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STONYHURST

College & Sixth Form

Prospectus

11 - 18 years

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Welcome

Set within a breathtaking estate, Stonyhurst is a place of living heritage, academic excellence, and deeply rooted values. Founded in 1593, the College continues to be shaped by its Jesuit mission, which underpins every aspect of school life today. Pupils benefit from exceptional teaching, outstanding pastoral care, and a rich co-curricular programme - all designed to help each individual flourish.

High academic achievement is matched by a commitment to the formation of the whole person. Pupils are supported intellectually, spiritually and emotionally, with dedicated tutors and a highly experienced Careers Department providing expert guidance through key decisions and university applications.

Pupils are encouraged to embrace the breadth of opportunities available to them, forming lasting friendships within a supportive, global community. In doing so, they develop the qualities of leadership, compassion and resilience that will distinguish them in life beyond school.

A Jesuit education nurtures individuality, inspires generosity, and forms young people who seek to make a meaningful difference - men and women for others. This prospectus offers an insight into the distinctive character of Stonyhurst: a place where young people are inspired to become their best selves, in the service of others.



Stonyhurst Structure

The College is divided into 7 Playrooms exactly equivalent to the last 5 years of secondary school and 2 years of Sixth Form. These are called Figures, Rudiments, Lower Grammar, Grammar, Syntax, Poetry and Rhetoric. Each Playroom is run by the Playroom Leader and their team of assistants. The progression is continued from the Prep School (200 yards away) where the years are called Pre-Prep, Prep, Lower Elements and Upper Elements.

Aloysius House - The Beginning of an Exciting Journey

Pupils aged 11 begin their Stonyhurst College journey in Aloysius House, our friendly and welcoming co-educational house for both day pupils and boarders. All pupils in Figures (Year 7) and Rudiments (Year 8) are members of Aloysius House. We believe Aloysius House offers the perfect introduction to Stonyhurst life, combining expert subject specialist teaching with a supportive, close-knit community as a springboard to the wider College experience.

Day pupils gather in the Aloysius House Playroom (common room) every morning for registration, while boarders arrive there after breakfast. This space serves as their base throughout the day for breaks, downtime, and activities until 7pm. The Playroom Leader is always available to provide help, support, or a friendly chat. Pupils can socialise, retrieve books from their lockers, charge laptops, play games, study, or enjoy the outdoor playground space with table tennis, chess, football, netball, or even croquet!

With its own distinct character and spirit, Aloysius House is a vital part of Stonyhurst College and marks the beginning of a pupil's journey through the school.



Stonyhurst's Four Pillars



A Roman Catholic and Jesuit School

Rooted in the Jesuit tradition, Stonyhurst forms young people of competence, conscience, compassion and commitment, grounded in faith and a deep sense of justice. Spiritual formation is woven into daily life through prayer, reflection, and service. Our partnership with Jesuit schools and missions around the globe strengthens the spiritual growth of our pupils, inspiring them to become men and women for others.



A Vibrant Community and Full Boarding Programme

Stonyhurst is a family like no other: a joyful, inclusive community where young people are known, valued, and supported to flourish. Our full boarding programme offers a home-from-home experience, enriched by vibrant weekend activities, dedicated pastoral care, and global friendships.

Day pupils are fully immersed in the life of the community, with access to the same outstanding teaching, co-curricular opportunities, and pastoral support as boarders. Many choose to extend their day through our after-school and evening programmes, enjoying supper and enrichment alongside their boarding peers. This unique integration fosters a strong sense of belonging, lifelong friendships, and a shared commitment to community. Whether boarding or day, every pupil benefits from the same holistic formation - where character, curiosity, and kindness grow.



A School of Academic Excellence

We challenge every pupil to achieve their personal best, supported by outstanding teaching and tailored academic pathways. Drawing on centuries of heritage and the Ignatian commitment to cura personalis (care for the whole person), our curriculum blends intellectual rigour with innovation - spanning the arts, sciences, humanities and languages. Our inspiring educators, outstanding resources and bespoke enrichment opportunities set the stage for lifelong achievement.



