

International class

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Students at Stonyhurst College can develop important life skills and gain a qualification employers and universities respect

What is the IBCP?

The International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme, is a vocational level three qualification with international recognition and is an alternative route of study to A levels for pupils aged 16-19. At Stonyhurst, IBCP pupils can choose to specialise in either sport or business career-related studies, and engage with a rigorous study programme that genuinely interests them while gaining transferable and lifelong skills in applied knowledge, critical thinking, communication and cross-cultural engagement.

Who is the programme suited for?

The IBCP is designed for those who are interested in pursuing a more hands-on, career-related approach to education in Sixth Form and who already know they would like to pursue a business or sport-related career. The IBCP benefits pupils who prefer a structured way of learning with timetabled support and in-person teaching. Stonyhurst attracts talented sportsmen and women competing at a national or regional level who find the

flexibility of the IBCP timetable suited to their intense schedules for training and match days.

What are the benefits of the IBCP for pupils?

The vocational aspect of the course offers much more flexibility to A levels, and fewer exams are required to be taken. Exams are assessed over two years so there is no need for

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an intense period of revision cramming at the end of the course, as is the case with A levels. During the two-year course, IBCP pupils at Stonyhurst foster attitudes and habits of mind that allow them to become lifelong learners willing to consider new perspectives. They become involved in learning that develops their capacity and will make a positive difference whilst the vocational aspect of the course prepares them for

effective participation in the changing world of work. Pupils develop a range of broad work-related competencies and deepen their understanding in specific areas of knowledge.

What does an IBCP class look like?

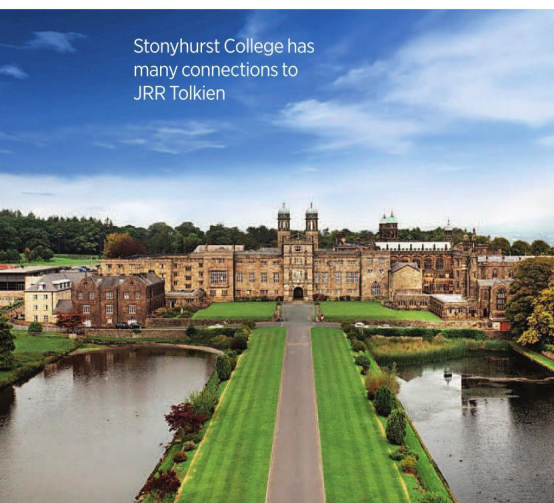
IBCP pupils are taught in small class sizes with a wealth of opportunities for face-to-face lessons which leads to enhanced pupil confidence and further opportunities for pupils to participate.

Can pupils progress to university having studied the IBCP?

Yes, studying the IBCP opens up the option for studying business and sport related subjects at universities across the world. Universities and employers alike recognise the benefits of the hands-on vocational approach to learning. Many of Stonyhurst's IBCP pupils have progressed on to higher education.

What subjects are IBCP pupils able to study at Stonyhurst?

Pupils can choose two subjects,



Stonyhurst College has many connections to JRR Tolkien

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SCHOOL REPORT

Stonyhurst is one of Lancashire's oldest schools, with its roots in the 1700s, although some of the present school buildings date back to the 1200s.

It was offered by the Shireburn family as a temporary home to a Catholic school on the Continent, which was fleeing religious harassment. When they decided to stay

permanently, the school was given the building and 100 acres of grounds.

On September 15th, 1568 the nine-year-old Arthur Conan Doyle arrived at the prep school, Hodder Place. His time there influenced much of his writing – fellow students included a Sherlock and a Moriarty and there are clear similarities between the school building and grounds and Doyle's

description of Baskerville Hall.

Among other famous alumni are a squad full of international rugby union players, politicians, writers, and academics. These include the actor Douglas Wylmer, best known for his Sherlock Holmes in a 1960s television series.

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The IBCP offers more flexibility than A Levels



Students can choose from a variety of subjects

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in addition to their CTECH in either sport or business. Subjects typically include psychology, economics, business and management, history, biology, English, music, visual arts, and geography. Pupils at Stonyhurst also benefit from Language Development, learning British Sign Language, and partake in 50 hours of Service Learning in order to teach pupils how to plan their time effectively, commit to a cause and manage other people. This can be in the form of sports coaching at local clubs, volunteering at a shelter or recycling initiatives to name but a few. Pupils also take

part in a Personal and Professional Skills module, teaching them skills such as interview techniques and CV writing.

Do IBCP pupils get to mix with pupils taking other courses at Stonyhurst?

There are many opportunities to mix with other pupils within the extensive co-curricular programme - in the boarding house, during lunchtime and in the newly renovated Sixth Form hub. IBCP learners also have lessons with those taking the IBDP – another course offered at Stonyhurst's Sixth Form. 🏡