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FROM THE DIRECTOR

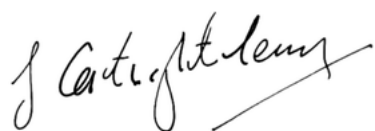
2022 has seen quite unprecedented change in every sphere of our lives, whether it is the reality of war once again breaking out in Europe or the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, change is both inevitable and unpredictable. For The Stonyhurst Foundation there has been significant change too. We have said farewell to Stephen Withnell, as Director and Ian Murphy, as Headmaster of St Mary's Hall (SMH). With change comes new opportunity, and it is wonderful that Stephen and Ian remain part of The Stonyhurst Foundation community, Stephen as a Patron, and Ian as Head of Partnerships. We welcome Father Christopher Cann as the new Headmaster of SMH and new Trustee and, of course, you have welcomed me as the new Director.

My return to Stonyhurst has been satisfying and illuminating and I am happy to report that Stonyhurst pupils continue to "set the world on fire". The College and SMH are both full and there is a palpable buzz throughout the school of young people who want to live out "Quant Je Puis" in their daily lives.

The effect of The Stonyhurst Foundation to transform lives is palpable too. This year 34 pupils are benefitting from a grant of £860,000 from The Stonyhurst Foundation to Stonyhurst. It is a fair comment to offer that 'The Stonyhurst effect' develops the full human potential in its pupils to live lives of faith and justice as citizens of the world – to become "Men and Women for Others".

I would like to thank the entire Stonyhurst community for welcoming and supporting me as I have bedded in. It has been something of a whirlwind of learning and introductions and I am looking forward to 2023. Plans are already forming for a number of exciting projects to engage the whole of the Stonyhurst community as companions in our mission to remove the financial barriers to a Stonyhurst education.

Quant Je Puis



John Cartwright-Terry



FATHER
CHRISTOPHER CANN,
HEADMASTER SMH
& TRUSTEE

*34 x Stonyhurst
Foundation bursary
recipients at Stonyhurst
College & SMH in
September 2022*

Father Christopher Cann is the new Headmaster at Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall and a Stonyhurst Foundation Trustee, having taken over from Ian Murphy in September. Fr Chris holds masters degrees in French (St Andrews) and Theology (Oxford) and joins Stonyhurst from Radcliffe College Preparatory School where he was headmaster for the last 10 years. Fr Chris has been a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham since 2012. Prior to this, he was 20 years a priest headmaster with the Woodard Schools in the Church of England. His background and experiences perfectly place him to nurture all that we hold dear academically, pastorally and spiritually in a Stonyhurst education. He also has many years' experience as an Independent Schools Inspectorate team inspector and as a former Board Member of the Independent Association of Prep Schools; he is currently an active Board Member of the Catholic Independent Schools Conference. He is married to Honor, a GP and they have six grown up children and two grandchildren.

Fr Chris comments:

"I am particularly proud to take up my role as a Trustee of The Stonyhurst Foundation. I am privileged to witness, first hand, the transformative effect that the school community at St Mary's Hall is having on our bursary recipients. They are wonderful young men and women and are thriving in this uniquely supportive environment, where we nurture each child daily to live out the virtues of our Jesuit Pupil Profile. Every child is encouraged to discern their purpose as young "men and women for others" as we step together along the life-long adventure of a 21st Century Jesuit Education"



*£860,000 grant made
by The Stonyhurst
Foundation to Stonyhurst
in September 2022*

THE IMPACT OF THE STONYHURST FOUNDATION

~
"DAVID"



STONYHURST
ST MARY'S HALL

David*, aged 11, is the son of very hard-working, single parent and entered St Mary's Hall in the first wave of the pandemic as a full boarder in receipt of a 100% bursary.

Discovered following a glowing recommendation in every respect from the Headteacher of an inner London Roman Catholic primary school he attended. Due to his mother's very early shift pattern he regularly had to begin the day alone and prepare his breakfast and make his way to primary school.

Two years into his Stonyhurst journey the impact of the breadth of opportunities and boarding experience have had upon him is quite exceptional. He is achieving highly in academic terms and fulfilling his potential in this sphere. In addition to an emerging maturity and a sense of ease around adults at school he displays strong commitment in the classroom as well as genuine talent in music and sport. As a sportsman he has found himself to be at his best on the rugby pitch and emerged as a vital player in the St Mary's Hall 1st XV that won the Lancashire Cup in 2022, and also the crown of Stonyhurst Rugby Sevens Champions for the first time in decades. His choral singing is a major strength and in his time at Stonyhurst he has developed as a young actor of high acclaim.

