



STONYHURST
COLLEGE

WEEKLY NEWS

MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2019

Cheese & Wine Night!

RHETORIC BLACK TIE EVENT

The Rhetoric cheese and wine evening was the first in a series of black tie events for this year, marking a fantastic end to the half term. Pupils were treated to a selection of local cheeses and were serenaded by Lower Grammarian Adrian who truly set the tone for the night. A great effort was on display from the Committee who hosted a memorable event. The staff who attended were hugely impressed!





PERSPECTIVES & HORIZONS



Stonyhurst Pupils Question Cabinet Minister over Afternoon Tea!

On Wednesday 2nd October Stonyhurst welcomed Cabinet Minister, the Right Honourable Stephen Barclay MP, Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union. Stephen was born and lived for many years not too far away from Stonyhurst, in Lytham St Annes. He is now Conservative MP for North East Cambridgeshire and was appointed to the Cabinet in November 2018.

On his way back from the Conservative party conference, Stephen gave generously of his time to speak with over 100 young people in the Top Refectory on his “Life in Politics”. He spoke about how he initially worked in the Law before entering Politics and about his journey over several years from Prospective Parliamentary Candidate to Cabinet Minister. Stephen shared his own experience of having to fight more than one election before successfully winning a parliamentary seat and he told pupils to be patient and tenacious in following their own aspirations.

Pupils with a wide range of views on Brexit were keen to put questions to Stephen in an interesting Q & A session. Stephen encouraged pupils with an interest in politics to consider getting involved.

Before heading back to London for a number of face-to-face and telephone appointments with the Prime Minister and Senior EU officials, Stephen had afternoon tea with a group of Sixth Form pupils in the Stuart Parlour answering their questions on key aspects of the Brexit debate.

Stephen’s visit came on the day new proposals were presented to Brussels in respect of finding a mutually acceptable way for the UK to leave the EU. The Stonyhurst Community are tremendously grateful to him for visiting Stonyhurst at such a busy time in UK politics.



Willkommen, Kolleg Sankt Blasien!

Earlier this month, Stonyhurst welcomed pupils and staff from Kolleg Sankt Blasien, a Jesuit School in Germany. Chris O'Reilly OS '86 who is an English and Philosophy teacher at the College of St. Blaise wrote about their week at Stonyhurst:

“ Sankt Blasien students are well used to snow, but when they were told that they should bring wellingtons in order to reach the accommodation with dry feet, a certain number began to look quizzically at each other. They had only to arrive on Stonyhurst soil however, in order to begin enthusing about the place. Kolleg, a former Benedictine monastery and now Jesuit school is not unimpressive, but the sheer size of Stonyhurst, among other differences, certainly quickly gave the Kolleg students the feeling of being somewhere very unique.

Highlights of our visit included an excellent atmospheric tour of the college by Mr D Ridout, who was able to bring walls and pictures to life with his accounts of past and present pupils; the Tolkien (or not-so-Tolkien) Trail, accompanied by many demythologising anecdotes provided by Mr T Laemmer and a visit to the Museum and Arundell Library, with a highly illuminating introduction by Dr J Sharples. With various other excursions to Clitheroe and York, the German students were able to take a full set of impressions and memories of this brief stay away with them, but the greatest impact was made by the warm welcome given by Stonyhurst staff and pupils alike. It was a real pleasure to see young people enjoying getting to know each other, despite the short amount of time they had together.

We very much look forward to receiving Stonyhurst pupils on the return visit to the Black Forest in the summer, when hopefully some rain will help them to feel at home. If staff, pupils or OS happen to be in the area, they are always very welcome. ”



Marymount Visit

We were delighted to host Marymount Secondary School, Hong Kong earlier this month. Marymount are part of our family of Jesuit schools worldwide and all the girls on the tour were literature and drama students. Their programme included a literary tour of Bronte Parsonage, a workshop in our historic Collections, a huge variety of classes and activities, and a chance to socialise with our boarding girls. They even managed an afternoon at our outdoor pursuits partners at Hothersall Lodge!

We are looking forward to renewing our friendships when our business and economics students embark on a return trip next year!



FAITH THAT DOES JUSTICE



Lower Grammar Playroom Worship

Recently Lower Grammar had their termly Playroom Worship in the College Chapel.

Fr Tim celebrated this Mass for the Lower Grammar community with pupils doing the readings, offertory, altar serving and even a beautifully sung psalm.

Thank you to all the pupils for their planning and participation and to the parents who attended.



RHETORIC PARENTS' RETREAT

The Christian Heritage Centre is offering a 1-day retreat on Friday 22nd November for Rhetoric parents, prior to the Parents Weekend. The aim of this retreat is to help parents understand the role of the Faith in family life. It will complement the ethos of faith and the liturgical life that form part of the pupils' education in school, offering parents a deeper consideration of how this can be supported at home. The retreat will include talks and guided discussion, as well as the option of communal prayer and Mass.

Parents are welcome to either attend the retreat only on Friday (includes lunch), or to attend as a residential guest from Thursday evening (dinner included). Accommodation for the weekend is offered at a discount to participants. Parents not wishing to attend the retreat may still wish to enquire about accommodation for the weekend.

Please contact director@christianheritagecentre.com / 01254 827329 to book or for further information.

Chaplaincy Quote of the Week

“ God loves each of us as if there were
only one of us. ”

Saint Augustine

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



The Senior Essay Society: Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines

"The Last Train to Tomorrow" was an extremely well attended talk by Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines MBE. She told a rapt audience about her experience of being one of the Czech Jewish children rescued by Sir Nicolas Winton in 1938, on the eve of the German invasion, and of her subsequent life in England as a refugee until her eventual reunion with her family.

