



“The Higher Line areas promotes independence and leadership”



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Stonyhurst has launched innovative provision for Sixth Form pupils. Absolutely finds out more

Stonyhurst College has made a transformative investment in its Sixth Form (Higher Line) provision, creating an environment that caters to the evolving needs of young adults and prepares them for future success.

This initiative blends a structured curriculum with opportunities to encourage independence, embodying Stonyhurst’s ethos of nurturing “men and women for others”.

The newly designed Sixth Form spaces offer dedicated study areas and relaxation zones, collectively referred to as “Playrooms” – a nod to the school’s Jesuit heritage and emphasis on drama. The Poetry (Year 12) and Rhetoric (Year 13) Playrooms feature contemporary designs inspired by university environments, combining traditional touches like Chesterfield sofas with vibrant, modern aesthetics. These spaces promote collaboration and adaptability.

Collaboration is a cornerstone of the new Higher Line provision. Assistant Head Edward Allanson explains: “Today’s pupils

need to adapt to dynamic workspaces, often collaborating in shared environments. The Higher Line areas empower pupils to work effectively in groups, promoting independence and leadership.” Pupils also benefit from access to Stonyhurst’s impressive historic libraries and modern facilities, encouraging a spirit of autonomy in their studies.

Stonyhurst’s diverse curriculum offers three exceptional pathways: the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, A-levels, and the Cambridge Technical Diploma (CTEC) in Sport and Business. These options provide unparalleled flexibility, allowing pupils to pursue tailored educational journeys.

The IB programme, a hallmark of Stonyhurst’s global outlook, equips pupils with the skills and knowledge to excel on an international stage. This commitment to excellence is reflected in the school’s recent achievements, including the Class of 2024’s remarkable average of 145 UCAS points – equivalent to three A grades at A-level. Additionally, Stonyhurst’s

outstanding IB Diploma Programme results have earned it a prestigious position among the top IB schools in the UK.

Stonyhurst’s dedicated Careers department enhances university and career preparation through expert advice, engaging assemblies, and connections to a robust alumni network. Pupils explore various pathways, including apprenticeships and global opportunities, guided by industry insights to make informed decisions.

The Unicorn Coffee Shop, exclusive to Sixth Form pupils, adds a vibrant social element. Formerly a common room, it’s now a lively space for relaxation and interaction, mirroring a high-street coffee shop atmosphere.

Leadership and mentoring are integral to the Higher Line experience. Sixth Formers play a key role in supporting younger pupils through initiatives like Stonyhurst Line Families, creating a sense of community and responsibility. This interaction has been pivotal in integrating Years 7 and 8 into the main College building, providing senior pupils with valuable leadership experiences.

Stonyhurst’s innovative Higher Line provision equips pupils with the skills, confidence, and global perspective needed to excel in university and beyond, ensuring they are well-prepared for the future. 📖



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