



STONYHURST

SCHOLARS' PROGRAMME



Summer 2025

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This has been the best summer I've ever had in my whole life.

BERNICE, HONG KONG



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Welcome

Stonyhurst College is the UK's leading Catholic independent school for international boarders and day students, located in the heart of the Ribble Valley in Lancashire, UK. Founded in 1593, it is set in magnificent Grade I listed buildings, in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The College has a fascinating heritage, fine reputation, and excellent facilities. The College's famous historic Collections and Libraries holds the oldest museum in the English-speaking world, dating back to 1609 where students can engage with rich and rare artefacts of global significance.

The College is proud to prepare young people to change the world for others. Stonyhurst is a family where heritage and innovation are fused to inspire young people to be agents of change in the world.



A *unique* ENVIRONMENT TO *broaden* YOUR *horizons*

The Stonyhurst Scholars' Programme is an exciting opportunity for students aged 14–17 years to join an exclusive summer programme designed to prepare students for their future endeavours. With specialist tutors and expert guidance, the Scholars' Programme empowers students to broaden their knowledge and develop transferrable skills for further academic study.

Stonyhurst provides a unique environment facilitating insights into history, culture, natural sciences, and literature through objects within the Stonyhurst collections. We are offering unique access to world-class artefacts with guidance from established experts.

Content can be tailored to consider individual interests and passions, while introducing new and unexpected cultural experiences.

Core topics include:



SYMBOLISM

- Learn the language of symbolism in art, literature, and textiles and how this can inform your understanding of modern medias.



OUR COMMON HOME

- Engage with historical objects and how they changed our understanding of the world around us.



REBELS AND REVOLUTIONARIES

- Discover more about those who transformed politics, literature, medicine, art and more.



WHAT DO WE KNOW AND HOW DO WE KNOW IT?

- Practice the Theory of Knowledge and how this can develop your critical thinking.

One of the biggest collections of Durer's printed works in the world

Shakespeare's First Folio

Mary Queen of Scots' Prayer Book



The aim of the

STONYHURST SCHOLARS' PROGRAMME *is to...*

- enjoy a holistic learning experience
- develop critical thinking, analytical and research skills
- encourage both independent learning and collaborative working
- build public speaking and presentation skills - engage in debate on global topics
- experience varied perspectives within an international community of students

WHY CHOOSE THE STONYHURST SCHOLARS' PROGRAMME?

- Take advantage of a unique opportunity to engage personally with historic materials spanning thousands of years of human culture
- Provide a distinctive platform for CVs and university applications
- Specialist workshops with professional tutors and subject experts
- Bespoke excursions to top UK universities and visits to historic UK landmarks
- Varied activities and evening entertainment programme

WHO IS THE STONYHURST SCHOLARS' PROGRAMME FOR?

Students aged 14 – 17 years.

Global students with advanced (C1 – C2 CEFR grading), fluent, or native English ability

“
Thank you for all the hard work, effort and dedication you put into making the Scholars' Programme so amazing! I've learnt so much and had a lot of fun in your lessons!
”

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Special SUBJECT CLASSES

Special subject classes take place in the afternoons and allow students to either work on group projects or to attend specialist lectures, workshops, or debates on a range of topics. Subjects can include:



DEBATE CLUB



CREATIVE WRITING



AN INTRODUCTION
TO BUSINESS



CV AND PERSONAL
STATEMENTS WORKSHOP



BRITISH FOLKLORE



RESEARCH SKILLS



AI AND TECH
WORKSHOP



ASTRONOMY
WORKSHOP

The Scholars' Programme gives students the opportunity to develop a self-led research project on the topic of their choice based on what they have learnt during the themed lessons. The projects are developed with the expert guidance of their chosen tutor and are presented at the end of the course.



Activities FOR Everyone

After a stimulating morning in the classroom, all students choose from a wide range of sports, arts and games which take place within the College's extensive grounds and state of the art facilities.











EVENING Entertainment

The evening entertainment programme is when all students come together to relax and have fun. This gives each student time to socialise and learn more about their new friends from around the world.








“ I really enjoyed the activities and I will miss those moments. The activity leaders were all fantastic. Thank you and see you next year! ”

MARGHERITA FROM ITALY

Activities can include:

-  Archery
-  Fencing
-  Arts & Crafts
-  Tennis
-  Football
-  Dance & Drama
-  Volleyball
-  Badminton
-  Music
-  Judo
-  Golf

Evening activities can include:

-  Discos
-  Quizzes
-  Barbecue
-  Karaoke
-  Fashion Show
-  Talent Show
-  Treasure Hunts
-  Film Night
-  Countryside Strolls
-  Roller Disco

“ The Activity Leaders were class! ”

MARCO FROM ITALY



Excursions

Excursions are a critical element of the Stonyhurst Scholars' Programme. The bespoke excursions will not only deepen students' knowledge on lessons learnt throughout the week but also allow students to experience some key historical and cultural sites across the UK.

