



# **STAMFORD SCHOOLS**

*Military Families*





# Stamford Schools Welcomes Military Families

*Our purpose is to give young people the opportunity to thrive.*

Stamford Schools have been educating students since 1532. Our Schools have a prestigious heritage, but everything we do at Stamford is focused on preparing young people to lead happy and fulfilling lives in the 21st century.

We have a proud tradition of educating military families at Stamford. Our central location means we are accessible for many MOD establishments, making Stamford a popular choice for those families wanting continuity for their children in a home-from-home boarding environment. We offer a unique range of boarding options, from full, weekly, flexi and occasional packages, so there is a solution to fit every family's needs. We also know how important a generous military fee offer is for serving personnel, along with no Saturday school, no exeat weekends and no additional charges for weekend activities – all things we offer at Stamford.

Stamford Schools comprise of Stamford Junior School for ages 2-11, Stamford School for ages 11-16 and Stamford Sixth Form for ages 16-18. We have seven distinctive boarding houses where students from Years 3 to 13 are accommodated.

All three Schools are located throughout the historic Lincolnshire town of Stamford on our 55-acre site. Stamford is a dynamic, vibrant, modern school, built on the strengths of five centuries of learning, with a resolute focus on preparing our students for 2030 and beyond. Our students leave Stamford as rounded and grounded young people, ready for life beyond education. At the heart of all our Schools is the focus on academic ambition, pastoral excellence, and the opportunity for students to become the very best version of themselves.

**Will Phelan**  
*Principal*





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# Location

*We are embedded in the heart of a well connected, safe community.*

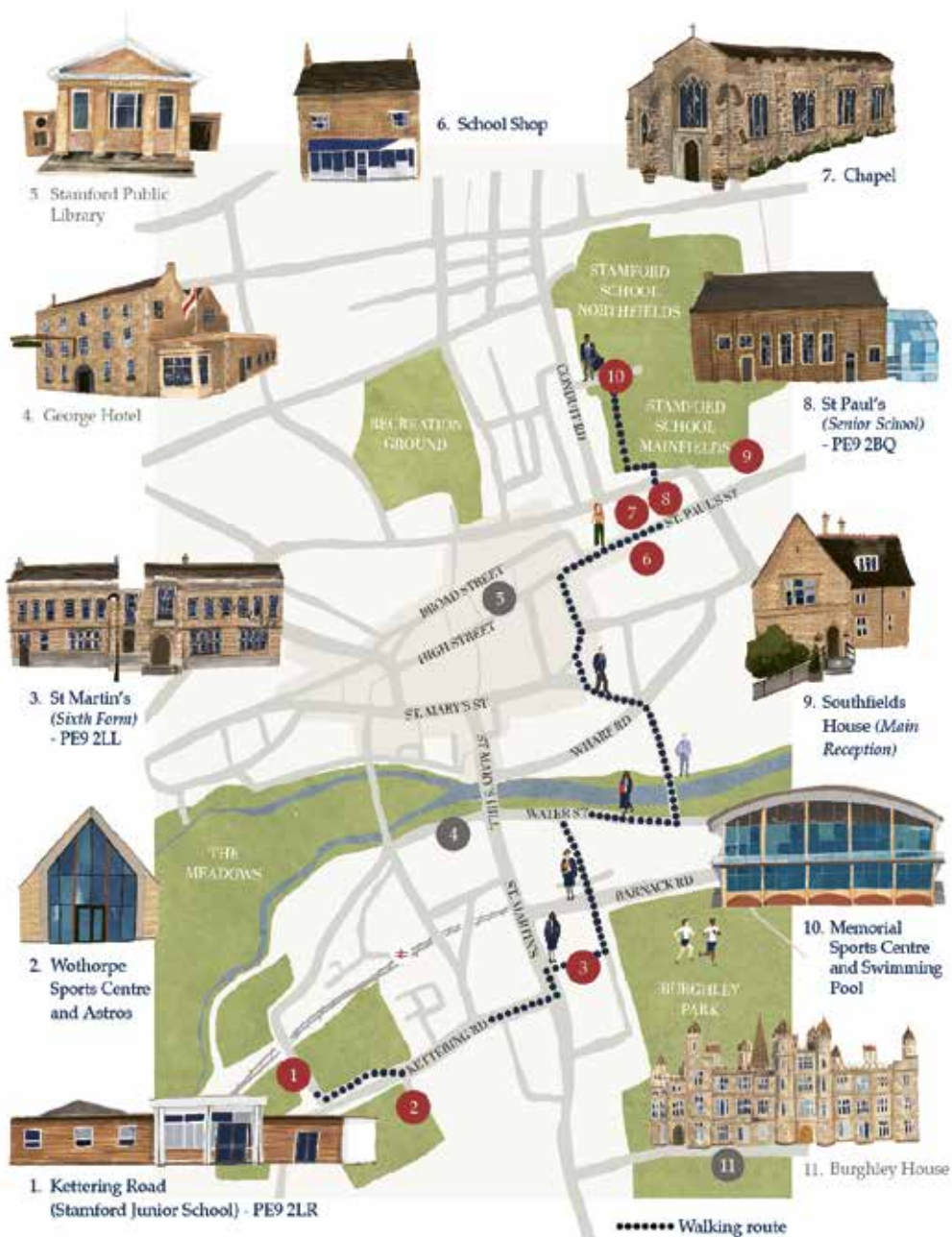
Our Nursery and Junior Schools are located to the west of the town, whilst our Sixth Form campus - St Martin's - and our main senior school - St Paul's, are situated in the heart of the town centre.

