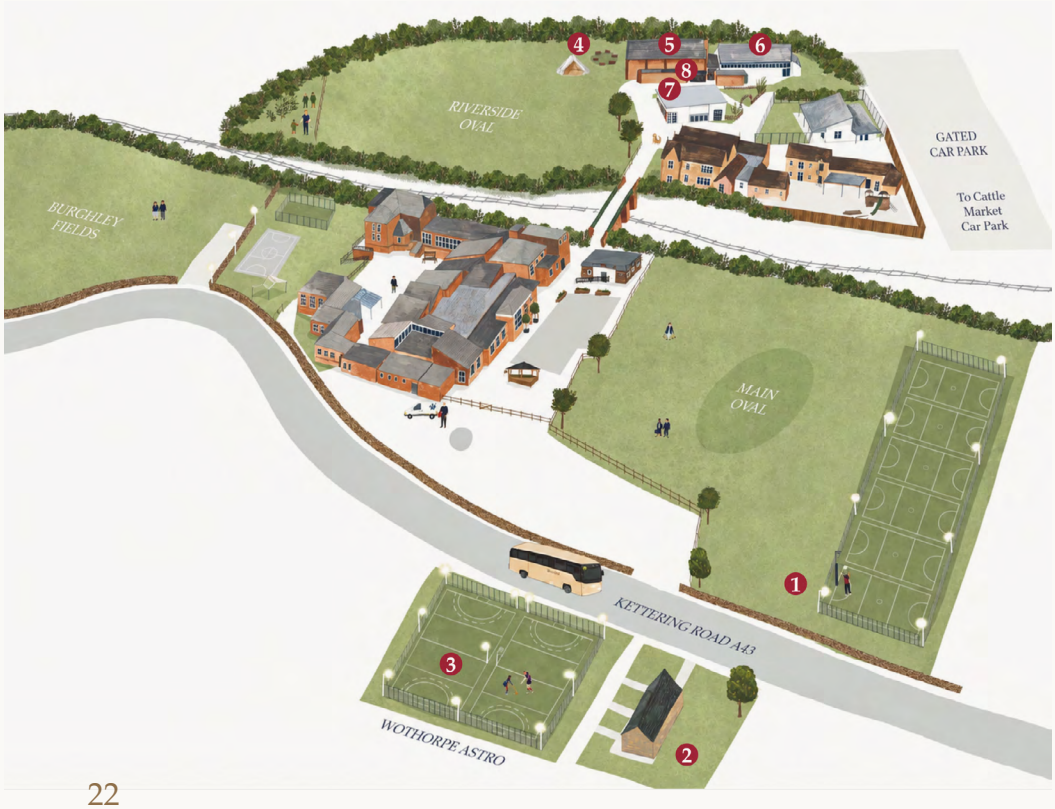
1. Oswald Elliott Hall
2. Atrium
3. Chapel
4. School House
5. School Shop
6. Beaufort
7. Science laboratories and observatory
8. Llowarch Performing Arts Centre - drama
9. Llowarch Performing Arts Centre - music
10. Byard House West accommodation
11. Byard House East accommodation
12. Browne House accommodation
13. Rusholme
14. St Peter's
15. Richard Harris Arts Centre
16. Southfields House
17. LMS classrooms
18. Gretton (DT)
19. Cricket pavilion
20. Memorial Sports Centre and swimming pool
21. Sports hall
22. Northfields astros
23. Squash courts
24. Tennis courts
25. Cricket nets
26. Netball courts

2 · St Martin's Site



1. Dora Abdy Hall
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5. Clark building classrooms
6. Drama Cube
7. Spires Cafe
8. 24 St Martin's accommodation
9. Welland House accommodation

3 · Kettering Road Site



1. Netball/Tennis courts
2. Wothorpe Sports Centre
3. Astro pitches
4. Ferns Garden
5. Sports hall
6. Swimming pool
7. Tardis
8. Music block

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