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Dear Stonyhurst Family,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that we present the Stonyhurst Foundation Annual Review for the 2021-2022 financial year. This year’s accomplishments have been nothing short of extraordinary, and we owe it all to the unwavering support and dedication of the entire Stonyhurst family.

Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones, raising nearly £2.5 Million throughout the year. This outstanding achievement would not have been possible without the collective efforts and generosity of all our benefactors, alumni, parents, friends, and other supporters. Your commitment to the mission and vision of The Stonyhurst Foundation has been the driving force behind our success to date.

We are particularly thrilled to extend a special mention to the pupils of Rhetoric 2022, who showcased incredible Quant Je Puis spirit by organizing a 12-hour Odyssey marathon reading. Through their tireless efforts, they raised in excess of £3500, setting a shining example for the entire school and beyond. Their work establishing the Rhetoric St Aloysius Bursary has left a legacy to build upon and from which future generations will benefit.

August saw our Director, Stephen Withnell, founder of the Trust, step down. To say that Stonyhurst owes him a debt of gratitude is a huge understatement. In that there will be at Stonyhurst in the years ahead, young people who without the Foundation would not have had the wonderful opportunity of an education here.

The search for a new Director is complete and I am very pleased to confirm that John Cartwright-Terry OS 96, took up the post in September 2022.

Once again, thank you to each and every member of the Stonyhurst Family for your unwavering support and belief in our shared mission. Together, we are shaping the future of education and nurturing generations of exceptional individuals.

[Chair of Trustees]
It is heartening to see the support and generosity that The Stonyhurst Foundation has continued to receive throughout the period from September 2021 to August 2022. The Stonyhurst Foundation are truly grateful to all the donors who have contributed so generously to its cause, as well as to Stonyhurst for its continued support to Foundation activity.

The Stonyhurst Foundation is delighted to confirm that during the financial year to 31 August 2022, they received £2,451,193 in donations. Additionally, £701,143 was granted from The Stonyhurst Foundation to Stonyhurst for bursary and fee assistance funding, reflecting the Foundation’s commitment to supporting students in need. This grant allowed 33 pupils to attend Stonyhurst and Stonyhurst St Mary’s Hall who otherwise would have been unable to do so, a magnificent achievement for which The Stonyhurst Foundation is so grateful to the Stonyhurst family.

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2022 are available on the Charity Commission Website, via the QR code here:
The challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic remained significant during the financial period, but the Foundation adapted and engaged with alumni through virtual receptions in the USA, Canada, and Mexico whilst travel remained not possible. Following the lifting of restrictions, The Stonyhurst Foundation was delighted to be able to welcome both national and international donors to Stonyhurst for the first time since its launch in July 2020 and to be able to gather with southern based members of the Thomas Weld Society for Mass and an afternoon tea at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London.

Stonyhurst Rhetoric (Upper Sixth) pupils organised fundraising events to support The Stonyhurst Foundation through their final year, with “Odyssey Out Loud” being a highlight. This event involved a sponsored reading of the Odyssey over 12 hours, with participants of all ages, including pupils, Stonyhurst staff, parents, and OS from around the world, coming together to read sections of the Odyssey in person and remotely.

The Stonyhurst Foundation remains steadfast in its mission to remove the financial barriers to a Stonyhurst education, and we are truly grateful for the support of the whole the Stonyhurst family.

Thank you.
In 2021/22, The Stonyhurst Foundation has financially supported 33 pupils through Stonyhurst.

Bursary Placements

- 35% Stonyhurst St Mary’s Hall (Prep)
- 65% Stonyhurst College

The majority of the SMH bursary placements will continue to Stonyhurst College from Lower Grammar (Year 9).

100% of Stonyhurst Foundation bursary recipients completed this year.
£2,451,193
Income from donations, and legacies

£701,143
Granted to Stonyhurst
David*, aged 11, is the son of very hard-working, single parent and entered St Mary's Hall as a full boarder in receipt of a 100% bursary, following a glowing recommendation from the Headteacher of an inner London Roman Catholic primary school. 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.

Now he is flourishing at Stonyhurst, displaying a strong commitment in the classroom as well as genuine talent in music and sport. He emerged as a vital player in the St Mary’s Hall 1st XV that won the Lancashire Cup in 2022.

