



STONYHURST COLLEGE

WEEKLY NEWS

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2019

Victory Over Ampleforth!

The Cross Country team came back victorious from Ampleforth last weekend. The race featured an outstanding run from Nicolas, and a solid effort by John-Gerard. A great run from Carmen as well, coming home the first-female overall. A special mention must go to Adrian, competing in his first event, with only three previous training sessions under his belt, he demonstrated faultless effort and determination.

Conditions were heavy underfoot, but with no rain or wind on the day the weather conditions were ideal for a good, fast cross country event. The course measured 6.9km and has roughly 700m of ascent.

Representing the College on this occasion were: Nico C M (PO), Joseph C (SY), Evan H (SY), Myles R (SY), John-Gerard T (SY), Joseph W K (SY), Nicolas R (SY), Angus B (GR), Jonathan F (RH), James C (LG), Chun Hei K (SY), Carmen C L (PO).

Thank you to Mr Wilmore and his colleagues for taking this group to North Yorkshire.





PERSPECTIVES & HORIZONS



Stonyhurst in the Big Apple!

The Campbell, in Grand Central Terminal, New York was the venue for the latest OS gathering on Monday 18th November, organised by the Development Team. It is over 10 years since the team last travelled to America but it was pleasing to see how strong the transatlantic ties remain. Ten OS living in and around New York City joined Stephen Withnell and Suzanne Wheeler (Development Manager) whilst others across America expressed their regret that they were unable to attend and indicated how much they would like to attend future events should we venture away from New York.

In a relaxed and informal setting our OS renewed links and made new connections. Once again OS were quick to pay tribute to the College, stressing how important it had been to their development both whilst at school and continuing on into the present day. Interestingly, we discovered that OS continue to have a strong presence at the UN in New York, with three of our number currently working there, whilst the others are pursuing careers in finance, insurance and recruitment. New York may be their home now but Stonyhurst remains at their very heart.





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We look forward to seeing you! Beverley Sillitoe (01254 827043 / association@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

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20 YEARS OF CO-ED CELEBRATIONS

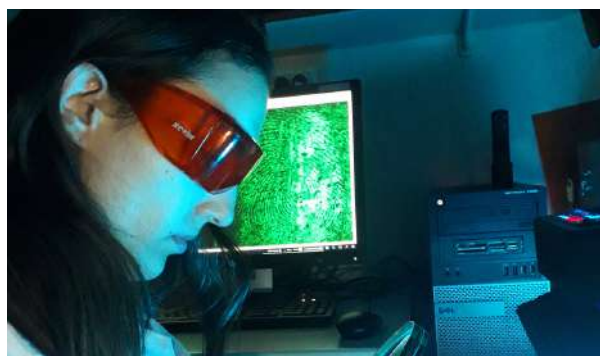
Meet an Ambassador

Ravell Bengiat (OS '06)

I joined Stonyhurst, starting in Grammar in 2002, three years after it became co-educational, and when the ratio was about 3 girls to every 7 or 8 boys. I can remember the Lower Line Girls' house when it was so small and intimate, with only few boarders in Grammar and LG, and even fewer in Syntax, but how Mrs. Bidwell, in her own warm and motherly way, made the house feel like home to us all and especially to the few of us who came from overseas. In many of our classes, it was not uncommon to be the only girl among boys, whether it was in EFL, tutor groups or even CCF. Nevertheless, there was always a sense of total equality, being treated exactly the same as the other boys, which is something that greatly helped in the course of my adult life, knowing that there's no limit to what one can achieve, regardless of gender. This was evident, by the many activities and roles that I was given the chance to be involved in as a female student during my time at Stonyhurst, from becoming a member of the Committee to being a JUO in the CCF and a vice-Captain of the Shooting team, or chosen to be part of the organizing committee of the Poetry Banquet. Apart from the academic side, majoring in sciences, there was a diversity of extra-curricular activities that truly enriched my time during the four years at Stonyhurst in music - Orchestra and bands, Schola Cantorum, School and girls' choirs, in sports - Badminton, shooting and chess teams, CCF trainings and camps, SCHAT holiday weeks and many more. I've always felt very lucky to be given the opportunity and chance to be in such a supportive environment as Stonyhurst, which had driven me, at all times, to excel and develop my abilities as well as new skills in both personal and academic fields, with the constant encouragement to use our knowledge to the benefit of others. For that opportunity, I would always be grateful.

