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Travelling Week & Induction Programme 2020



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your families in the best of health.

I also hope that this summer I have made contact with you, via correspondence, video message or in a call. In addition to sending you the information about arrival at Stonyhurst for the coming term, and the Induction programme for new Poets, it's my pleasure to introduce myself formally in this letter – and to welcome you. I shall be your son or daughter's Head of Playroom for their Higher Line (Sixth Form) career at Stonyhurst.

I am entering my third year at Stonyhurst and my tenth year in UK independent school education. Since moving to Stonyhurst, I have been living in the village of Hurst Green, with my fiancée Tessa, who is reading for a doctorate in Statistics at Lancaster University, and Markus, our friendly if needy rescue dog. I arrived at Stonyhurst as the Head of English and am delighted to be taking over responsibility for the Playroom and its pupils, families and teams.

It is a source of great disappointment to me that I have not yet been able to meet many of you in person – and that I will not be able to host you in the manner I would like at the beginning of term. I am sure, though, that we will be able to forge close and productive relationships over the coming months and years. The two years of Higher Line education are exciting and important: the work our pupils will do, the relationships they form, and the experiences they have will set up their futures and remain with them. The Playroom community will be at the heart of this, and I look forward to developing and steering it.

Unfortunately, the arrival of students in September will be disrupted by essential precautions relating to the Coronavirus and this has necessitated a very different approach to our usual welcome for new and existing pupils and their families. The Travel and Induction Programme included below outlines the arrival times for the Poetry Playroom and will hopefully give some sense of how we aim to get the College community back and enjoying the all-round education Stonyhurst provides as quickly and as safely as possible. I apologise that this runs contrary to the original dates published.

Arrivals to the College are being staggered by Playroom to minimise unnecessary contact and observe government guidance on social distancing. To further minimise risk, a booking system for arrival of boarders has been created to ensure that pupils are able to speak with pastoral staff and get settled in the safest possible way and so that we can have some opportunity to meet informally, albeit briefly. Therefore, please complete the Google Form [here](#) to select the time you wish to arrive at Stonyhurst. Each slot is limited to ten families, so please complete the form at your earliest convenience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at dj.leigh@stonyhurst.ac.uk with any queries about any of these arrangements.

I am sorry not to be able to invite you our usual start of year social function at this time, but I look forward to us gathering as a Playroom community as soon as the opportunity arises. For now, I hope that you can enjoy what remains of the summer and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in September.

Yours sincerely,

David J Leigh

Tuesday 1st September

Time	Event	Venue
08.30 onwards	Arrival of all Poetry boarding pupils. Pupils must arrive in their pre-booked slot. Pastoral Heads and Deputies will be available to escort pupils to their rooms and HoP will be available to talk in the Bayley Room where refreshments will be provided for parents. Parents will not have access to pupils' rooms or the College as a whole.	The Lions/Bayley Room
12:30 – 13:50	Lunch for pupils and staff	Refectory
17.00-17.45	'ICT – Getting Your Electronic Devices Working' (Session 1)	Academy Room
17.45	Supper for pupils and staff	Refectory
19.00	Arrangements in boarding areas.	New Wing/HLGH

Wednesday 2nd September

Time	Event	Venue
07.30-08.00	Breakfast for Poetry Boarders	Refectory
08.30 onwards	Poetry Day Pupils arrive via The Lions.	The Lions
09.00-09.30	Poetry Induction: Welcome Address from Mr Leigh	Top Refectory
09.30-10.30	Icebreaker activities with Tutors	Top Refectory
10.30-11.00	Break	Top Refectory
11.00-11.30	Academic talks by Mr Leigh, Mrs Wright (Deputy Head, Academic) and Mrs Kirkby (Director of IB)	Top Refectory/Bayley Room
11.30-12.00	Games options presentation	Top Refectory
12.00 – 12.20	Lunch	Refectory
14.00-14.30	'ICT – Getting Your Electronic Devices Working' (Session 2)	Academy Room
14.30-15.00	Tutors collect Poetry tutees from Top Refectory and go to tutor rooms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetables and subjects • Tutorial arrangements • Location of classrooms 	Top Refectory
15.00-15.30	Break	Top Refectory
15.30-16.00	Non-EU Poets (new and returning) to meet Mrs Taylor in the Bayley Room to present passports and visas.	Mrs Taylor's Office
16.00.-16.30	Introduction to the religious life of the College with Fr. Tim Curtis and Miss C. Hanley	St Peters
18.30-19.00	Supper	Refectory
19.00	Arrangements in boarding areas	Various

