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FROM THE DIRECTOR

I find myself reflecting on an extraordinary first year for me as Director of The Stonyhurst Foundation. A quite remarkable three terms, marked by new beginnings, exciting initiatives, and the unwavering spirit of our incredible Stonyhurst Family.

Perhaps my own personal highlight has been the launch of The Stonyhurst Foundation 1593 Club, and with it the exposure of The Foundation to the wider Stonyhurst consciousness. With an established presence on social media, The 1593 Club has become a hub of nostalgia and collaboration, and we have witnessed the power of community building, fostering a sense of belonging that spans generations and unites us all in the spirit of Stonyhurst. I am deeply grateful for the invaluable contributions of our members, whose generosity fuels our mission and meaningfully contributes to our growing OS Bursary Fund. In today's digital age, we recognise the importance of connecting with our community in new and innovative ways and our growing WhatsApp Ambassador network is helping to spread the message of our work whilst giving opportunities for both individuals and whole Playrooms to get involved.

Our commitment to providing opportunities remains at the heart of our mission. I am thrilled to announce that thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we are expecting to be able to support over 45 pupils in 2023/24 with a grant of approximately £1.6 Million.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your unwavering support, dedication, and commitment to the Stonyhurst Foundation. It is through your collective efforts that we are truly *Transforming Lives*.

Quant Je Puis



John Cartwright-Terry





FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

It is my great honour to have been invited to assume the role of Chair of Trustees of The Stonyhurst Foundation. We are all eternally grateful to my predecessor, Michael Joseph, for his invaluable leadership and dedication in establishing and overseeing the Foundation during its formative years. Michael's tireless efforts have laid a solid foundation upon which we can now build and continue to make a transformative impact on the lives of young people.

As I step into this role, I am inspired by the words of St Ignatius that I first heard during my own school days at McQuaid Jesuit, New York, *'Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words'*. There is much work to be done, and I am filled with excitement for the future. Together, we will transform the lives of young people through the provision of grants to Stonyhurst enabling it to continue to shine as a beacon of Jesuit values. I invite each and every one of you to join us on this exciting journey. Your continued support, whether through gifts, advocacy or prayer, will make a lasting impact on the lives of pupils as they become men and women for others.

Finally, I would like to offer sincerest thanks to our generous supporters for their unwavering commitment. Together, we will continue to transform lives at Stonyhurst and create a future filled with endless possibilities.

Eugene Nealon, Chair of Trustees, Stonyhurst Foundation



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A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Richard* has thrown himself into Stonyhurst, taking full advantage of every opportunity he can, most notably enjoying rugby and CCF to the maximum. He is an active participant in Playroom life and has made many friends from all corners of the globe and from a full span of cultural backgrounds. The warmth with which he speaks about these friendships is tangible. He is maturing in his outlook, thinking more of others and we are seeing him develop as a natural leader with courage and compassion.


Stonyhurst has already started to shape and nurture an ambition of what he would like to do in the future. More than anything, he is aspiring to “Quant Je Puis” in his energy on the rugby field, in his academics and drinking up all Stonyhurst has to offer.

We have always had the desire for Richard to have a Stonyhurst education, both from our own experiences and shared belief in its ethos. Due to location, economic risk and uncertainty, this was unaffordable. Only through the generous support of The Stonyhurst Foundation and commensurate reduction to the economic risk and uncertainty we are facing as a family have we been able to give our son this unique opportunity for growth.

**For anonymity all names have been changed*



THE STONYHURST FOUNDATION ~ ALISTER



“We all recognise the opportunity we have been given at the school; we all want to try new things.”

Lower Grammarian, Feb 2023

My transition from a school in Moldova to Stonyhurst in Grammar was truly remarkable. The breath taking setting was awe-inspiring, but what struck me the most were simple things like reliable electricity, heating, and running water. As a bursary recipient, I was concerned about fitting in, but Stonyhurst proved to be a place of inclusivity and acceptance. The diverse community of students from different countries and backgrounds created a sense of belonging for everyone. We all shared the common goal of striving to be the best versions of ourselves, and that sense of unity propelled us forward.

