

HOME FROM HOME

Tailored Boarding at Stonyhurst

Stonyhurst College in the picturesque Ribble Valley offers a unique blend of world-class education, historic charm, and modern boarding options. For families within a 90-minute drive, Stonyhurst's tailored boarding provides a perfect balance of independence and family life, offering children the chance to grow in confidence, leadership, and resilience.

Stonyhurst's tailored boarding options cater to different family needs. From Occasional Boarding for ad-hoc stays to Flexible Boarding with pre-determined nights, or Weekly Boarding (Sunday to Friday), the school ensures that children can enjoy the benefits of boarding without the daily commute. With a 1,000-acre estate, boarders have access to exceptional facilities, a wide range of co-curricular activities, and quality pastoral care, all contributing to their personal development and wellbeing.

Headmaster John Browne describes Stonyhurst as "a home from home" where pupils enjoy the advantages of being part of a close-knit community. The college's nine boarding houses are designed to promote a sense of belonging and independence, with spacious, light-filled rooms and en-suite facilities. Houseparents play a key role in guiding boarders through their daily routines, helping them grow into confident individuals ready for the next stage of their lives.

Tailored boarding is especially popular for pupils living nearby. Stonyhurst's upgraded boarding facilities, which combine modern comforts with historic charm, offer a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. The international community at Stonyhurst enhances the experience, with pupils from across the world forming friendships that often last a lifetime. Stonyhurst's Headmaster recalls a group of three friends who spent their summer holidays visiting each other's families on the Isle of Bute, Spain, and Sweden, highlighting the global connections forged at Stonyhurst.

About 40% of Stonyhurst's pupils come from overseas, representing 35 countries, but many boarders live just a short drive away from the school. Weekly boarders particularly benefit from the structure and support offered, with weekends spent at home offering families quality, stress-free time together. During the week, pupils follow a balanced routine, starting with academic clinics after afternoon tea, followed by a diverse co-curricular programme and structured study sessions in the evening. Teachers are on hand for academic support, while pupils are also encouraged to engage in sports, arts, and other community activities.



"The social side of boarding is hugely important," says Mr Browne. "Pupils form lifelong friendships and gain a real sense of the world. The school's diverse community gives them a global perspective that stays with them for life." The College has long-established links with families in Hong Kong, Mexico, and Spain, and its international atmosphere enriches the experience for all pupils.



Stonyhurst offers current day pupils the opportunity to experience boarding life with three free nights per year, and prospective pupils can get a taste of boarding at the College through the "Twilight Taster" event in February. With exceptional facilities, a vibrant international community, and a supportive environment, Stonyhurst provides an outstanding education and boarding experience. As Mr Browne concludes, "Pupils have everything they need here—the support, the structure, and the opportunities. It offers outstanding value for families."

Curious about tailored boarding options at Stonyhurst? Join us for a Twilight Taster event on Friday 7th February 2025. Enjoy activities, socialise with boarders, and stay overnight in our newly refurbished boarding houses. Scan the QR code to learn more.



Scan the QR code to register for our Twilight Taster Event.

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