Our school Chapel, numerous playing fields, sports centres, swimming pools and boarding houses are embedded amongst the town's shops and businesses.

Stamford is located in the East Midlands of England, just off the A1 (the main road north from London to York and Edinburgh). It is well connected by rail with direct train services to Cambridge, Stansted Airport and Birmingham. Stamford is among the top five safest towns to live in Lincolnshire with a strong community feel.

Stamford meadows, edged by the River Welland, provides fantastic open space in the centre of the town. A short walk away is Burghley House, a stunning 16th century mansion built by William Cecil, an Old Stamfordian, with over 1400 acres of estate parkland for the public to enjoy.





5. Stamford Public Library

6. School Shop

7. Chapel

4. George Hotel

8. St Paul's (Senior School) - PE9 2BQ

3. St Martin's (Sixth Form) - PE9 2LL

9. Southfields House (Main Reception)

2. Wothorpe Sports Centre and Astros

10. Memorial Sports Centre and Swimming Pool

1. Kettering Road (Stamford Junior School) - PE9 2LR

11. Burghley House

●●●●● Walking route

# Academic Ethos



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*Our students are encouraged to be independent thinkers and take the lead in their own education.*

Stamford Schools strive to offer an outstanding, contemporary education in which students develop the ability to think for themselves and to interpret the world around them. Our core objective is that students develop curiosity, ambition and resilience.

We also strive to ensure the work is intellectually challenging and curiosity is not only promoted but celebrated. It is our responsibility to ensure Stamfordians are stimulated and challenged, both in and out

of the classroom, and that they develop a lifelong passion for learning. Our aim is to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that focuses on building successful futures for all our students.

Our aim is for our students to leave us as rounded and grounded young people, ready for life beyond education. Prepared for life with a flexible, adaptable mindset and an approach to learning that equips them to face the challenges and opportunities of their future.

# Pastoral Excellence



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*Recent significant investment into pastoral provision means that Stamford students have a learning environment where they are happy, secure, feel listened to and cared-for.*

As a school we know that happy, cared-for students are most likely to thrive, and for our military families, we know that belonging and continuity are key. Our boarders are surrounded by friendly and helpful boarding, academic and support staff, along with a strong community of other boarding children.

We understand that military life can mean stress and upheaval to families, leading to a fragmented education. However, we are perfectly equipped to mitigate this with our in-depth knowledge of the military community and extensive experience of supporting students through our exceptional pastoral care.

Day-to-day, our students have access to a year group Student Support Manager, a Head of Year as well as their Form Tutor. The students are also supported by our school counsellors, safeguarding, health and wellbeing and behaviour teams who all work together under one pastoral umbrella. This ensures care is consistent and timely, providing an environment for our students to build resilience and strengthen their own wellbeing.

At Stamford, we believe collaboration with parents, tutors, staff and our wider community, is vitally important. This gives our students the tools they need to cope with the challenges life can throw at them and ensure they feel fully supported throughout. Where parents are elsewhere in the UK or overseas, our pastoral teams play a pivotal role in ensuring the wellbeing of boarders. Each of our boarding Houseparents bring their own unique family values, warmth, energy and nurturing pastoral care to their houses. Each house has purpose, identity, and camaraderie at its heart.



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# Our Boarding Community



*“Around a third of our boarders are from military families, whose parents are serving both across the UK and internationally.*

*Our boarding houses are flexible to the needs of our families so if you return from deployment, you can take your child out to lunch or dinner or have a weekend visit.”*

**Andy Murphy**

*Deputy Head and Head of Boarding*

At Stamford we understand that the upheaval of frequent relocations and deployments can have an impact on the stability and continuity of a child’s education. We provide a consistent and supportive environment where children can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally, irrespective of the transitions their families may undergo.