Two weeks after graduation from Stonyhurst in 2006, I began my army service in Israel in the Bureau of the Minister of Defence before going on an Officers' course for combat supporting units and a Commanders' training course, later serving as a Training Officer in the IDF logistics' school. In 2009, after three years of service, I was honourably discharged as a First Lieutenant, and started my B.Sc studies at Tel-Aviv University in Chemistry and Biology, graduating in 2012 (1st class HONS). I continued with a short research project in Chemistry at the University of Bath, and later applied to M.Sc studies in Chemistry at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem doing a research in collaboration with the Nuclear Research Centre in Israel. I graduated top of the class with distinction in 2015 and continued my studies for Ph.D in Chemistry, while applying and being accepted for a position as a Forensic Officer in the Latent Fingerprint Laboratory, at the Division of Identification and Forensic Science in the Israel Police. Among the key skills that my time at Stonyhurst helped me accomplish are independent thinking and auto-didactic studying ability, which are both crucial, from my experience, for excelling in higher education as well as in work. In particular, the skills taught in the science departments, from a thorough research of the literature, to designing and conducting the experiments and finally to the analysis and evaluation of the results, had an immense contribution for aiding me to become a successful scientist and researcher today.

In 2017 there was a breakthrough in the research, as we discovered a novel method for the removal of toxic radioactive waste from water, motivated by the urgent need for a solution to help preventing future nuclear disasters as the ones in Chernobyl and Fukushima. For this research I was proud to be awarded the Israel Analytical Chemistry Society prize for outstanding research in Analytical Chemistry. Since 2016, I've been working as a Forensic Officer in the Latent Fingerprint laboratory focusing on high-profile crime investigations, while developing new techniques for the enhancement of latent fingermarks as well as being a member of the International Fingerprints' Research Group. After completing my Ph.D in Chemistry in 2018, I continued as a Post-Doctoral researcher in collaboration with the Hebrew University and the Israel Police, working on finding forensic solutions for counter-terrorism. I can truly say that the motto of Stonyhurst - "Men and Women for the service of others" was never just words to me, but an inspiration for life.



FAITH THAT DOES JUSTICE



BETHANY MASS FOR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Our annual Mass took place on Wednesday in our College Chapel. We welcomed parents and members of the local community along with staff and students from the College and St Mary's Hall.

Our Faith in Action pupils, who are currently completing their silver level of this national Catholic award scheme, organised and led the participation in the Mass.

A staff vocal quartet sang, 'If ye Love Me' (Thomas Tallis) and 'Eventide' (W. H. Monk), as the Book of the Dead was processed during the Offertory and during Communion.

Each member of the congregation was presented with a small token to remember their loved ones by. The token included the symbol for our Mass, a butterfly, along with a tea light and prayer card with the following words:

'The butterfly is used around the world as a symbol of change and endurance. In addition to this, the butterfly is used as a symbol of resurrection by Christians. So, in the month of November, we pray for those who have lost loved ones. May they have hope that they will make it through this period of difficult change.'

Chaplaincy Quote of the Week

“*For those who love, nothing is too difficult,
especially when it is done for the love of our
Lord Jesus Christ*”



Red Wednesday

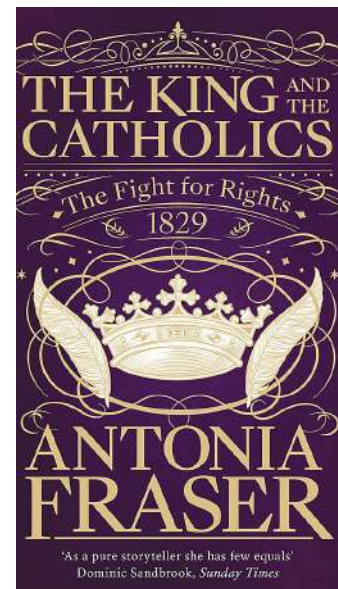
On Wednesday 27th November, the College will be marking Aid to the Church in Need's (ACN) national annual campaign, Red Wednesday, to raise awareness about the persecution of Christians around the world: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday/>

As part of marking this day, pupils will be invited to come to school in home clothes including an item of red clothing.

There will also be stalls on the day where pupils will have the opportunity to buy fundraising products and give further donations to the charity, should they wish to.

Along with many other schools and institutions across the country, the main College building will be lit up in red to mark this occasion.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



An Evening with a Pure Storyteller

On 11 December at the London Jesuit Centre at Mount Street in Mayfair, Stephen Withnell (Stonyhurst Deputy Head External) and Professor Peter Davidson (Curator of Campion Hall Oxford) will be hosting an evening with the historian and author Antonia Fraser where she will discuss her book *The King and the Catholics: The Fight for Rights 1829*.