He is a core member of a very committed, talented and tight knit Playroom of young boarders who will go from strength to strength at Stonyhurst.

His opportunity to board has not only enriched his educational experience but he, alongside other bursary holders, has brought such a great deal already to Stonyhurst. He has helped inspire a cohort of teaching and boarding staff by bringing to the forefront the tangible reality their own efforts and commitment can make to the transformational impact of a Stonyhurst education.

**For anonymity all names have been changed*



THE IMPACT OF THE STONYHURST FOUNDATION

~
"SARAH"



STONYHURST COLLEGE

Sarah* hails from a very challenging inner-city community and came to the attention of Stonyhurst through close links with a very well-established partner educational charity. She arrived at St Mary's Hall, aged 11, as a full boarder in receipt of a 100% bursary.

Her academic profile was strong and her potential very high, despite the significant difficulties she faced associated with home life and family group. In the opening years she shone in every respect including high performance in the academic sphere, and her character emerged as one of committed social conscience and genuine leadership. Now at the College, she has embraced the call to be a young woman for others.

Her confidence has grown quickly, and she has demonstrated poise and passion in public speaking and her talent as a young actor is shining for all to see. She has embraced a range of sports, almost all being new to her, and is clearly a loyal and much respected friend to so many within her Playroom.

Sarah is a high calibre pupil who is held in high esteem by the staff. She is an excellent role model and her approach at Stonyhurst helps to bring out the best in those around her. Staff and peers alike recognise her academic determination and commitment, genuine flair and a strength of character that underpins clear thinking and her steely determination to be the very best she can be.

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MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS

Thomas Weld Society Lunch
1st October 2022
Stonyhurst

Stonyhurst welcomed members of our Thomas Weld Legacy Society to Stonyhurst in October 2022, for the first time since 2019. It was wonderful to gather together for a Service of Thanksgiving led by Fr Tim Curtis SJ followed by lunch in the Top Refectory.

If you would like to find out more about the Thomas Weld Society and leaving a gift to Stonyhurst in your will please do not hesitate to contact The Foundation Director.

Red Wednesday
In support of Aid to the Church In Need
23rd November 2022
Stonyhurst

Standing up for faith and freedom is in Stonyhurst's DNA and the pupils organised and fundraised for *Aid to the Church In Need*, taking part in this year's #RedWednesday campaign to to break the silence on the persecution of Christians and those of all faiths, globally.

On Wednesday 23 November, in solidarity with those who don't enjoy the same religious freedoms our pupils do, Stonyhurst held a red-themed home clothes day and The Fronts were lit up in red in solidarity.

As part of the Stonyhurst campaign, Elliot (Syntax) created and released a video to raise awareness of this significant day where he interviewed Rachel Buckley from *Aid to the Church in Need*.

Watch the video on the [Stonyhurst College YouTube](#) channel.

Their efforts raised £1,010.



“We are getting as close as is practical to the Jesuit charism on which we base all that we do. Weld members can ensure the future is as glorious and illustrious as our past.”

(Peter Anwyl, TWS President 20-21)



£1,010 raised by Stonyhurst pupils in support of Aid to the Church In Need

QUANT JE PUIS

Campion Day Fayre
1st December 2022
Stonyhurst

The Feast of St Edmund Campion is celebrated annually at Stonyhurst, with elements of reflection on his life and High Mass celebrated by the whole of Stonyhurst in St Peter's Church.

A celebratory lunch preceded the fayre, which took place in the Ambulacrum with a full gambit of stalls and entertainment ranging from *Beat the Goalie* through to computer game tournaments. This was all organised by Higher Line pupils themselves, with the entire College attending. The fayre raised **£750** for the The Stonyhurst Foundation (Rhetoric - St Aloysius Bursary Fund).

Stonyhurst College Carol Service
The Immaculate Conception, Farm Street
5th December 2022
London

Over 200 members of the Stonyhurst community came together in London for the annual Stonyhurst Carol Service at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, celebrated by Fr Nick King (OS 66). A quite remarkable turnout with OS spanning 75 years (OS 46 to OS 21 in attendance) to celebrate together.

The church was filled with the dulcet tones of the Stonyhurst College Schola Petri with readings by Eugene Nealon (Foundation Trustee), John Cartwright-Terry (OS 96), Michael Hurley (OS 94), Edward Belderbos (OS 16), Nuala Mellows (Stonyhurst Governor) and John Browne (Headmaster). There followed an equally enjoyable drinks reception at the Mount Street Jesuit Centre.

The retiring collection in support of The Stonyhurst Foundation (Rhetoric - St Aloysius Bursary Fund) raised £843. Thank you to everyone who came to the service and all those who generously donated.