A School for Global Citizens

At Stonyhurst, we prepare pupils to engage confidently with the world. Through intercultural experiences, international outreach, and a global network of Jesuit schools, we nurture empathy, leadership and a commitment to the common good. Pupils benefit from expert application guidance to universities across the world, global internships, and international service opportunities - equipping them to become agents of positive change in a complex world.

Cura Personalis



ura personalis denotes care for all aspects of a person's health and development as an individual, from the physical to the mental and the spiritual. It encompasses our responsibility towards others.

We believe in 'cura personalis' – care 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 on their interests, talents, choices and personality, but all will benefit from this approach.

Therefore, while academic performance is important, learning and personal growth extend far beyond the classroom at Stonyhurst, with an emphasis on forming the whole character. We continue to excel in something that we have successfully achieved for over 430 years – shaping 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 the 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.





joyful, hopeful, curious,
 attentive, earnest, wise,
 faith-filled, graceful,
 generous, eloquent, disarming,
 intentional, compassionate,
 truthful, proactive


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 Pupils display high levels of
 social awareness and they work
 extremely well together.
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Academic



Stonyhurst has an outstanding academic record, with most of our pupils going on to study at top universities in the UK, Europe and around the world; a significant number gaining places in Russell Group universities each year.

We encourage the development of intellectual curiosity, independent thought, and self-directed study so that each pupil achieves the best possible results and acquires the skills essential to excel at university and beyond. Pupils in Figures (Year 7) and Rudiments (Year 8) study a broad, stretching curriculum which gives them an opportunity to experience a range of subjects before they begin to specialise and choose subjects for GCSE at the end of Lower Grammar (Year 9). Pupils in Lower Grammar, Grammar and Syntax (Years 9-11) are offered two pathways of study – GCSEs or the 1-Year GCSE. In Poetry and Rhetoric (Sixth Form), Stonyhurst offers a choice of three routes of study – A level, International Baccalaureate Diploma or the Cambridge Technical Diploma. Each route provides a wide range of subjects to choose from and our staff will be happy to discuss the available options and help you to make the best decisions for your future.

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, whether a child is a boarder or day pupil, parents are keen to be part of their son's or daughter's education.

Day pupils and boarders alike benefit from our broad academic enrichment programme which includes clubs and societies, theatre trips and presentations from our own academic departments, as well as inspirational external speakers renowned in their fields.

We also offer a scholars programme which aims to inspire our pupils to peruse their intellectual interest, with the support of our Head of Scholars.

The programme includes, 1-1 support, events and elite university preparation.



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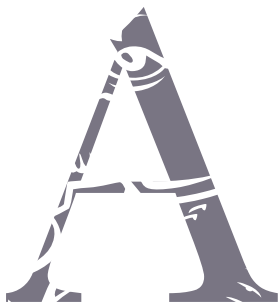
Pupils take initiative in their learning and are highly focused in their individual studies.

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The Stonyhurst Learner Profile



At Stonyhurst College, we nurture not only academic excellence, but the lifelong learning habits that sustain it. We believe that teaching children how to learn is just as important as what they learn.

The Stonyhurst Learner Profile is a whole-school initiative designed to equip pupils - from Early Years through to Sixth Form - with the habits and skills they need to thrive, both in the classroom and in life. Rooted in our Jesuit mission and informed by educational research, the profile centres on five simple yet powerful habits: Prepared, Inquisitive, Confident, Independent, and Reflective.

These attributes are embedded into every aspect of school life - whether in lessons, co-curricular activities or sport - shaping not only how our pupils learn, but who they become. Pupils are encouraged to take pride in being ready





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to learn, to ask questions, to try new things, to think for themselves, and to grow through reflection and feedback.

By embracing the Stonyhurst Learner Profile, pupils at Stonyhurst develop as thoughtful, curious, and resilient young people - ready to take on challenges, contribute to their communities, and live out our Ignatian values in all they do.



STEAM Curriculum



Our STEAM curriculum is introduced to pupils in Figures, Rudiments and Lower Grammar.

