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STONYHURST COLLEGE

13 - 18 YEARS
PROSPECTUS

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An introduction from the Headmaster

Stonyhurst has a beautiful setting, fascinating heritage, fine reputation and excellent facilities. The Jesuit values upon which the College was founded in 1593 continue to underpin everything we do today.

We achieve high academic results, have exceptional pastoral care, and offer an extensive range of co-curricular activities. The pupils in our care are given the individual attention, resources and space in which to grow intellectually, spiritually and emotionally.

Stonyhurst pupils are encouraged to involve themselves fully in the opportunities offered to them. Living in a supportive and diverse community, they are helped to develop those

qualities of character that will distinguish them in later life as men and women for others. A Jesuit education is a foundation for such a life, an education that nurtures individuality and encourages generosity.

In this prospectus we have tried to convey something of the very special nature of Stonyhurst. I warmly invite you to come and see us in action, so you may see for yourself all that we have to offer.



John Browne

John Browne, Headmaster

“We are all different – and this is a place which embraces all kinds of talents and people. Stonyhurst allows us to focus on what we are good at, and to do what we *love*”

Aitana, Student

History

Stonyhurst is one of Britain's leading Catholic boarding schools, with over 428 years of history, set in a magnificent Grade I listed building.

Founded in 1593, Stonyhurst is one of the oldest Jesuit schools in the world. Thanks to the development of teaching, boarding, sporting and recreational facilities, the College is strongly positioned to continue its long tradition of excellence.

The College was founded at St Omers in France in 1593 to educate the sons of English Catholic families, at a time when Catholic education in England was prohibited. Since its relocation to the north west of England in 1794, Stonyhurst has become the thriving co-educational establishment it is today. The school's educational philosophy is rooted in the tradition of Jesuit education.

The College has a long history of nurturing men and women of individuality, generosity

and service. Catholic martyrs, war heroes, politicians, rebels, writers, scientists, and actors are numbered among the former pupils, a testimony to the capacity of a Jesuit education to foster individual gifts and talents.

We take 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 for us an over-arching principle.



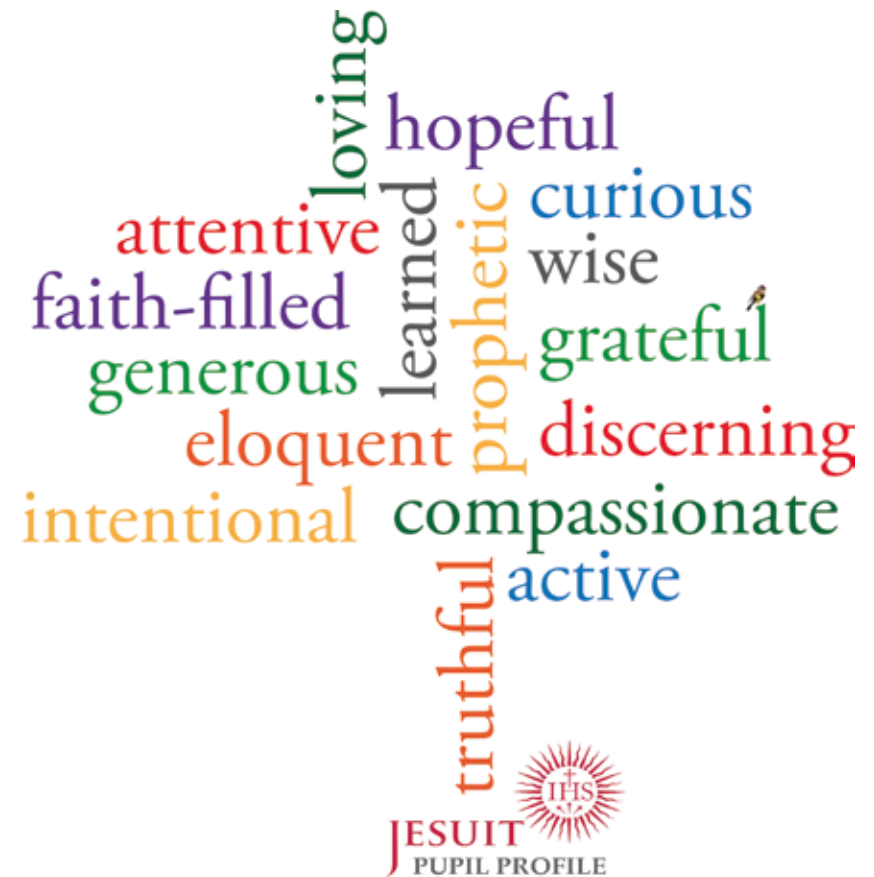
Cura personalis

At Stonyhurst, we celebrate individuality and encourage pupils to find and nurture their passion and talent. This sees their confidence bloom as they grow into young adults.