Campion Day Fayre
2022 raised £766 for the
Rhetoric - St Aloysius
Bursary



£843 raised at the
Stonyhurst Carol Service

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II



Stonyhurst has long held a close affinity and relationship with The Royal family and the Queen visited Stonyhurst in 1988. Her late Majesty's example for selfless commitment to a life of Service to the nation is reflected in so many that have gone on to serve under her, whether in Government, the Armed Forces or in any one of the countless areas in which she oversaw as Monarch. It was therefore natural that Stonyhurst joined the world in mourning the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022.

The enormity of the occasion was grasped by both staff and pupils on hearing the news; the Union Flag was lowered to half mast above the school and the late Queen's portrait moved from the main staircase to St Peter's Church. Fr Tim Curtis SJ led the College in prayers the following morning.

That afternoon, all staff and pupils from Stonyhurst College and St Mary's Hall gathered in St Peter's for a Requiem Mass, celebrated by Fr Tim, Fr Chris and visiting Jesuit, Fr Vincent Vey SJ. In an inspiring display of duty and respect for Her late Majesty the community prayed for the repose of her soul and for our new monarch, King Charles III. For the first time in living memory Stonyhurst prayed *Domine, salvum fac, regem nostrum Carolum. Et exaudi nos, indiequa invoca verimus Te.* Mass concluded with the National Anthem.

The live stream of the Requiem Mass is available to view on the Stonyhurst Anywhere YouTube channel.

*"Domine, salvum fac,
regem nostrum
Carolum.
Et exaudi nos, indiequa
invoca verimus Te."*



STONYHURST ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Full details of all Association events, including booking information are available on the [Association website.](#)

Stonyhurst Association Annual Dinner

18th February 2023

Stonyhurst

The Association Dinner once again returns to Stonyhurst for 2023. Guest speaker is Lucy Hardwick (OS 82). Ticket prices include reception drinks, three course dinner and coffee, table wine and a great band.

Stonyhurst Holy Week Retreat

6th - 9th April 2023

Stonyhurst

The annual Holy Week Retreat will celebrate the Easter Triduum at Stonyhurst from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Families are very welcome and separate Retreat programmes will be offered to children, this will include a touring performance and workshop on the life of St Ignatius.

Convivium during the Chelsea Flower Show

24th May 2023

London

A convivium to be held in the Orangery at the Chelsea Gardener, London SW3 6NR. All are warmly invited to attend this gathering during the week of the Chelsea Flower Show to enjoy drinks and light refreshments just a short walk away from the show.

Stonyhurst Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

18th - 25th August 2023

Lourdes, France

Once again, Stonyhurst shall be part of the Catholic Association Pilgrimage joining with pilgrims, including medically supported pilgrims, from different dioceses across England, together with the Glanfield Children's group. We are fortunate to have Fr Nick King SJ as our spiritual director, and he will also be the Catholic Association Chaplain.

Full details are available on the [Association website.](#)



THE STONYHURST FOUNDATION SHOP



The Stonyhurst Foundation Shop continues to grow its exclusive Stonyhurst merchandise range. New lines are being added regularly, so please do take a look.

The online shop sells a range of products, including Stonyhurst Foundation shields and lapel pins, silver St Omers Crosses, holdall bags and Gaucho belts.

Due to popular demand, The Stonyhurst Foundation has reintroduced OS socks for those looking for the ultimate OS hosiery.

Furthermore, for those looking for a reminder of the scent of Stonyhurst, votive candles evoking St Peter's Church, The Jesuit Gardens and The Arundell Library have been exclusively produced by Berbene.

Any suggestions for future product lines are greatly appreciated.

<https://stonyhurstfoundationshop.org/>.





YOUR LEGACY THEIR FUTURE

THE THOMAS WELD SOCIETY

Stonyhurst has benefited from legacies since its very earliest days and each year, legacies to Stonyhurst contribute a significant amount to our highest priorities, ensuring that what our donors were privileged to experience has been kept live and passed on.

Membership of the Thomas Weld Society is offered to those who have generously made a legacy gift to Stonyhurst, thus keeping up the connection with one of our early benefactors Thomas Weld in 1794. Leaving a legacy to Stonyhurst and membership of The Thomas Weld Society is an opportunity to truly invest in the future of our schools and its pupils.

In the words of the late Peter Anwyl, former President of the Thomas Weld Society, by leaving a legacy “*we are getting as close as is practical to the Jesuit charism on which we base all that we do. Weld members can ensure the future is as glorious and illustrious as our past.*”

All members of the Thomas Weld Society are invited to our annual Service of Thanks, followed by lunch, in October.

To find out more please contact [The Stonyhurst Foundation Director](#).



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