STEAM education is a holistic, interdisciplinary approach to learning that combines science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. It harnesses the natural symbiosis between these disciplines to encourage creativity (problem-solving and critical thinking) and collaboration. The STEAM curriculum centralises these values by providing opportunities across the curriculum and co-curriculum to develop these skills through taught content, pedagogy, interdisciplinary projects, competitions, activities and our careers programme. The programme includes hands-on projects such as raft building, crafting rockets and designing greenhouses. It is rooted in our core principles of Quant Je Puis, Men and Women for Others and Academic Excellence.





Pastoral Excellence

Pastoral care at Stonyhurst is outstanding. The happiness and wellbeing of our pupils is a top priority. Pupils 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 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.

From the moment a pupil joins the school, they are made aware of the wide network of support available to them. Each Playroom Leader holds an overview of every pupil's full experience at Stonyhurst, based on the Playrooms under their care. From academic performance to pastoral issues, the Playroom Leader maintains a holistic view of each pupil's journey through Stonyhurst. In boarding, the Houseparent and Assistant Houseparent are the boarders' main support. Each pupil, day or boarder, has their own allocated tutor who is their, and their parents, main point of contact. Elsewhere, the Director of Safeguarding, the School Psychologist, the School Counsellors and the Chaplaincy team play important roles in pupil welfare, as do onsite Nurses, school Doctors and the extended Health and Wellbeing Centre team. Designated Safeguarding Governors and staff are closely involved in making sure that our pupils are safe and happy.

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





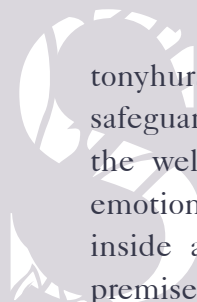
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Pupils have an excellent understanding of the links between physical health, mental health and wellbeing

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Safeguarding



tonyhurst is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare, both physical and emotional, of every pupil both inside and outside the school premises. We strive to provide a caring, positive, safe and stimulating environment that promotes the social, physical and moral development of every child and endeavour to make sure that every pupil feels secure and well cared for.

Our Safeguarding Team is committed to providing the best possible care and support for all pupils. Our curriculum is designed to create awareness in pupils of safeguarding issues and how to deal with them. Issues are covered in the PSHE and RSE programmes, our assembly programme and during tutor times and more generally throughout the curriculum.



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 drama 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.



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Pupils of all ages perform at a high level in school musicals, in concerts, and when singing at public events outside of school.

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Sport

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 and women in recent years.

All pupils can 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, golf simulator, all weather pitch, indoor and outdoor LTA registered tennis courts and tennis dome.

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, football, swimming, outdoor pursuits, athletics, rounders, shooting (indoor range), to name but a few.

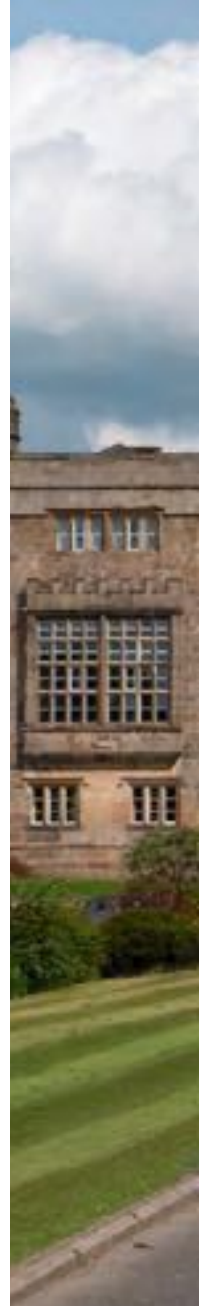


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Pupils of all ages, show high levels of physical prowess.

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Our Spiritual Life

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 who 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.



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Pupils recognise that by
engaging in service to
others they are putting their
faith into action, in line with
the school’s ethos.
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Pupils talk wisely of the positive influence of being in a Christian community has upon them, and of how living the virtues of the Jesuit Profile enables them to be more mindful of others.

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Pupils possess
outstanding levels of
spiritual understanding,
which manifests in how they
show great appreciation for
faith and the non-material
aspects of life.

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Co-curricular provision

All pupils are encouraged to participate fully in the Stonyhurst Co-curricular Diploma Programme. Jesuit education is about the formation of the whole person, both inside the classroom and more broadly through the experiences that help young people to form their characters and identify their purpose in life.

