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STONYHURST COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH *THE HOPKINS QUARTERLY*

Today marks the 176th anniversary of the birth of the English poet and Jesuit, Gerard Manley Hopkins. Hopkins taught and studied at Stonyhurst, and in celebration of this connection and of his life and work, Stonyhurst College is delighted to announce its sponsorship of *The Hopkins Quarterly* journal.

The College's association with the journal is the latest link in a long-running and deep academic, cultural, and spiritual connection with the life and work of Gerard Manley Hopkins, the eminent Victorian poet, diarist, and Jesuit priest.

The College's extensive archives and historical Collections – richly displayed in the on-site Stonyhurst museum, which is the oldest in the English-speaking world – are especially strong in religious and literary history. In addition to Hopkins manuscripts and other work, they include a Shakespeare First Folio and a Jonson First Folio. The Collections are regularly used in the College's teaching.

The Hopkins Quarterly is an international journal of critical, scholarly, and appreciative responses to the lives and works of Hopkins and his circle. Founded in 1974, the journal publishes academic articles and book reviews, notes and notices, as well special issues, from new and established scholars.

The journal is Co-edited by Dr Michael D. Hurley, from the University of Cambridge, and Dr Stephen Tardif, from the University of St Michael's College in the University of Toronto. Before Dr Hurley gained his PhD and Fellowship at Cambridge, however (he has also been awarded visiting positions at Harvard and at All Souls College, Oxford), he was schooled at Stonyhurst College.



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Dr Hurley said: “I am thrilled at the news of Stonyhurst’s continued support of Hopkins scholarship, which is particularly appropriate given not only the time he spent at the College as a scholastic and a schoolmaster, but also Stonyhurst’s valuable contributions over many decades both to the preservation of his work and to the field of Hopkins study.”

Dr Hurley was the keynote speaker at the Stonyhurst Hopkins Literary Festival in 2018, where he delivered a poignant address to the memory of his former English teacher and Head of English Peter Hardwick, offering answers to questions about Hopkins’ work which they had explored together in the College some twenty-five years earlier. Gerald Roberts, author of *Gerard Manley Hopkins, a Literary Life* (Macmillan, 1994), also taught at Stonyhurst and writes for *The Hopkins Quarterly* as a member of its board of scholars.

Master of Scholars at Stonyhurst, Mr David Leigh, said: “I look forward to the opportunities which this partnership will help to generate: for our pupils and the life of the College. With events in the pipeline at Jesuit sibling institutions, Campion Hall at the University of Oxford, and St Beuno’s in Wales – a favourite locale of Hopkins, and the home of his immortalised windhovers – I’m proud that the current and future pupils of Stonyhurst will continue to be inspired by this most stimulating and powerful author and thinker.”

Stonyhurst College’s Headmaster, Mr John Browne, said: “It is a great pleasure to formalise in this way the College’s connections with Gerard Manley Hopkins through an association with *The Hopkins Quarterly*, a publication of international reach and scholarly distinction.”

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