Stonyhurst taught me the value of pushing beyond my limits and provided the freedom to explore various aspects of life, both physical and philosophical. The school's rich history and evolving outlook made it truly unique, even among Catholic boarding schools. One particular experience stands out vividly in my memory. During my time in Poetry, we had the privilege of hearing from visiting missionaries from Kenya. Their inspiring mission to provide education to underprivileged children ignited a collective passion within us. Motivated by their cause, we raised funds and embarked on a journey to Kenya after our A Levels, where we built a boarding house for a school. This project exemplified Stonyhurst's commitment to making a positive difference in the world and left a lasting impact on me.

Receiving a bursary to attend Stonyhurst transformed my life in more ways than I could have imagined. It wasn't just about the financial support; it was the unwavering belief and commitment shown by Stonyhurst, my family, and my friends that enabled me to achieve what I have today. The values instilled in me during my time at Stonyhurst continue to guide me as I navigate my personal and professional journey. I am forever grateful for the education and opportunities I received at Stonyhurst, as they have shaped me into the person I am today and opened doors to a world of possibilities.

Alister left Stonyhurst in 2004 and pursued a BA in Romanian and East European Studies from UCL. He furthered his education with a PGCert in Technology Management from the OU. Currently, Alister works as a Programme Manager at Capgemini. He is married, has one child, and resides in London.



“Making ourselves more considerate of other people. Being a generous person [and] conscientious, what am I doing, is it a good thing? A bad thing? That’s the mindset *Men and Women for Others* brings.”

Rhetorician, Feb 2023

The 1593 Club represents an opportunity to involve the whole of the Stonyhurst family in the future of Stonyhurst through their collective efforts in support of our bursary charity. Launched at Easter this year, the emphasis is on maximising the number of regular donors, irrespective of their individual contributions, relying on the laws of large numbers to deliver a significant recurring value of support.

We have set regular giving amounts at £15.93, £159.30, or whatever you feel you can afford, and frequencies of monthly, quarterly and annually, all of which (as long as it is personal giving from the UK) is eligible for Gift Aid (25%).

The Stonyhurst Foundation has also established a social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, and has drawn upon the words of current pupils and staff for its primary inspiration. Our social media also looks back at some of the idiosyncrasies that contribute to making the Stonyhurst Family so unique: For example, we recalled the process of placing 'Themes' on 'The Pipes' each morning, sparking significant conversations as to which teacher 'owned' which Pipe number.



www.linkedin.com/company/the-stonyhurst-foundation



<https://www.facebook.com/StonyhurstFoundation1593Club>



<https://www.instagram.com/stonyhurstfoundation/>



A FAMILY LIKE NO OTHER



The 1593 Club recognises those who support The Stonyhurst Foundation with a regular gift. All members will be part of an important network of like-minded individuals and after twelve months of giving will be awarded the 1593 Club tie or scarf.

However, for our first 100 members we will be awarding our tie upon receipt of membership.

Members will also be invited to inclusive Stonyhurst Foundation events as well as being recognised in our Annual Report.

Whilst most ties have been sent via post, the Director has had the pleasure to present a number of ties to members, including former Officer Commanding Stonyhurst CCF, Major John Cobb MBE (pictured below).

We are already re-establishing our London base back at our traditional home of The Antelope in Belgravia, recently mounting the Foundation's shield above the bar and hosting a small reception there. We will be hosting our very first 1593 Club Convivium at the Antelope in June 2024 for supporters of Stonyhurst to come together.

*"A Stonyhurst Education
will change a child's life
forever"*



UPCOMING EVENTS



Thirst Friday

1st September 2023

Richmond Rugby Club, Richmond

Following the enjoyment of the gathering held last year The Association will once again be hosting a Thirst Friday at Richmond Rugby Club, for a very informal, Stonyhurst Family social event starting at 5.30pm. Details are on the [Association website](#).