This was an excellent and very personal presentation by a remarkable, and indeed, extraordinary lady and we are most grateful to Lady Milena for giving her time to visit the College and tell her moving story.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS - A PUPIL'S PERSPECTIVE

“ Model United Nations is an educational simulation of United Nations conferences, and is an international schools based programme. I chose to take part in MUN to learn about diplomacy, international relations and the United Nations itself, as well as the challenge of thinking more critically and to try to look at problems from an unfamiliar perspective of the represented country.

Our MUN group is made up of students from all over the world and so it is a great opportunity to learn more about each other's cultural backgrounds and how to step away from that.

So far in our MUN sessions, we have learned about the structure of the UN, its goals and origins and reasons why UN was created. We have also discussed the conflict happening in Darfur, Sudan and stepped into the role of Security Council to try to find an effective way to resolve the problem. On the example of Greta Thunberg's latest speech to the UN, we looked at the factors that make a good speech. Our current goal is to prepare for an MUN debate on Olympic Truce, based on which the team for MUN conference in London will be chosen.



By Olivia, Poetry IB student



Rugby Success for Issy!

Congratulations to Issy who played her first game for Preston Grasshoppers Rugby Football Club last week. She scored four tries and has been put forward for Lancashire Rugby trials!

CCF Field Day

Stonyhurst Grammarians had a superb CCF field day earlier this month. They completed 5 rotational activities: capturing the flag, learning to build shelters and bush craft, orienteering, weapon handling and drill practice. Despite feeling a little tired they all thoroughly enjoyed the day!

Our most sincere thanks go to all those staff who helped to organise the day for the pupils.



SPORTS RESULTS

Wednesday 9th October 2019

GIRLS' GAMES

Netball

1st Team v Sedbergh won 30-13

A good team performance in blustery conditions saw the 1st team come out on top against Sedbergh. Everyone played well and the whole team defence was outstanding. Special mention to Chiso who made her debut as GS, firing in some excellent shots and Izzy who seemed to intercept everything that came her way. We enjoyed a lot of possession and were able to rotate the squad effectively.

2nd Team v Sedbergh lost 27-21

It was a game of two halves for the second team, with a solid start and an early lead gained. Unfortunately, we were met by a strong Sedbergh attack after half time and narrowly lost the game 27-21. A special mention to Nnenna as player of the match.

3rd Team v Sedbergh lost 21-20

All of the girls in the squad took to the court and worked hard to create some good phases of staking play. We dominated and had possession for most of the game but just could not convert to goals. The match was closely contested in each quarter with Sedbergh just clinching the win. Player of the match was Annie. An outstanding team performance by the girls.



BOYS' GAMES

FOOTBALL

1st Team v Bolton lost 5-2

2nd Team v Bolton draw 1-1

SPORTS RESULTS

Saturday 12th October 2019

GIRLS' GAMES

Hockey

1st Team v Sedbergh 2nd Team won 8-2

A fantastic team performance, some outstanding individuals and some clinical finishing inside the circle.

2nd Team v Sedbergh 3rd Team lost 5-0

Unfortunately in their first fixture of the year, the second team lost 5-0. It was a slow start and despite some great defending Sedbergh took advantage. The Stonyhurst performance improved over the game. The result leaves us plenty to improve on next week in training.

U15 v Sedbergh won 3-2

An extremely competent performance from the U15's. Some excellent passages of play with many opportunities to score.

U14 v Sedbergh lost 4-0

U14's worked hard but all too often left themselves wide open in defence costing them the match.



SPORTS RESULTS

Saturday 12th October 2019

BOYS' GAMES

Rugby

U14A v Ripley St Thomas won 31-5

Another good performance from the Lower Grammarians. Leading on from a win against Merchant Taylor's in the Lancashire cup, we hosted Ripley St Thomas on Saturday 12th October. We came out flying, playing some fantastic rugby when we had the ball and choosing correct options everywhere. Defensively we had an edge which meant that we forced Ripley into a lot of mistakes.

The second half brought some changes and two 'A' team debuts but much of the same continued. With the pitch getting worse and the two day turnaround of games, the boys started to look a little tired. We managed to keep Ripley out until right at the end of the game but still won convincingly.

U15A v Ripley St Thomas won 45-0

An outstanding team performance saw our Grammar side demolish a resilient Ripley side with some excellent individual efforts coming to the fore. Some slick handling combined with some ferocious defence was too much to handle for our visitors as we quickly built a score. It was excellent to see contributions from individuals all over the pitch and to see team progress in terms of our shape and intensity.

U16A v Ripley St Thomas won 14-5

After losing away to the same opposition just 4 weeks previously, our Syntaxians were keen to reverse their fortunes and they displayed great character in a very tight and physical encounter against Ripley St Thomas.

They led 14-0 at the break after some brilliance from a kick return by Tom which saw him glide through to score from 45 metres. This was followed by a clever cross field kick by Freddie for captain, Alex, to touch down.

Ripley came back strong in the second half but impressive and aggressive play by the Stonyhurst forwards, allied with slick handling by the backs, saw them run out as winners.



THIS WEEK BY 'PETE THE STREET'

A few paintings by our Stonyhurst 225 Artist capturing the changeable weather at Stonyhurst.



FROM ST MARY'S HALL

On Saturday 12th October Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall opened its doors to a record breaking number of over 30 families. Prospective parents were shown around St Mary's Hall and the College in all its splendour whilst the children had fun in the science labs, music rooms, theatre and art rooms.

Lunch was served to 120 guests in the Top Ref which was alive with conversation about their wonderful morning taking in all that we have to offer at Stonyhurst.

A big thank you must go to all involved in making this spectacular morning a success.



WISHING YOU ALL A
RESTFUL HALF TERM
BREAK!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ON 31ST
OCTOBER.