Tickets are free and may be booked [here](#).

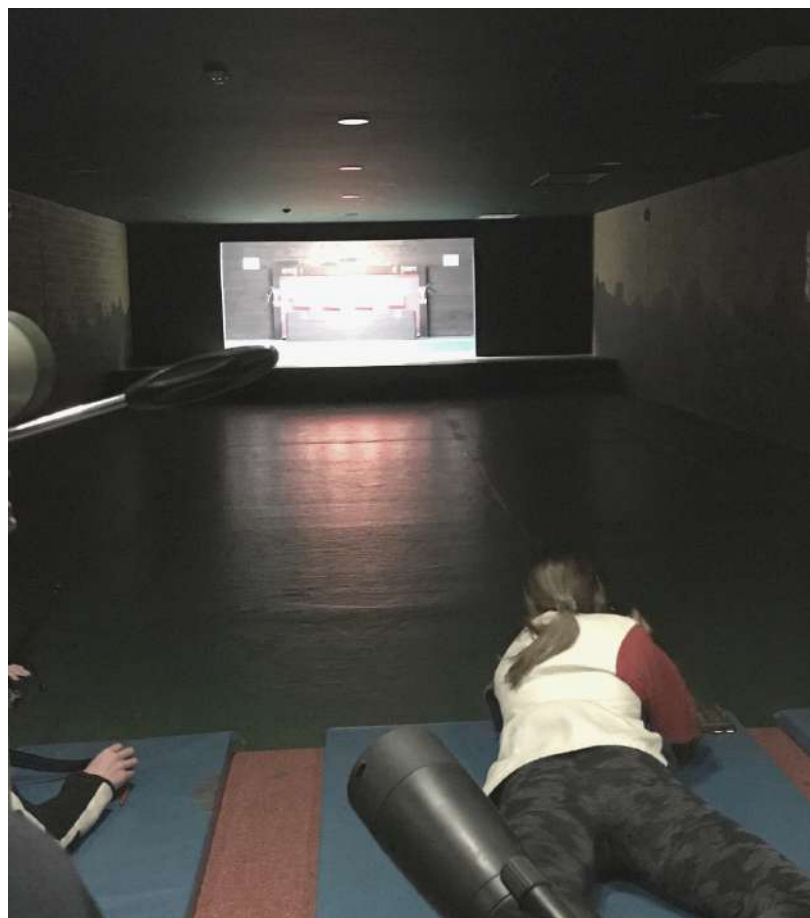
SHOOTING COMPETITION V SEDBERGH

On Saturday 16th November, Stonyhurst hosted the .22 Shooting Competition at home in our indoor range.

The match was a 10 bull competition with 10 firers each and a total of 1000 points per team to be gained (100 points per firer). The Stonyhurst team shot really well, winning the Friendly Cup with 885 points to Sedbergh's 833.

Our top scorer of the competition was William, with a score of 93 points out of 100.

Congratulations to all!



SPORTS RESULTS

Wednesday 13th November 2019

GIRLS' GAMES

Netball

We saw three senior netball matches v Woodhouse Grove and U15 netball for an ISNC Match v Cheadle Hulme earlier in the week.

A highlight was the netball fixture for our seniors against Woodhouse Grove. Grove are a very strong netball school who regularly beat us every year. This year however, it was not to be!

1st team vs Woodhouse Grove 37-37

The whole team deserved player of the match after coming back from 8 goals down. The firsts opened the match at a good pace but there was a fairly big gap between the sides leaving the nationalists, Woodhouse Grove ahead. After the 3rd quarter the team were down by 8 goals and fantastically brought it back and ended the match with a draw. This match was a true representation of Stonyhurst spirit and determination. Well done to the firsts!

2nd team vs Woodhouse Grove 30-25

The seconds started off the match strongly, especially considering that we had never played together as a team before. Woodhouse Grove put up a good fight but we were able to maintain a 4 goal lead throughout the match and had a well-deserved victory of 30-25. The 2nds gelled as a squad, embracing the true meaning of team spirit. Molly was player of the match.

3rd team vs Woodhouse Grove 27-11

The game against Woodhouse Grove was one of our best yet. Coming away with a win, the performance as a team was strong. There is huge confidence in this team for the season wishing to come away with more wins. Annie was player of the match.

SPORTS RESULTS

U15 ISNC vs Cheadle Hulme Won 54-16

Following on from the previous success against Cheadle Hulme, going into this match, heads were held high. The team played relentlessly until the final whistle winning the game 54-16, progressing into the next round of the cup!