Thomas Weld Society Dinner

7th October 2023

Stonyhurst

Membership of the Thomas Weld Society is offered to those who have generously made a legacy gift to Stonyhurst/The Stonyhurst Foundation. This year Stonyhurst will be hosting a lunch in the Top Ref.

Invitations will follow imminently, more information is available through

Development@stonyhurst.ac.uk



Farm Street Carol Service

4th December 2023

Farm Street Church, London

Stonyhurst College Schola Petri will once again lead this Carol Service, starting at 7pm, which will be followed by drinks in the Church Hall. All members of the Stonyhurst community are warmly invited to attend.



The Stonyhurst Association Dinner 2024

10th February 2024

De Vere Beaumont, Windsor

The 2024 Association Dinner will take place at Beaumont, presided over by Association President, Paul Chitnis (OS 79). Guest of honour will be climate justice activist, Dominika Lasota (OS 20). Tickets include a drinks reception, 3-course dinner with wine, coffee, and then dancing with a ceilidh band.

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



STONYHURST FOUNDATION EVENTS

If you would like to get further details on any of The Stonyhurst Foundation events, please email foundation@stonyhurst.ac.uk



Manchester Marathon 2024

16th April 2024

Manchester

Join The Stonyhurst Foundation team at the UK's second largest marathon, and support us Transforming Lives through the gift of education at Stonyhurst.

The Stonyhurst Foundation Classic Car Tour

6th - 9th May 2024

Stonyhurst

A two day historic/classic car tour of the Ribble Valley and surrounding area, taking in a number of well known (but seldom visited) sights of picturesque and historic importance. Of note, on day two, it is proposed to host a rerun of the historic 1913 Waddington Hill Fell Race (although this time will be untimed!).



The 1593 Club Convivium 2024

13th June 2024

The Antelope, Belgravia, London

Our first 1593 Club convivium will take place at The Antelope for all supporters of The Stonyhurst Foundation. An opportunity to meet other supporters of our work and to say thank you for your generous support.

The Stonyhurst Foundation Charity Golf Day

12th July 2024

Stonyhurst

Join us for inaugural Stonyhurst Foundation Corporate Golf Day in July 2024. Play at Stonyhurst Park Golf Course and then celebrate at our prize giving reception and charity auction at Stonyhurst.

Tee off To Transform Lives!



THE MACDONALD OF BORRODALE TARTAN



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SCOTLAND

The Macdonald of Borrodale Tartan has a fascinating history, first being said to have been part of a kilt worn by Prince Charles Edward Stuart ('Bonnie Prince Charlie') during the period of the 1745 Jacobite Rising. Lady Catriona MacDonald of Borrodale gave him one of her tartans as he escaped from Borrodale to the mainland in an eight oared boat. Having being soaked in a storm he left the tartan in Scalpay off Harris when he received a change of clothes. This garment was subsequently divided into pieces as mementos of the Stuart cause; one such piece is now displayed in the Highland Museum in Fort William. Another piece is at Stonyhurst College and from these fragments the Borrodale tartan has been reconstructed. More recently, a bolt of this Tartan material was gifted to the Queen on a visit to Stonyhurst in 1991 and it has now been adopted by Stonyhurst as its own tartan and is worn by the girls as part of their uniform.

The Stonyhurst Foundation have recently commissioned Kinloch Anderson, Scotland's foremost expert in Highland Dress since 1868 and Royal Warrant of Appointment holders as Tailors & Kiltmakers to HM The King, to reproduce an authorised Borrodale Tartan for use by Stonyhurst and the wider Stonyhurst Family.

Should you wish to purchase a pair of Borrodale Tartan trousers (or any other element of Highland Dress, including kilts, trews, waistcoats, skirts, etc), please visit their website at <https://www.kinlochanderson.com> or contact them via saleska@kinlochanderson.com.

10% of all net sales will be donated to The Stonyhurst Foundation.

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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.

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