Thursday 3rd September

Time	Event	Venue
08.00-08.30	Breakfast	Refectory
09.00	ALIS Testing	Computer Suites
10.00	POETRY LESSONS BEGIN. New Timetable in place.	
11.30-11.50	Lunch	Refectory
17.00-18.00	BBQ Dinner	Refectory
18:00 onwards	Arrangements in boarding areas	Boarding Houses

Friday 4th September

Time	Event	Venue
08.00-08.30	Breakfast	Refectory
09.00	Lessons as normal	Various
12.30-12.50	Lunch	Refectory
19.00 onwards	Arrangements in boarding areas	Various

Saturday 5th September

Time	Event	Venue
08.00-08.30	Breakfast	Refectory
09.00	Lessons as normal	Various
12.00-12.20	Lunch	Refectory
13.40	Games. Confirmation of what HL Games options will be. First Session.	Various
18.30-19.00	Supper	Refectory
19.00	Activities in Boarding Areas	Various

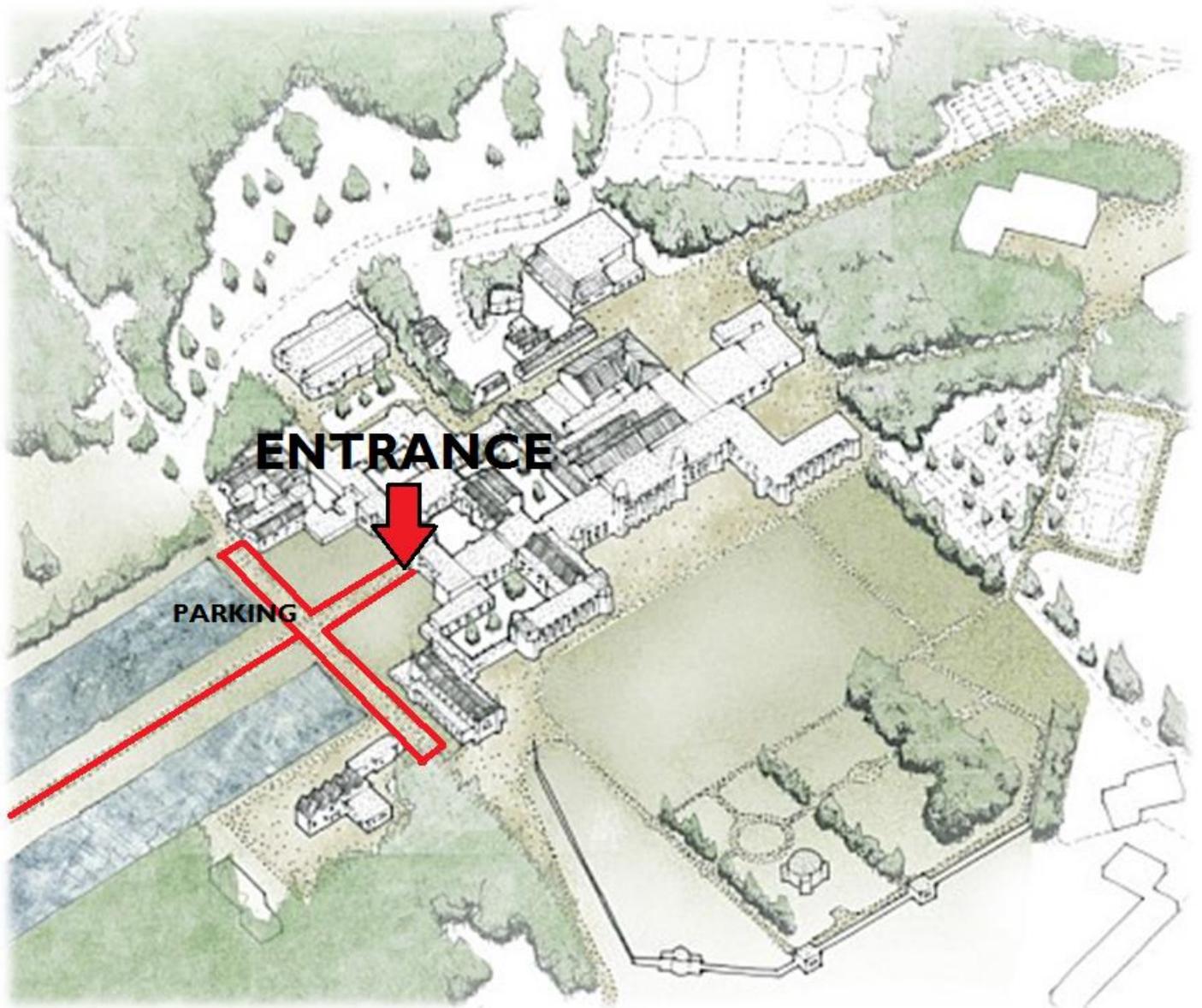
Sunday 6th September

Time	Event	Venue
11.00	Start of term Mass	Playroom Bases
12.30-13.30	Brunch	Refectory
14.00 onwards	Arrangements in pastoral areas	
18.30-19.00	Supper	Refectory

Monday 7th September

Time	Event	Venue
08.20	Virtual Ascensio Scholarum	Top Ref
09.00	Timetable as normal	

Map



FAQs

1. What do I do if I have children in two Playrooms?

The priority is for pupils to be able to attend their induction day. Therefore, if necessary, pupils should arrive on the earlier date. If possible, it is advised that pupils stay with their guardian or with friends locally until their official arrival day, but accommodation is available in their own boarding area, if required.

2. What should I do about my booking at the School Shop?

If possible, school shop appointments should be rebooked to coincide with the pupil's arrival day. Since there is now a spread of arrival times, the hope is that pressure on the availability of the School Shop will be relieved rather than otherwise.

3. Will I be able to meet my child's Head of Playroom/Tutor/Pastoral Head?

Heads of Playroom will meet families as they arrive and while pupils are storing their possessions in their room. However, more in-depth meetings should be scheduled via Zoom directly with your Head of Playroom. Pastoral Heads will be running online Zoom forums to talk to parents and individual Zoom calls can also be arranged. All Tutors of new pupils will contact their families via Zoom in the first week of the Christmas Term.