The history of the College provides a template for the key aspects of an all-round education that helps facilitate this personal growth. These are; **Adventure**, drawing upon a history of Jesuit exploration, scientific innovation and global travel; **Chaplaincy**, ensuring our key identity as a Jesuit Catholic school remains at the heart of all we do at the College and in our wider community; **Performing Arts** where we continue to develop our ability to articulate what we believe and the confidence to say it before others; and **Sport** where the shared endeavour of a community that has always been integral to the College comes through most clearly. Through a programme of activities, societies, trips and events, we seek to help our pupils discover their passions and support them in maximising their potential.

Ultimately, what the co-curricular programme aims to achieve is to create well-rounded men and women who can go out into the world with a set of skills and experiences that set them apart, giving them qualities that allow them to become leaders in our world and the catalyst for positive change.

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Pupils succeed in national competitions such as the UK Maths Challenge and Science Olympiads. They achieve highly in LAMDA and ABRSM examination and older pupils successfully participate in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (D of E).

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Our motto is '*Quant Je Puis*', meaning '*As Much as I Can*'. It is this key message of doing more than is easy, more than is expected, more than others would do which lies at the heart of the co-curricular programme at Stonyhurst.

College Societies regularly welcome distinguished guest speakers, while the Museum and Archives — home to paintings, manuscripts, and a wide array of artefacts — offer a unique source of enrichment for our pupils.

During the holidays, the Stonyhurst Experience team offer a range of high-quality opportunities and activities for our pupils, making the most of the facilities on campus outside of term time.



Adventure Curriculum

On Wednesday afternoons, Figures (Year 7) and Rudiments (Year 8) pupils take part in their own bespoke Adventure Programme

Pupils take part in a dynamic rotation of activities and experiences, each designed to challenge them, foster new skills, and offer a memorable introduction to the magnificent Stonyhurst estate. Activities include: Bushcraft, Paddle Boarding, Mountain Biking, Fencing*, Lazer Tag, Fishing, First Aid Training, Archery, Orienteering and Clay Pigeon Shooting.

*An additional charge



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Quiet pupils find their voice,
confident pupils lead – this is a
curriculum that enables all pupils
to excel at something they love.

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Stonyhurst's Director of Adventure





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Pupils’ extra-curricular achievements are wide and extensive, supported by a broad programme of activities designed to challenge and engage.

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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 Houseparent and team. Figures (Year 7) and Rudiments (Year 8) boarders board at Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall in bedrooms with 3-5 peers of a similar age. Where possible, we place boarders of similar background and interests together in their first term to help them to settle in, before a considered bedroom reshuffle at half term. Figures and Rudiments boarders are escorted to the College in the morning for registration in the Aloysius House Playroom.

Lower Grammar (Year 9) and Grammar (Year 10) boarders typically share rooms with 3-4 other pupils. In Syntax (Year 11), boarders usually share rooms with one other pupil, while Higher Line pupils (Year 12 and 13) have their own individual study bedrooms, some of which are ensuite.

Stonyhurst is very much a 7-day-a-week boarding school with a busy weekend activities 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.





Saturday evening events and weekend trips are held throughout the academic year to enable pupils to socialise and relax. The atmosphere of friendship, respect and kindness is palpable, and pupils are encouraged to pursue their interests and ambitions both within and beyond the classroom.



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The strong sense of family within the boarding houses ensures that new boarders integrate quickly whilst maintaining pride in their own cultural identity.

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Boarders of all ages spoke maturely of how daily routines help them to develop self-discipline and personal organisation skills, and living away from home has made them more resilient.

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Pupils understand how non-materialistic aspects of life, such as friendship and community, bring a sense of belonging and comradery, especially boarding houses.

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

Poetry and Rhetoric (Years 12 and 13) are two very formative and crucial years. Stonyhurst offers an outstanding Sixth Form education and we look forward to welcoming you to it, whether you are joining us for the first time or continuing from Lower Line.



Opportunities for responsibility and leadership

Pupils are encouraged to take on meaningful responsibilities across a range of events and activities. One such opportunity is the Poetry Banquet committee, where Poets (Year 12 pupils) take full ownership of organising a charity banquet - from initial planning through to the final clear-up.