Hockey

U15B vs Westholme 1-2

Four girls made their Stonyhurst debut for this fixture. Playing the Westholme A team the girls narrowly lost 1-2. This was a disappointing result as for 80% of the game they dominated play. A good effort nonetheless.

U14A vs Westholme 10-0

The girls enjoyed giving a 10-0 thrashing to Westholme. Dynamic and fluent play throughout, with Ava in particular creating many problems for the opposition with her bolt-like pace in attack.

BOYS' GAMES

Rugby

1st XV Rugby: Semi Final U18 Lancashire cup vs Lancaster RGS 0-31

As expected, a hard fought semi-final match away at Lancaster, and although the 1st XV played with real energy and commitment, they could not contain the Lancaster pack who managed to drive over three lineouts. This proved to be the main difference between the two teams on the scoreboard, as in every other area of the game the contest was far more evenly matched.

Huge congratulations go to three Syntaxians, making their 1st XV debuts, Alex, Freddie and Tom.

SPORTS RESULTS

Saturday 16th November 2019

GIRLS' GAMES

Hockey

A great day for the senior hockey teams on Saturday with two victories away at Ashville College.

1st v Ashville College 5-3

The first team went a goal ahead within the first minute and had a lot of possession during the first half, however Ashville matched the College for every goal on their counter attacks going into the half time break 3-3. The second half was one sided with Ashville tiring and Stonyhurst starting to dominate. A few more goals from Stonyhurst saw the final score finish at 5-3; another fantastic win! Player of the match: Alice.

2nd v Ashville College won 3-0

In the first half, the team had a strong start but despite a lot of circle entries we could not get the ball into the net. The second half however saw three conversions to give our girls their first well deserved victory. Many thanks to the four U15s for filling in due to second-team stalwarts being in musical rehearsals. Players of the match were Charlotte and Holly.



OBJECT OF THE WEEK

St Cecilia, attributed to Annibale Carracci (c.1580)

Today is the feast day of St Cecilia, patron saint of music and musicians, who holds particular significance at Stonyhurst as one of our playroom patron saints.

Cecilia was a martyr of the early Christian Church in Rome, though there is some uncertainty over the exact details of her life. She was a young woman of a Roman noble family living around the late second or early third century. Despite making a vow of celibacy to God, her parents forced her to marry a pagan nobleman, Valerian. According to tradition, during the wedding she sat singing to God, which is the cause of her being named the patron saint of musicians. After the wedding, Cecilia told Valerian of her vow, and she succeeded in persuading him to convert to Christianity. Eventually both she and her husband were executed by the prefect in Rome, Turcius Almachius. Her body was buried in the catacombs, and transferred in the ninth century to a church dedicated to her in the Trastevere area of Rome, believed to be on the site where her house once stood. During renovation of the church by Cardinal Sfondrati in 1599, he reputedly found her remains to be uncorrupted, and had them reburied in a new crypt.

Cecilia has been patron saint of Poetry playroom since at least the 17th century, and numerous surviving manuscripts by pupils in Poetry at St Omers show the school's active devotion to her. Each playroom at St Omers had a female patron saint and it is thought that, in an all-boys' school with male teachers, female martyr saints were felt to set an ideal example of strength, resolve, and gentleness for the boys.

This painting was acquired by Fr Thomas Glover in Rome in the early 19th century, in a matching pair with St Barbara (patron saint of Grammar playroom). Fr Glover was one of the English Jesuits' main agents in Rome, and collected many artworks to adorn the walls of Jesuit institutions back in England. In around 1830 this pair of paintings was sent to Stonyhurst, perhaps because of the significance to the Poetry and Grammar playrooms.



THE PERFECT NIGHT IN

Stonyhurst Beer

Our locally brewed Eagle Towers Ale is available from Enoteca Wines at Huntley's, Samlesbury and makes a great gift for any avid ale drinker!



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Upcoming Events

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Little Shop of Horrors

Date: Friday 22nd November and
Saturday 23rd November 2019

Time: 7pm

Location: Academy Room, College

Tickets: Free

Festive Lunch

Date: Friday 29th November 2019

Time: 11.30am

Location: Stanley House Hotel & Spa

Tickets: £45

Fundraising for Dilly, the Therapy
Dog at SMH

Stonyhurst Farm Street Christmas Carol Service

Date: Thursday 5th December 2019

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Farm Street London

Tickets: Free

Winter Wonderland

Date: Friday 13th December 2019

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Location: Stonyhurst Refectory

Tickets: £60