Bespoke excursions for the Stonyhurst Scholars' Programme can include:



2-day trip to top UK Universities



Experience the extraordinary exhibitions at Manchester Art Gallery



Be enthralled by a production at Shakespeare North Playhouse



Explore the vibrant city centres of Liverpool and Manchester

Additional excursions can include:



See the stunning landscapes of the Lake District UNESCO World Heritage Site



Water sports and Outdoor Pursuits Centre



Shop till you drop at Manchester Trafford Centre



Theme Park

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ Accommodation within the College
- ✓ All meals and snacks whilst on site at Stonyhurst College
- ✓ All academic programme resources
- ✓ Bespoke excursion programme including accommodation when off-site
- ✓ Additional trips including any entry fees
- ✓ Transfers to and from Stonyhurst (according to transfer conditions)

Course DATES & Fees

All excursions, both bespoke and additional, are included within the course fee.

4 weeks – 11th July – 8th August 2025 - £6200*

Scan for more info



Caring FOR OUR STUDENTS

Student welfare is very important to us. A very high student to staff ratio means that we can give the children consistent personal care and attention. To guarantee very close supervision and care for all our students, Stonyhurst employs dedicated welfare staff who are experienced in all aspects of student care. This includes dedicated pastoral staff and Night Duty staff in each of the accommodation areas.



Medical

We offer a daily surgery with a qualified nurse, and we have First-Aiders on-site 24/7. The College is also within easy reach of several hospitals, a local health centre and dentist.



Accommodation

The college offers high quality accommodation to all students in the form of single, twin, or dormitory style bedrooms. Students are allocated rooms according to their age and gender and we take care to ensure nationalities are mixed.



Catering

We have a modern dining area with a fantastic selection of meals to choose from three times each day, plus morning and afternoon snacks. We actively encourage healthy eating and cater for a variety of dietary requirements, including allergies and intolerances.



Staff

Stonyhurst staff are fully committed to the enjoyment, education, and well-being of every student in our care. All our teachers work hand in hand with our skilled and capable Activities staff to give your children a fun and meaningful learning holiday.



Shape OF THE Day

Wake-up & Breakfast	7am
Themed Lessons	9am
Lunch	1pm
Special Subject Class & Project work	2pm
Activities	3.30pm
Evening Meal	6.30pm
Evening Entertainment	7.30pm

MEET THE *Team*



DR JANET GRAFFIUS
CURATOR OF MUSEUM COLLECTIONS
AND HISTORIC LIBRARIES

Dr Janet Graffius FSA has been Curator of Museum Collections and Historic Libraries at Stonyhurst since 2001. Previously she worked with national public museums and galleries in the UK. She has curated numerous exhibitions in Britain, as well as in France, Rome and the US, and lectures widely in British and international universities on a variety of cultural, ethnographic, artistic, and literary subjects relating to her education work at Stonyhurst College.



ESTHER ROLLINSON
MUSEUM EDUCATION OFFICER

Esther Rollinson has worked with the collections at Stonyhurst as part of research projects for a number of years, as both an MA and PhD researcher. She is working now as the college's first Museum Education Officer and has experience delivering tailored sessions within the collections for children and young people. She has presented work on these areas to academic audiences and to school children.

SCHOLARS' PROGRAMME GROUP LEADER

A dedicated Scholars' Programme Group Leader is employed to help assist each student with their studies for the duration of the course.

The group leader has particular responsibility for the personal and academic growth of each student, ensuring they gain a bespoke and meaningful experience based on their personal interests and academic needs and goals. This allows each student to flourish as individuals, equipped for their bright futures.



HOW TO find us



BY RAIL

The most convenient railway station for Stonyhurst is Preston, some 13 miles away from the College, and just over 2 hours from London Euston and 3 hours from Edinburgh and Glasgow.

BY AIR

We are easily accessible via Manchester, Liverpool, and Leeds Bradford Airports.

TRANSFERS

Escorted shared transfers are available between 09.00 and 18.00 on specific arrival and departure days only. Included transfers are available from the listed locations only: Manchester Airport, Liverpool Airport, Preston and Manchester Train Stations. We are unable to provide transfers from London or other locations outside of the north west.

BY ROAD

Stonyhurst College is located near the village of Hurst Green, half an hour's drive from the city of Preston.

M6

From the south, leave at junction 31 and follow signs for Clitheroe, then Whalley and Hurst Green (B6243). From the North, leave at junction 32 and follow B5269 to Longridge and Hurst Green.

M62

Leave at junction 18 and follow M66, A56 and A6068 to Padiham, A671 to Whalley, B6246 to Great Mitton and B6243 to Hurst Green.



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