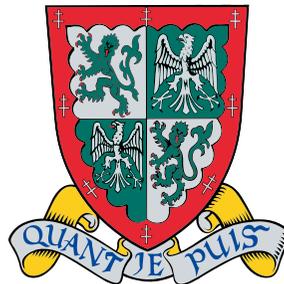


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# STONYHURST ST MARY'S HALL

3 - 13 YEARS  
PROSPECTUS

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# Welcome

Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall (SMH) is much more than a preparatory school – it is a family to which children know they belong. We have a story that is more than 200 years old and we now sit at the cutting edge in prep school education with our traditions to support us.

SMH provides the first steps in each child's education at Stonyhurst, characterised by a seamless education from age 3 to 18. We are a Roman Catholic school in the Jesuit tradition. This means that our guiding stars are the two great commandments to love God and our neighbour. These are experienced throughout our daily life in the school, in our structures, amidst our relationships and in our priorities. As they grow, our children are not only nurtured but they are encouraged to thrive in order to become "men and women for others".

As you read through our prospectus and look at the pictures, we hope that you find the information not only uplifting but also helpful. It will become increasingly clear to you that the children are happy and that they know it is good to be at SMH. You will also see how they are encouraged to work hard and achieve their personal best, whether it is in the classroom, on the sports field, or through the myriad of other opportunities they have for their personal development and all round growth.

One of our principal aims is for every child to feel that their contribution in school life is valued and worthwhile, and that their special gifts are celebrated and their needs are recognised. Each child is supported and encouraged by the other boys and girls and by strong, talented and very committed staff. Our motto 'Quant Je Puis' (as much as I can) is our overarching principle.

Here at Stonyhurst we are privileged to live, work and play within glorious natural surroundings. Each child is encouraged to pursue his/her innate fascination with the world around us. Our youngest children benefit from the purpose-built Pre-Prep facility on campus for 3 to 7 year olds. As the children grow and progress in Stonyhurst



**Fr Christopher Cann**  
Headmaster

St Mary's Hall, they benefit from the extensive facilities and unique resources on site that are shared with the College.

It is not possible to share everything through the pages of a prospectus, nor will you be able to appreciate the vibrancy and warmth of our school community. If you would like to know more about our school and spend time amidst its people then please do come and see us. You are assured of the warmest of welcomes.



“The overall effectiveness of the setting in meeting the needs of all children is *outstanding.*”

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# First Steps

Children joining St Mary's Hall from the age of 3 are welcomed into our purpose-built, award winning Pre-Prep unit. Set in glorious woodland, it is an ideal location for indoor/outdoor play and learning using our exceptional facilities and outdoor classroom.

Children work in small classes under the care and guidance of highly skilled and experienced teachers. In addition to literacy, numeracy and ICT, they learn to express themselves creatively, study modern languages and enjoy PE and swimming. There is an extensive after school activities programme which runs until 6pm. There is also a holiday club which provides exceptional care out of term time. Our Pre-Prep unit is self-contained but has the added advantage of sharing and taking part in the facilities, activities and special events of the main school.







“Our academic success is based on our commitment to the Jesuit philosophy that each pupil in our care is an *individual*.”

St Mary's Hall Headmaster

From Foundation to Year 8, children develop and extend their individual skills in literacy and numeracy, and gain great benefit from the rich and broad curriculum which includes science, history, geography, modern languages, information technology, drama, music, art and craft and thinking skills.

As the children mature, the opportunities increase. All pupils in Year 4 learn a musical instrument, for example, and they begin to be exposed to Latin and German in Year 7. We have science labs, a vibrant music department, art studio, a swimming pool, a Tennis Dome, a sports hall and a theatre. We also have a Learning Support department and a full-time English as an Additional Language teacher.

Children's progress is tracked and monitored throughout their schooling using thoughtful standardised assessments and teacher knowledge. Pupils at Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall consistently achieve academic results well above the national standard and beyond their own predicted grades.

Lessons are taught on Saturday mornings with sport in the afternoon.

# Academic



# Creativity

Drama, art and music are important curriculum subjects for all children. Our pupils have the chance to perform through drama, music, dance, debating and recitation.

The Centenaries Theatre is equipped with a state-of-the-art lighting and sound system which enables us to present a wide range of drama and music. There are several high-performing productions each year and regular concerts. We are proud of our extensive and highly successful LAMDA programme.