We strive to instil each pupil with the distinctive Jesuit ethos: values that will help them to go on to make a difference as 'men and women for others', using their education and talents to make the world a better place.

We believe in 'cura personalis' – development of the whole person. Three core elements shape all that we do here as we seek to achieve cura personalis – educational excellence, perspectives and horizons, and faith that does justice. Each individual will experience these differently, based around their interests, talents, choices and personality, but all will benefit from this approach.

So while academic performance is important, learning and personal growth extends far beyond the classroom at Stonyhurst. We want to continue to excel in something that we have successfully achieved for over 428 years – to shape individuals to be the best that they can be, wherever their strengths and talents may lie.



“Jesuit schools strive to give a first class education but they are also places committed to outstanding formation of character, wanting their pupils to develop into well-educated adults who will live good and virtuous *lives.*”

Fr Adrian Porter SJ, Delegate for Education,
British Province of the Society of Jesus





Academic

Stonyhurst has an outstanding academic record, with many of our pupils going on to top universities in the UK, Europe and around the world; a significant number gain places at Oxford or Cambridge each year. All pupils, whatever their particular strengths, are helped to achieve their full academic potential.

Teaching at Stonyhurst centres on the individual and encourages pupils to study independently, and to think for themselves – a vital preparation for university. We offer a choice of three routes for Sixth Form (Higher Line) pupils – A level, International Baccalaureate Diploma or the Cambridge Technical Diploma.

Small classes and exceptionally good teacher-pupil relationships enable pupils to learn at their own pace, developing their talents

to the full. A strong learning support department enables those with special educational needs to achieve their best.

We aim to establish a close partnership with parents, because we understand that today's parents, whether their child is a boarder or day pupil, are keen to share with us in their son's or daughter's education.

“Pupils’ achievements are good, supported by an excellent curriculum and effective *teaching.*”
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Pastoral excellence

The happiness and wellbeing of our pupils is a top priority. We want them to enjoy their time at Stonyhurst in a safe and nurturing environment, and we hope that they will look back fondly upon the many memories they will make here.

The structure we have put in place for pastoral care is designed to ensure that each pupil feels emotionally secure and knows who to turn to should they need that little bit of extra support.

Each year group (known as a Playroom) has its own Assistant Head, who will have an overview of each pupil's complete experience at Stonyhurst. From academic performance to pastoral issues, the Assistant Head maintains a holistic view.

There is also a team of pastoral staff, headed up by an experienced Pastoral Head. This team is responsible for the emotional

wellbeing of day pupils and boarders and is dedicated to ensuring that rules are followed to make Stonyhurst a positive and vibrant community where every individual pupil feels at home and secure.

At Stonyhurst, we develop strong links with our pupils' families, and we encourage parents to be closely involved with us.

“The pastoral care of the pupils and arrangements for their welfare, health and safety are *excellent*.”

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Creativity

The creative life of the College is rich and varied, offering opportunities in music, art, drama, dance, stage management, photography and creative writing. There are many opportunities to perform, both individually and collectively.

Our dramatic productions, musicals and concerts challenge pupils to develop their many talents, and enable them to grow in confidence. Musicians of all ages and abilities play or sing in a range of instrumental and choral ensembles. Standards are high, with prestigious choral and organ scholarships recently being awarded to Stonyhurst pupils, as well as places on National Youth Theatre courses.







An energetic life

Sport plays an important part in the life of the College. We have a long history of sporting success, and have produced a number of international sportsmen in recent years.

All pupils are able to take part in a wide range of sporting activities. The Stonyhurst campus extends over 1,000 acres, and facilities include a swimming pool, a nine-hole golf course, all weather pitch, indoor LTA registered tennis dome and outdoor tennis courts.

Stonyhurst is represented in local and national fixtures, and international tours take our pupils all over the world.

The main team games are rugby, hockey, cricket, netball and tennis.

Additional sports include cross-country running, basketball, fencing, swimming, outdoor pursuits, football, athletics, rounders, shooting (indoor range), clay pigeon shooting and scuba diving.

“Pupils achieve excellence in physical education (PE) and sport throughout the school.”

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Catholic faith

Our faith is at the centre of everything we do at Stonyhurst. As a community we seek to do everything *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* (to the greater glory of God), so that our faith informs the high standards we strive to achieve from day to day. The spiritual inspiration for our life at the College comes to us from St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits.

In addition to young Catholics, we have young people here who belong to other Christian traditions, and other faiths, and we encourage all of them to play a full part in the spiritual life of the school.