Being on the Rhetoric Committee in the final year at Stonyhurst is an honour given to a small number of Rhetoricians (Year 13 pupils). They help to lead the whole community and are given responsibility for a particular area of college life, such as mentoring new pupils or supporting Lower Line pupils in the classroom. The Committee works closely with the Deputy Heads and with other Rhetoric monitors, of which there are many in areas such as Chaplaincy, Admissions, Marketing, Subjects, Collections and Arts.



Stonyhurst is a school that values each individual and their personal growth — whether as a boarder or a day pupil. Every journey is shaped by the choices made: to participate actively or to observe. These decisions influence not only personal development but also help define the spirit of the Playroom. For those who embrace the opportunities available, life at Stonyhurst becomes an enriching, energising, and transformative experience.



Academic Enrichment

In Higher Line, as well as subject lessons, all pupils, in Poetry (Year 12) and Rhetoric (Year 13), attend Theology General. The Theology General programme consists of 11 modules from which pupils are invited to choose 6. Topics include Heroic Leadership, Pope Francis's call to save the planet, World Religions, and The Common Good. To enhance their religious education further, we have a series of talks and presentations geared specifically to issues relevant to Higher Line pupils.

With a broad programme of academic enrichment, the pupils in Higher Line are expected to attend at least one event a week, above and beyond their academic study. For example, theatre trips, talks and presentations, clubs and societies such as the Law, Waterton, Environmental and Medical societies which develop our Higher Line pupils' intellectual curiosity further and add vibrancy and creativity to the Higher Line academic experience.



To support and guide Poets and Rhetoricians through these two important and exciting years, each pupil is assigned an academic tutor who accompanies them on their academic journey. Pupils meet regularly with their tutor on a one-to-one basis throughout the week.



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Stonyhurst.

Routes of Study in Higher Line

The A level pathway

A levels are traditional, academic qualifications, highly valued by universities and employers alike. A small minority of subjects retain some coursework, but for most pupils, their results will be based on examinations at the end of a two-year linear course.

Higher Line pupils at Stonyhurst choose three or four A level subjects and they are given the opportunity to choose an additional qualification such as EPQ (Extended Project Qualification), to complement, and offer breadth to their A level studies.

Why choose A levels?

For pupils who have a clear preference for certain subjects, and know exactly where their interests lie, A levels provide an excellent opportunity to study fewer subjects in depth. A levels are traditional, academic qualifications, highly valued by universities and employers alike.

We offer a wide range of A level subjects many of which are regarded as facilitating subjects for entrance to the UK's most prestigious universities.

Please note that courses may not run if there is insufficient demand. Should this occur, we will discuss alternative options with you and provide you with further information.





A level subjects

Art & Fine Art
 D&T: Product Design
 D&T: Fashion and Textiles
 Photography
 Music
 Drama
 English Language
 English Literature

Modern Languages:

- French
- Spanish
- German, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Polish and Russian (tuition available for native speakers)

Classical language

- Latin
- Greek (upon request)

Mathematics
 Further Mathematics
 Computer Science

Biology
 Chemistry
 Physics
 Psychology

Economics
 Business

Theology
 Geography
 History

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The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme pathway

The IB Diploma Programme is a challenging and prestigious global pre-university qualification, valued by universities worldwide and recognised as developing the skills required in our globalised world.



IB philosophy and facts

IB World Schools share a common philosophy – a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education – that we believe is important to our pupils. The IBO (International Baccalaureate Organisation) was founded in 1968, and in 2024, over 120,000 candidates took the Diploma examination across 152 countries. Just over 210 schools in the UK offer the IB Diploma Programme.

The IB Diploma Programme at Stonyhurst

Stonyhurst has offered the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) since 2013 alongside A levels. An alternative to A levels that is highly regarded by universities and employers, the IBDP is a demanding programme that, in keeping with Stonyhurst's Jesuit ethos, seeks to develop the whole person.



Why opt for the IB Diploma Programme?

Research has shown that IBDP graduates their peers at university and in the world of work (Higher Education Statistics Agency Report 2011). The IBDP is a prestigious global pre-university qualification, recognised by universities in more than 100 countries, including "Oxbridge" and the USA's Ivy League. It offers academic depth and breadth and is equally suitable for those who know they want specific careers (such as medicine or law) and for those who want to keep their options open.