Tuition is available in singing, piano, all orchestral instruments, guitar and percussion. Many join the numerous ensembles, school orchestra and choir. Our art studio is the starting place for children to develop an appreciation and enjoyment of art, working with paint, clay, textiles and ceramics.

A programme of cultural visits enables pupils to experience drama, theatre and gallery exhibitions.

“Our approach to the Creative Arts is simple: to offer opportunities to all our pupils across the artistic spectrum and to help them develop and nurture that talent as part of their overall education as a rounded *person.*”

St Mary's Hall Headmaster







# Sport

Sport, both team and individual, is an essential component in the daily lives of our pupils. All children take part and represent the school in the wide range of sport that we are able to offer using the fine facilities in our beautiful setting.

We have a long history of sporting success. Representative sport begins in Lower Prep (Year 3). Thereafter pupils have the chance to compete in fixtures and tournaments locally and nationally in hockey, netball, rounders and cricket for the girls and rugby, cricket and hockey for the boys. Additionally, all pupils compete in cross-country, swimming and athletics.

There are numerous other sports on offer including football, tennis, golf, gymnastics, dance and horse-riding.

Our facilities include a sports hall, a nine hole golf course, a swimming pool, an all weather pitch and Grand Slam standard indoor tennis facility. Stonyhurst offers a bespoke Tennis Academy programme available to all children across the age range. In addition to external competition there is a healthy interline (house) tournament in all team sports.

We run regular sports tours. Additionally, talented children are given opportunities to compete at county and national level and some go on to professional careers; we boast several international players in our alumni.



St Mary's Hall boast an impressive range of sports facilities. We have extensive and beautiful grounds for rugby, cricket, rounders and athletics. We have a fully equipped sports hall for all areas of PE and we have tennis courts and netball courts *outside.*

“The foundation of faith, a key feature of the school, is evident in all areas of school life...”

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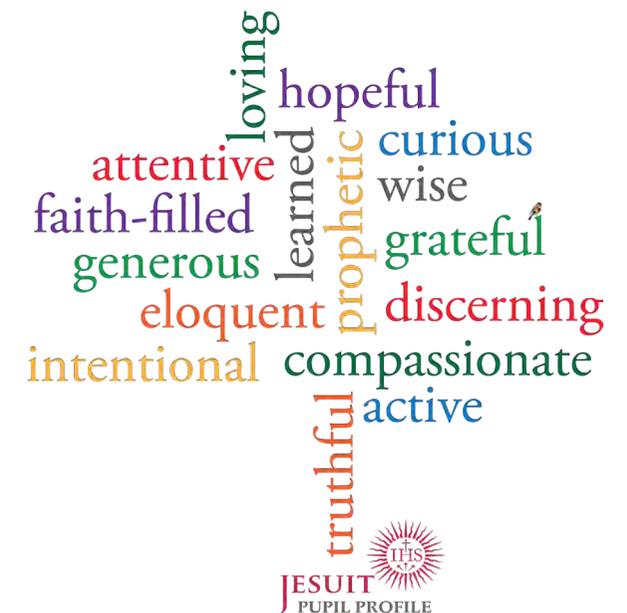
# Catholic Faith

Our faith and our Jesuit spirituality are at the very heart of our school. At the centre of our educational mission is the Jesuit ideal of finding God in all things.

All children take an active part in our prayer life and attend our Liturgies which are a much valued part of our day, enjoyed by all faiths and denominations. Our young people develop the habit of reflection and grow in their personal relationship with God. Children wishing to make their first communion are prepared for the sacrament by the Chaplaincy team.

At Stonyhurst St Mary’s Hall, children are helped to appreciate what they have, and learn to make the most of their talents. They are actively encouraged to do their best in everything and to celebrate the successes of others through a spirit of gratitude and generosity.

We run a registered charity called *Children for Children* led by the pupils, as well as offering direct support upon a weekly basis for projects in Africa.







# Activities and Enrichment



After school activities take place four times a week and the programme is extremely rich and extensive. Giving children opportunities outside the classroom can build confidence and self-esteem and helps to develop sociable and independent young people. The majority of our co-curricular activities are fully inclusive.

Activity options that children can choose from vary throughout the year but typically include chess, choir, film club, football, hockey, golf, gymnastics, horse riding, dance, astronomy society, orchestra, speech and drama, art and design, tennis and winter cricket nets, to name but a few. There are also extra squad practices for team sports and time for academic support.