Our chaplains meet with pupils formally and informally in the Emmaus Centre to support their spiritual development, and as a further strand of pastoral care.

We aim to form 'men and women for others': people who value community, who know what they stand for, and will speak up for what they

believe in. A partnership with a Jesuit school in Zimbabwe, a link with a primary school in Liverpool and voluntary work in the local community are just a few of the activities which teach our pupils to think beyond themselves, and to do all they can for others.

All pupils take part in the liturgical life of the College, with special celebrations being held to mark the major feast days of the year. The College has a fine reputation for congregational singing.



“The pupils’ excellent spiritual development is nurtured by the powerful Christian ethos that pervades the *school*.”

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Co-curricular activities

Co-curricular activities are an essential ingredient in a full and broad education, enabling pupils to discover and develop their talents, as well as reinforcing a sense of belonging to the Stonyhurst community.

At Stonyhurst, everyone is encouraged to participate fully. Over 70 activities take place each year; as well as sport, drama and music, these include photography, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, dance, scuba diving, robotics, fencing, astronomy and social enterprise, to name but a few.

College Societies host distinguished guest speakers, and the College Museum and Archives, which includes paintings, manuscripts and a great variety of artefacts, are another unique source of enrichment in our pupils' education.

“The excellent choice includes individual and team sports, the Combined Cadet Force, drama, dance, art, chess and various musical options, such as choirs, orchestras and playing solo instruments.”

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Boarding

Stonyhurst boarding is a home from home, with a friendly, lively, family atmosphere in a comfortable, informal, supportive environment.

Boarding at Stonyhurst is centred upon excellent pastoral care within a happy, well-ordered environment, in high quality accommodation.

Girls and boys sleep in separate areas and each pupil is cared for by their House Parent and their team.

Lower Line boarders typically share rooms with three or four others (fewer in their

GCSE year), while Higher Line pupils have their own individual study bedroom, some of which are en-suite.

Stonyhurst is very much a 7-day-a-week boarding school with a busy weekend activity programme: this includes visits to the cinema, theatre or sports events, or cultural excursions to places such as York or Liverpool. Everyone attends Mass in St Peter's Church on Sunday morning.



“Boarders said that they enjoyed being part of the school community and its close family atmosphere. Boarders of all ages and nationalities are supportive of each other, within a harmonious *community.*”

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Sixth Form

Our sixth formers are the leaders of our community and we encourage them to develop all the skills required to take up influential roles in society.

The pupils in Poetry (Year 12) and Rhetoric (Year 13) are members of Higher Line. Teaching encourages them to work and research independently and to think for themselves. Pupils have a wealth of support, including a personal tutor and the careers coordinator, to guide them throughout their Sixth Form career and assist them with their application to university.

Our emphasis on the importance of leadership and service is particularly strong in Higher Line. A Committee of prefects is selected each year, but all senior pupils are expected to take seriously their position at the top of the school.

We strongly believe in encouraging our pupils to do all they can for others, and various fundraising events are organised and run by our Higher Line pupils themselves.

Every year, a number of new students, mostly boarders, from the UK, Europe and further afield, join the College for Higher Line.

There are weekly boarding and flexible boarding options available, which can provide excellent preparation for university.

If you wish to know more about the Sixth Form at Stonyhurst, please request a copy of the Sixth Form brochure.



“As they grow older, pupil’s intellectual development enables them to gain qualifications to help them attain positions of leadership, to apply reason to any situations which they may encounter and to find solutions to *problems.*”

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Next steps

Once you have read through this prospectus you will have a good idea of what Stonyhurst has to offer. We would be delighted to invite you along to have a look around the College, meet key staff members and current pupils and see our world class facilities and stunning setting for yourself. You will then get a good feel for what it is like to be a pupil here at Stonyhurst.

This prospectus aims to set out what makes Stonyhurst special, but is no substitute for coming to see for yourself.

We strongly encourage you to come and experience our wonderful setting and to meet the Headmaster, staff and pupils, who will be happy to show you around. This will give you an opportunity to see something of what it is

like to be a pupil at Stonyhurst and to get a feel for day to day life at the College.

Our main entry points are in Year 9 at 13+ and in Year 12 at 16+. Admissions at other ages are possible dependent on availability of places.

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 or scan the below QR code to start your Admission's journey.

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Any questions?

If you have any questions, we would love to hear from you. Our friendly Admissions team is available to speak to you on the phone or in person.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Stonyhurst College.

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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
 - Website: www.stevensons.co.uk
 - Contact school with any questions
12. Begin studying at Stonyhurst





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