Would I make a good IB Diploma pupil?

The IBDP suits good academic all-rounders who are capable of studying 6 subjects - and gain academic credit for doing so - that under the A level framework they would have to drop.



IB Diploma Programme subjects

Pupils normally study six courses over five terms, three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level. After careful consultation with Stonyhurst staff, pupils must choose one subject from each of the groups listed here.

- 1) Studies in Language and Literature**
(first language)
- 2) Language Acquisition**
(second, classical or ab initio language)
- 3) Individuals and Societies**
Business Management
Economics
Global Politics
History
Psychology
- 4) Experimental Sciences**
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Systems and Societies
Physics
- 5) Mathematics**
Choice of Analysis & Approaches or Applications & Interpretations. Both courses are offered at higher and standard level.
- 6) Arts and Electives**
Visual Arts
Music
Or option to specialise by choosing another subject from groups 1 to 4.



How is the IB Diploma Programme assessed?

Written examinations are at the end of the programme, though a number of College based assessment tasks will be completed at various points over the five terms. Each course is marked on a scale of 1 to 7, and pupils can be awarded up to 3 points for the Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay combined, giving a maximum total of 45 points. Subject to satisfying certain conditions, pupils who gain 24 or more points are awarded the IB Diploma. The mean points score worldwide is approximately 30.

The IB Diploma and university entrance

In the UK, universities make offers based on a points score, as well as stipulating required achievements in the three higher level subjects. The UCAS tariff equivalents are as follows: 24 points = BCC at A level; 45 points = AAAAA at A level.



How does the IB work?

See the IBDP Educational Framework diagram opposite. Pupils choose 6 subjects, 1 from each subject group, 3 at Higher Level and 3 at Standard Level (some subjects are only available at Standard Level. Occasionally a course offered may be unavailable). In addition, all pupils follow the Core.

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The Core

The DP core aims to broaden pupils' educational experience and challenge them to apply their knowledge and skills. The core is made up of the three required components – Theory of Knowledge (ToK), Extended Essay (EE) and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS).

Theory of Knowledge (ToK)

What is ToK?

The Theory of Knowledge course at Stonyhurst gives pupils the opportunity to evaluate evidence using reason and judgement. ToK allows pupils to step back from the knowledge they are gaining and reflect, in a Jesuit way, upon the approaches which characterise different disciplines and notice the connections between them. The course considers the role of faith in our lives and how it can make its own knowledge claims which, though different, can be complemented by reason. This type of critical thinking is excellent preparation for pre-entry university tests such as the BMAT (Medicine) or LNAT (Law), as well as helping to develop skills needed later in life.

Extended Essay (EE)

All IB Diploma Programme pupils complete a 4000-word essay on a topic relating to one of the subjects they study. They are supported by a supervisor, who gives them advice and guidance.

This process allows pupils to learn to work independently, how to research effectively, reference and present their work in an academic way, develop their interests and knowledge, improve their UCAS application by showing they have studied their specialist subject in depth and developed skills that are useful in university and produce an in-depth piece of work of which they can be proud.



Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

CAS is the co-curricular aspect of the IB Diploma Programme. Pupils design their own programme of activities and projects.



What are the aims of CAS?

The CAS programme aims to develop pupils who are:

- **Reflective thinkers** (understanding their own strengths and limitations, identifying goals and devising strategies for personal growth)
- **Willing to accept new challenges and new roles**
- **Ethical:** aware of themselves as members of communities with responsibilities towards each other and the environment
- **Active participants** in sustained and collaborative projects
- **Balanced:** they enjoy and find significance in a range of activities involving intellectual, physical, creative and emotional experiences.

Pupils are required to reflect on their activities in a choice of formats – paper, journals, film, photography, blogs, etc. – to show how they have experienced learning, both through the life of each activity and across their CAS programme as a whole.



The Cambridge Technical Diploma pathway

The Cambridge Technical Level 3 Diploma is a vocational qualification that is equivalent to 2 A levels and attracts equivalent UCAS points for applications to UK universities. It is a different approach to learning where the final grade is built up over the 2-year programme, rather than being dependent upon external examinations sat at the end of the course. The Cambridge Technical Diploma combines externally examined units of work alongside internally assessed (and externally moderated) coursework units.

