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Message from the Head of School



Our 10th Anniversary Year has been a very special one as our school community continues to thrive and grow. Stonehill's mission is to provide enhanced opportunities for technological innovation, sports and the creative arts, and we strive to develop our facilities in alignment with this mission.

At the start of this year, we opened our new multipurpose Sports Hall and further developed our poolside area to include a large, shaded seating area, complete with Stonehill Tigers' branding. We are now looking forward to the completion of two new building projects, which started in January 2019.

The new PYP Creative Arts Centre will feature a Black Box Drama Studio, Instrumental Practice Rooms, an Art Studio and a purpose-built Music Room featuring an outdoor performance area.

Our new STEM Building will feature four purpose-built Science Labs, Mathematics Classrooms and two Design and Technology Labs that will be equipped for work with resistant materials and robotics.

This year also included successful Evaluation Visits from the IB, CIS and NEASC. We continue to be an IB World School, proudly accredited by the Council of International Schools and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. It is an exciting time to be a member of the Stonehill community as our school continues to grow from strength to strength.

Sadly, after five years in Bangalore, the time has come for our family to move on to a new adventure. I will be taking over as the Head of School at the

International School of Busan in South Korea. I will always remember my time at Stonehill fondly and will continue to keep in touch. I look forward to reading about the future development of the Stonehill community in future editions of the alumni magazine 'Beyond the Stone'.

Fortunately, I leave the school in very safe hands. Brian Brumsickle will take over as the new Head of School from August 2019. Brian joins us from Gyeonggi Suwon International School in South Korea. He comes with extensive experience as an administrator in international education. He has also managed boarding programmes in independent schools in America as well as international schools in Asia. Brian is from the USA, and he will be

joined at Stonehill by his wife and two children. I wish Brian every success for the future, and I know that he will thoroughly enjoy being part of such a special community.

Go Tigers!

With best wishes,

Simon McCloskey

Head of School

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We have had a fantastic year with many exciting events and celebrations as a community.



Reflecting on 2018-2019 at Stonehill

Events

Here is a glimpse of the past six months at Stonehill. (Click on the captions for more pictures).



[PTA International Food Fair 2019](#)



[D2 Leavers' Assembly](#)



Boarding Leavers' Dinner



Graduation 2019



Animal Farm Drama Production



Tournament of Minds



Stonehill Super Splash



IBDP Visual Art Exhibition 2019

Class of 2019 Graduation Ceremony

On Saturday, May 25th, Stonehill celebrated our graduating cohort at the Class of 2019 Graduation Ceremony. It was a wonderful evening of coming together as a community, and recognising the achievements of this group of young people and all the hard work that they have put in over the last two years.

Addressing the graduates, Mr. Jitu Virwani said, "Stonehill teaches you to be lifelong learners. This philosophy will help you to prepare for careers that may not exist in our current world, but will arise in the next few years. As Mahatma Gandhi said, 'Be the change that you wish to see in the world.' I encourage you to take these words as you move forward in life."

This year's graduating cohort will pursue undergraduate degrees in universities in the USA, Canada, the UK, Europe, Africa and India. Our D2s have chosen courses that range from Medicine, Veterinary Science, Business Management, Economics, International Relations and Law to Interior Design, Communication & Media, Behavioural Neuroscience, Psychology and Cinematic Arts. Collectively, this cohort has earned scholarships worth more than USD 800,000, and I am very proud of their accomplishments.

Mr. Simon McCloskey, Head of School, said, "We are extremely proud of the graduating class of 2019. This is a remarkable group of young adults, and I know that they will go on to do remarkable things."

Congratulations Class of 2019!

Ms. Manpreet Kaur

Interim DP Principal



Graduation Day Picture Gallery



Members of the Governing Council with
Lola Vandame (Valedictorian)





Stonehill Alumni, Nelly (at the centre)



Stonehill Alumni, Seyed (on the left)

Stonehill Boarding

Launched in August 2014, boarding at Stonehill was developed as a contemporary and adaptive programme, designed to cater to the modern and fast-evolving residential lifestyle of full-time and weekly boarding students.

From academic support to pastoral and residential care as well as experiencing new social situations and living with others from a range of cultural backgrounds — SIS boarding opens a new world to a young person. From 8 boarders in 2014, Stonehill Boarding has now grown to a close-knit community of almost 60 boarders in 2019. With the increase in full-time boarders, the weekend activities programme is one that is constantly evolving and growing. This year, Stonehill Boarders have been involved in a variety of

activities and initiatives like the Sustainable Garden that provides produce to the cafeteria; movie nights in the pool; weekend outings for laser tag, bowling, shopping and more; kite flying afternoons and bonfire nights; self-defence workshop by Safe Campus; the Trashion Show and multiple team building activities in the new Sports Hall.

The Annual Boarding Dinner was a poignant celebration of the 2019 D2 boarding students, and a perfect example of the close-knit community that is boarding at Stonehill.

Glen Johnson
Head of Boarding



The First Boarding Cohort - 2014



Boarders All Set for the 2019 End of Year Dance

Message from the Incoming Head of School



Greetings Stonehill International School community,

It is a great honour to be selected as the next Head of School at Stonehill. It was clear to me throughout the extensive search process that there is a shared passion for SIS that I found to be exhilarating. This shared vision was providing SIS students with a journey that encapsulates the development of intellect and character that is nurtured in a caring community.

My enthusiasm stems from the fact that the Stonehill International School community shares my deepest values and passions that celebrate and support a community grounded in international mindedness, and the development of knowledgeable, caring and responsible citizens. This, in my mind, is the truest essence and value of an international school education.

I am thankful for the 'heavy lifting' of those leaders before me, and the direction for which the school is positioned. I am particularly thankful for Simon McCloskey who has led SIS through a pivotal CIS and IB accreditation and positioned the school for continued success and a bright future.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know the Stonehill community, and to our continued educational journey of growth together.

Warmly,

Brian Brumsickle

Incoming Head of School, 2019-20