*Cathy* is a local pupil from a deprived background in the Northwest but with a very supportive single mother and tight wider family unit. She is academically gifted and the highest performer within her Playroom, as well as a talented public speaker who has emerged as an actor of outstanding talent. She has a well-developed sense of humour and has become increasingly socially adept.

Very clear leadership potential has emerged through her early period at Stonyhurst through example, passion for striving for what is possible and a commitment to the opportunities on offer. Cathy is clear thinking and confident in their own mind. She has a very strong sense of fairness and justice and has the confidence and strength of character to speak up and campaign for her beliefs.

*For anonymity all names have been changed*
'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. We all shared the common goal of striving to be the best versions of ourselves, and that sense of unity propelled us forward.

Receiving a bursary to attend Stonyhurst transformed my life in more ways than I could have imagined. The values instilled in me during my time at Stonyhurst continue to guide me as I navigate my personal and professional journey. Stonyhurst taught me the value of pushing beyond my limits and provided the freedom to explore various aspects of life, both physical and philosophical.

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. Currently, Alister works as a Programme Manager at Capgemini.
In a remarkable event on February 9th 2022, the Stonyhurst Classics and Philosophy Society organised a marathon reading of Homer’s ‘Odyssey’ - an ancient Greek epic poem. This narrative follows the heroic journey of Odysseus, the King of Ithaca, as he returns home after the Trojan War, enduring numerous challenges over a decade.

With an ambitious goal of £2,000, symbolizing £100 for each year of Odysseus' absence, the Society's fundraising efforts surpassed expectations, reaching £3,605 even before the reading began. These funds will support the St Aloysius Rhetoric 2022 Bursary, lightening the financial load for deserving students at Stonyhurst.

The event, starting at 9 am and spanning twelve hours, witnessed unwavering support from the Stonyhurst community. 82 readers, including pupils, staff, OS, parents, collectively embraced the initiative. Remarkably, support poured in from OS scholars worldwide, with messages, donations, and readings, including one in Greek.

This exceptional event was masterminded by Adrienne and Maddy from Rhetoric, showcasing their unwavering dedication. Their vision united the Stonyhurst family globally, fostering a shared love for the Classics and inspiring future generations. Our sincerest thanks to both Adrienne and Maddy for organising and for everyone that took part and donated.
A huge thank you to the 82 members of the Stonyhurst family who participated in our Odyssey Out Loud event, to those listed below and those who remain anonymous, and to all the pupils who participated with such generosity and enthusiasm.
Made in The UK Day 2022” (9th March 2022) saw Stonyhurst unveil a striking collaboration with local footwear brand LANX. United by Lancashire heritage and British identity, Stonyhurst and LANX’s bond was forged. Marco Vaghetti (OS 03), LANX’s founder, drew on both his local roots and his Alma Mater for inspiration. Panels showcased Ribble Aster Tweed, used in the Stonyhurst College blazers, and interior lining featured the Borrodale Tartan used in the Stonyhurst girls’ uniform skirts. The Stonyhurst insignia graced the sole.

"To link up with my old school, Stonyhurst, and create a collaboration is very special to me and for my business, LANX. I’m sure my old art teachers, Mrs Robinson and Mr Crabtree, would be delighted to see that my creative juices are still flowing. Stonyhurst was, and still is, a very special place and I am delighted to work with the school on this exciting project."

Marco Vaghetti (OS 03), LANX Founder.

20% of each sale was donated to The Stonyhurst Foundation. Thank you to Marco and all the LANX team for the incredible support.
We were delighted that on 25 May 2022 Sir Mark Thompson OS 75, the Stonyhurst Foundation’s inaugural Patron, visited the College and gave an inspiring talk about his experience, and very successful career, in media to Higher Line pupils.

Mark is a former President and CEO of the New York Times following an eight year term as Director General of the BBC. He is now the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ancestry.

Following the talk Mark joined some of the Foundation’s initial donors for a private tour of the Museum and Collections and a dinner in the square library.

“I know from my own experience how Stonyhurst can change lives. World-class teachers like Peter Hardwick and Freddie Turner SJ opened my mind and the school gave me a confidence and independence that has served me well ever since. The Stonyhurst Foundation will make this unique education available to so many more young people, and that’s why I am so pleased to endorse it.”
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