Stonyhurst offers the Cambridge Technical Diploma in sport or business plus one A level. On completion, learners can access further study at a Higher Education institution, apply for degree apprenticeships or are equipped to join the world of work.





Business pathway

The OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business is a good alternative to studying the IBDP or A levels for pupils who want a career in business or wish to study it at university.

There is one pathway to access the OCR level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business, alongside one A level subject chosen from the wide offering available at Stonyhurst.

This vocational qualification covers a wide range of business topics and at Stonyhurst we follow the Marketing pathway. 10 units are completed over the 2-year course with 4 units being assessed externally through exams that are sat throughout the programme. Pupils who follow this course become independent learners as they have to manage their own workload and meet ongoing deadlines which makes it a great foundation for either a university degree, apprenticeship or entering the world of work.

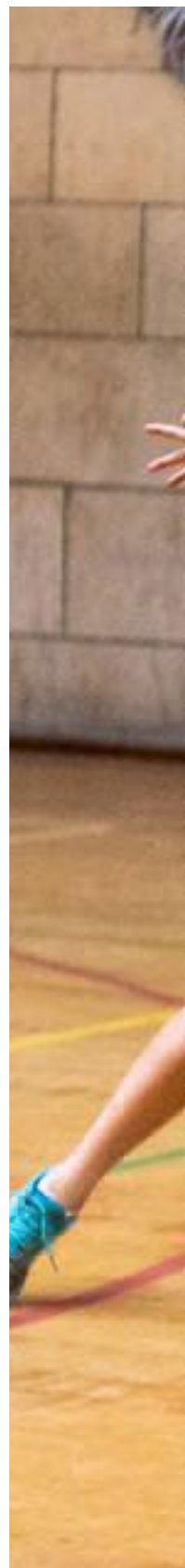




Sport pathway

This is a good alternative to A levels for pupils who want a career in sport or wish to study it at university.

A diverse range of topics are studied within the OCR Cambridge Technical in Sport which makes it a hugely interesting course for pupils. Topics include sport science, sport psychology, biomechanics, sports coaching, sports injuries and rehabilitation in addition to how sports organisations are structured. The breadth is vast and, importantly, relevant to the real world.





How is the Cambridge Technical Diploma assessed?

The first external exams are sat in January of year 1 which reduces the stress and pressure at the end of Higher Line. All exams can be retaken, giving pupils the opportunity to improve their grades.

Internally assessed coursework units are marked by the teacher and then moderated by the exam board at two points in each academic year. Pupils can resubmit their coursework if their first attempt does not pass the criteria.

Coursework units are graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction. Externally assessed units are graded as Near Pass, Pass, Merit and Distinction. Points are allocated based on the outcome of each unit and added together to decide the final qualification award which ranges from PP (pass/pass), equivalent to EE at A level, to D*D* (distinction star, distinction star) which is equivalent to A*A* at A level.

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Admissions Procedure

1. Complete the online enquiry form
2. Study the information about Stonyhurst and contact the Admissions team with any questions or to arrange to attend an open day or private visit
 - Email/telephone contact with the school to ask questions and arrange visits
 - Individual visit(s)
 - Open Day visit(s)
3. Complete the online registration form
4. Pay the registration fee
 - Visit(s) and/or taster day(s)
 - Send in school reports from the past two years
 - Complete online cognitive ability entrance assessment
 - Complete 500 word handwritten Personal Statement
 - Request a reference from the current Headteacher
5. Interview with the Headmaster or a member of the College Management team (in person or remotely)
6. Receive an offer letter from the Headmaster
7. Complete all acceptance documentation
8. Pay the acceptance deposit
9. Receive joining pack during the Summer Term
10. Complete any outstanding relevant information requests - Visa, etc. (plus optional requests e. g. music tuition, etc.)
11. School uniform can be ordered online from Stevensons
Email: customerservices@stevensons.co.uk
Website: www.stevensons.co.uk
12. Contact the school with any questions
13. Child begins studying at Stonyhurst College