First and foremost, we understand that continuity and routine for children is vital to feel safe, happy and secure. Stamford's boarding teams have a wealth of experience with children from military families. We want all our boarders to be able to relax and enjoy their time at school, keeping the same routine whilst parents are away. Houseparents will co-ordinate visits home or overseas, ensuring students are confident to travel to and from parents and school.

During the week, students enjoy after-school clubs and make use of our leisure centre and pool or take advantage of support and advice from tutors and Houseparents during homework time.

*At weekends, our boarders enjoy a social life rich in sports, fun-packed trips and activities tailored to their age group.*

Our boarding houses are flexible to the needs of our families too, so if you return from deployment, you can take your child out to lunch or dinner or have a weekend visit. We will always work with parents to make sure the needs of the family are met.

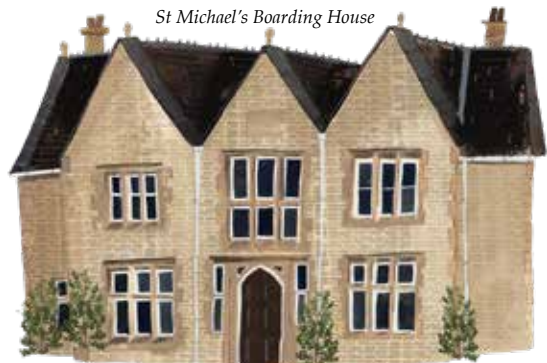
Boarders develop strong friendship groups. Collaborating and sharing experiences often leads to very strong bonds being developed and enables life-long friendships – which, as well as supporting each boarder's wellbeing and happiness while they are at school, is the foundation for a lifelong network for the future. A busy and active social programme will enable your child to have as full a life as they would if they were at home with you. We encourage them to visit friends, or if they want, to stay overnight with other day pupils or go out to events outside the school.



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## Junior Boarding St Michael's House Year 3 – 6

St Michael's is our Junior School boarding house for mixed pupils in Years 3-6. We have a maximum of 20 boarders and boast a healthy staff to pupil ratio. St Michael's is a beautiful period property set in the heart of the Junior School site. The pastoral team at St. Michael's understand the challenges military children can face, including adjusting to new environments, coping with parental absence during deployments, and maintaining a sense of belonging amidst constant change. The pastoral team collaborates closely with parents and guardians, ensuring open communication and partnership between home and school, reinforcing a sense of continuity and stability for the pupils.





*At Stamford we support military families with their children's education and home life by offering a range of boarding options from Year 3 to Year 13.*



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*We offer a variety of options including full, weekly, flexi and occasional boarding.*

*Weekly and flexible boarding options are ideal for local military families where students can go home at the weekends.*

### **Full Boarding – Termly**

This is our most popular boarding experience for seven days a week during term time. For military families stationed overseas or a distance from Stamford, this is the best option.

### **Weekly Boarding**

This can be boarding for three, four or five nights a week. Our only stipulation is that this is a regular weekly booking for students to stay the same days of the week.

### **Flexi Boarding**

One to two nights a week, which can help with busy evenings or as your logistics require. This option is particularly helpful for students who have early morning clubs, training or fixtures and can stay at school the night beforehand.

### **Occasional Boarding**

This option is used more by day families who require the occasional weekend of childcare support for work commitments or weekends away or for students who may just want to enjoy the experience of boarding with friends for a change of scene.

St Pauls House



## ST PAUL'S SITE

### Senior Boarding

#### St Paul's and Byard House Y7-10

St Paul's is our house for younger female students and Byard House is the home of lower school boys. Both houses are located in the heart of the Senior School campus and for students in Year 7-10. The neighbouring houses team up for social activities and weekend trips to encourage a really dynamic and energetic community atmosphere. The pastoral care given to students is second to none, with Houseparents, tutors, matrons and support staff on hand for anything the students need.

### Sixth Form Boarding

#### Browne House Year 11-13

Browne House is home to our senior boys in Year 11-13. Located on the St Paul's site, the house is perfectly positioned close to the large playing fields and sports centre, whilst being close to the town centre and social elements of Stamford to allow for some independence. Stamford is a safe and inclusive town, with the School's embedded within, so students are always safe and looked out for.