Every summer, we run our Enrichment Week after the end of year exams. Typically this will include visits nationally, a visit to the French World War I Battlefields, theatre visits, a cultural trip to Rome or similar European city, camping by the river and culminating in the school leavers' ball.

At weekends the boarders enjoy a very full and active programme, details of which are published each term in advance. We also run a holiday club for up to 8 weeks a year during term breaks.

Our registered charity *Children for Children* began in September 2004.

We wanted an organisation through which we could focus all of our charitable work. Above all it was to be a charity run by the children, focusing on areas of interest that were most important to *them*.

# Boarding

The well-being of our boarders is at the heart of our boarding provision. With a generous staff to pupil ratio, the best in the UK, we guarantee round the clock care and a full, active programme 7 days a week. Our boarding community is an extraordinary family.

House Parents live on the boarding galleries, as do other members of pastoral staff. Relations between staff and children are close, supportive and happy. Children learn to become confident and independent, in an atmosphere of empathy and tolerance. They are encouraged to express their views and feelings, including playing a key part in choosing the many evening and weekend activities on offer. Stonhurst does not have compulsory exeat weekends.

One visit to the boarding gallery will confirm the happiness and security of our community.



“The provision is excellent and totally in line with the school’s aim to care for the whole child. It plays a significant role in the pupils’ education and personal *development*”

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# A Seamless Education

Thanks to the far-reaching renovation of our teaching, boarding, sporting and recreational facilities, the College is strongly placed to continue over 428 years of *excellence.*

As our pupils reach the end of Year 8 they continue their Stonyhurst education by moving to the College. The community at the College builds on the Jesuit values begun at Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall, preparing men and women to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Stonyhurst College began in west Saint-Omer in France in 1593 and came to the north west of England in 1794. This modern and thriving co-education community takes pride in the exceptional care and support it is able to give to each individual pupil.

The College takes a particular pride in those former pupils who died for their Catholic faith, and in the seven former pupils awarded the Victoria Cross for outstanding bravery. Our motto 'Quant Je Puis' (as much as I can) remains our overarching principle.





# The Next Step

Visitors often say they appreciate our warm atmosphere of cheerful purpose and well-being; we hope you will come and experience it for yourself. We invite you to come and meet the Headmaster, staff and children, enjoy some of the activities in our wonderful setting and join us for lunch.

## Apply online

The next stage of the admissions process is to complete an online enquiry form for your child. Visit [www.stonyhurst.ac.uk/admissions/apply-online](http://www.stonyhurst.ac.uk/admissions/apply-online) or scan the below QR code to start your Admission's journey.

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*Here*



# Any questions?

Our Admissions department are always happy to talk to you about the admissions process and clarify any points that you may need to discuss. Please contact the St Mary's Hall Registrar using the contact details below.

## Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall Admissions

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[smhadmissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:smhadmissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

[www.stonyhurst.ac.uk](http://www.stonyhurst.ac.uk)



## Admissions procedure

1. Study the information about Stonyhurst and contact the Admissions team with any questions or to arrange to attend an open day or to visit the school
  - Email/telephone contact with school to ask questions and arrange visits
  - Individual visit(s)
  - Open Day visit(s)
2. Complete online enquiry form
3. Complete online registration form
4. Pay the registration fee
  - £125 (EU) £150 (rest of the world)
  - Visit(s) and/or taster day(s)
  - Send in two recent school reports
  - Complete online entrance assessment in verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial
  - Complete 500 word handwritten Personal Statement
  - Send in reference from current Headteacher
5. Interview with the Headmaster or a member of the College Management team (in person or remotely)
6. Receive offer letter from Headmaster
7. Complete acceptance form and medical form and return with a copy of child's passport and birth certificate
8. Pay acceptance fee
9. Complete outstanding essential information requests. Medical information, Visa, etc. (plus optional requests e. g. music tuition, etc.)
10. Receive joining pack
11. Arrange uniform appointment at school shop
  - Tel: +44 (0)1254 915909
  - Email: [stonyhurst@stevensons.co.uk](mailto:stonyhurst@stevensons.co.uk)
  - Website: [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk)
  - Contact school with any questions
12. Begin studying at Stonyhurst



# A day in the life at St Mary's Hall



1. A hearty breakfast
2. A prayerful life
3. Music practice
4. Taking a break
5. Letting off steam
6. Healthy exercise
7. Down to work
8. Time to relax
9. Well earned bedtime



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