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21st May 2026

Dear Stonyhurst Family,

We write to advise you of the publication of the Report from our recent ISI Inspection. We are delighted to report that Stonyhurst met the standards in all domains.

This important 3-yearly inspection undertaken for all UK schools determines whether the school has met the standards across 5 core measures:

1. Leadership and management, and governance
2. Pupils' education, training and recreation, to include pupils' outcomes
3. Pupils' physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing
4. Pupils' social and economic wellbeing and contribution to society
5. Pupil Safeguarding

The inspectors' comments were effusive in appraising our meeting of the standards, with clear articulation that Stonyhurst's standards are high. These comments are reflected in a highlight's brochure as well as the full report, both now available on our website. (see link below).

We were particularly delighted that the Inspection Report also identified our co-curricular programme as an area of significant strength. This is a wonderful accolade, afforded to a very small number of schools, and speaks to not only the quality, breadth and depth of our holistic provision, but of its centrality in the active and effective formation of our pupils.

Many pupils and parents contributed to the surveys associated with this important inspection of standards. We take this opportunity of thanking you for your engagement and support. It is heartening to understand and record the exceptional positivity and strength of your sentiment.

For my part, as the incoming Head of Stonyhurst, I am also conscious that this is the first time I have written to our school community and that I am able to do so reflecting on this outstanding assessment and record of endeavour for the school. I am excited that we will be able to draw from our strong tradition of excellence and to pursue new horizons from such a position of strength.

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At Stonyhurst, it is clear that we hold true to the mindset that innovation is our tradition, that our faith does justice, that our pursuit of academic excellence is complemented by our holistic co-curricular programme and that we form our pupils as impactful global citizens and with a true understanding of human excellence as men and women for others.

This ISI Report strongly upholds our success in these endeavours and is unquestionably an outstanding basis to begin our next chapter. Its positivity should also not mask any sense of complacency or a lack of desire to rigorously evaluate our offerings. You can be assured of our willingness and determination to capitalise on this strong position, to ask critical questions and, with a keen Ignatian sense of the *magis*, the pursuit of depth and truth, to expand our horizons so that this school with such capacity and opportunity can, as our motto calls, be all that it can be.

Once again, we invite you to taste the highlights in this brochure or to savour the depth of our achievements in the full report. This information can be found on our website in our dedicated Inspection Reports landing page www.stonyhurst.ac.uk/latest

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Great Academies in the coming days.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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