Our  
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## ST MARTIN'S SITE

### Senior Boarding

#### St Martin's and Welland House Y11-12

Both Welland House and St Martin's are home to our senior girls in Year 11-12. Both Houses are best described as a home from home. Both offer a nurturing, kind and caring community, with positivity and fun at their core, and a true sense of belonging and camaraderie at their heart.

### Sixth Form Boarding

#### Park House Y13

Park House is the home for our eldest female students in Year 13, located close to the Burghley Estate. Park House is a safe and quiet space away from the town centre for students to study, relax and unwind.



### Mrs Rae Burns - Head of House at St Paul's

Along with her husband and family, Rae has been part of the forces community for over 30 years. She also has a wealth of pastoral experience, having previously been a Houseparent in other boarding schools and fulfilled multiple pastoral roles. Rae has also had significant involvement with the military bereavement charity – FAB – who provide family activity breaks specifically for bereaved military families.





# Frequently Asked Questions



## What is the policy regarding exeat?

At Stamford School, we understand the importance of family time, which is why we do not have exeat weekends. Instead, boarders have the opportunity to enjoy a supportive and enriching environment throughout the term without the need for frequent returns home. Students are encouraged to either travel home, stay with friends or a UK guardian within the longer holidays.



## Do you have Saturday school?

No. We believe in providing our students with a balanced educational experience, allowing them time to recharge and engage in extracurricular activities over the weekend. Many of our sporting fixtures are played on a Saturday so students involved in those will have more structured activities to take part in.



## Are there any additional fees for weekend activities?

No, there are no additional fees for weekend activities at Stamford School. We offer a diverse range of activities and excursions as part of our holistic approach to education, ensuring that all students can explore their interests and develop new skills without any extra financial burden.



### **Do you offer taster days or nights for those who have never boarded before?**

Yes, we can arrange a taster visit to the school along with meeting with Houseparents and other students as well as a trial sleepover in the most suitable house for your child.

### **What is the military CEA fee structure at Stamford School?**

Those in full receipt of CEA will be charged no more than 10% of our published boarding fees. We understand the sacrifices made by military personnel and their families and strive to provide accessible education to their children. Our admissions team can provide more detailed information and assist families with the application process.

### **How does Stamford School support military families?**

Stamford School is committed to supporting military families through tailored pastoral care, academic assistance, and a welcoming community. Our staff are experienced in understanding the unique challenges faced by military children, and we provide a nurturing environment where students can thrive academically and socially.

### **Are there opportunities for boarders to connect with their families?**

Yes, Stamford School encourages regular communication between boarders and their families. We provide various channels for communication, including phone calls, emails, and video calls, allowing students to stay connected with their loved ones while they are away at school.

### **What makes boarding at Stamford special?**

We have seven Houses, which are all decorated and equipped to make students feel at home. The boarding community at Stamford is very friendly. Our boarding students benefit from the enjoyment of living in a community of friends, whilst having the flexibility to gain confidence and independence with the support of a large team around them.

### **Is a guardian necessary?**

When a boarding student is enrolled to Stamford School, we require a UK based guardian to be nominated if the parent(s)/ guardian(s) lives overseas. It is essential that a UK guardian is in place in order for the UKBA requirements to be met. Guardians are not required for those boarders whose main home address is in the UK. Guardians can offer a point of contact in an emergency, support during term time and an alternative holiday destination for short breaks. They can be friends or relatives appointed by your family or a professional guardianship agency.

### **How many boarding students are from military families at Stamford?**

Just over a third of our boarders are from military families. We know and understand how important community and belonging can be to children of service personnel so we ensure stability, pastoral support at every step of their journey with us as well as a home from home boarding experience.

# Fees and 'Refer a Friend' scheme

*Our generous free structure means that those in full receipt of CEA will not be charged more than 10% of our published boarding fees.*

We have a great deal of experience with Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) applications and are happy to help forces families through this process.

If you refer a friend to us and both you and they confirm the referral and 'friendship' at the point of application or registration, we will give you £500 credit which can be offset against extras such as music lessons or trips and thus kept separate from your CEA claim. The first £250 is credited to your account when the student starts, and a further £250 credited on completion of their first year.

*"All the different choirs, drama opportunities, CCF – it's very levelling. I love seeing the older kids leading the younger ones. There's pride, they strive to be good. They get so much from it."*

Year 11 parent



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*“As a military family with two serving parents Stamford has been the perfect school for our two children. The school perfectly balances academic, sporting, and extra-curricular activities and the boarding houses are very much a home away from home with a high level of pastoral care. The school has always been flexible and understands the pressures of Service life which makes such a fundament difference to us.”*

*Parents of Year 10 and 11 students*


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