4. What should I do with my child's medication?

This should be passed on to the Head of Playroom who will label it and transfer it to the Health Centre prior to your child's initial GP appointment. Any medication that needs to be taken daily can be administered from the Health Centre from the day of arrival. Medications that must be carried at all times such as epipens and inhalers are of course exempt.

5. Can I see my child's room and help them unpack?

Unfortunately, it is not possible for parents to access the boarding areas at this time. Parents will hopefully have the opportunity of seeing their child's room and boarding area physically in the course of the year.

6. Can I take my child away after they have dropped off their belongings?

Yes, pupils can go out for the day with their families but all pupils must return to the College for 19.00 on their arrival day when their boarding community will gather for the first time and their Pastoral Head will entertain them for the evening. This is an essential aspect of their boarding induction.

7. Will parents be able to stay for lunch?

Very sadly, we cannot host families as we would normally do. We hope that there will be several opportunities in the coming year for you to enjoy Stonyhurst's full hospitality but on

this occasion, though there will be refreshments available in your designated area on arrival, we cannot welcome you for meals in the Refectory.

8. Can I explore the College site and grounds?

Unfortunately this will not be possible on this occasion. The main College building will not be accessible to visitors and the Jesuit Gardens are similarly restricted.

9. Can my child quarantine once they arrive at Stonyhurst?

Yes, provision has been made for pupils arriving in September to quarantine in Theodore House from September 1st, but places must be prearranged via email at stonyhurstquarantine@stonyhurst.ac.uk Above all, pupils who need to quarantine **MUST NOT** arrive unannounced at the College since this will compromise all the safety arrangements that have been put in place.