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Graduate Opportunities 2020

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AN INTRODUCTION TO STONYHURST COLLEGE



Stonyhurst is a Catholic, Jesuit, HMC (Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference), independent boarding and day school for boys and girls from 3-18. At the College, there are almost 500 pupils aged 13-18, over two thirds of whom are boarders. At Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall, the adjacent preparatory school, there are about 300 pupils aged 3-13. The College is in stunning countryside, near the Ribble and Hodder rivers and the beautiful Trough of Bowland. Manchester is only about an hour away by road or rail. The market town of Clitheroe is 4 miles away, and we are 12 miles from the city of Preston. The Lake District can be reached in about an hour, and the Yorkshire Dales are even closer.

Stonyhurst has a fascinating heritage, being the oldest continuously existing Jesuit school in the world. It was founded in St Omers, northern France, in 1593, and moved to its present site in Lancashire's beautiful Ribble Valley in 1794. The original quadrangle at the centre of the College is part of a 16th century mansion, donated to Stonyhurst at the beginning of the 19th century by Mr Thomas Weld of Lulworth. Throughout the years of religious persecution in England, Stonyhurst educated boys from Roman Catholic families. In 1996, Stonyhurst became fully coeducational, and today it educates boys and girls from Catholic families, and also those of other denominations.

The College's Jesuit identity and mission, and its sense of community, set Stonyhurst apart from other schools. Pupils are urged to do as much as they can for other people following the example of Jesus Christ, 'a man for others'.



THE OPPORTUNITY

We are delighted to offer these fantastic development opportunities for highly motivated and enthusiastic recent graduates who are looking to experience work and life within this outstanding boarding school environment. The role is designed to give a recent graduate an opportunity to gain experience of living and working in a boarding school environment, perhaps prior to embarking on a PGCE or taking up a full teaching position. Whether or not you choose to pursue a career in education, you will leave us with many transferable skills to take with you into the future.

Working alongside Pastoral Heads, our Graduate Assistants will make significant contributions to the boarding pastoral care of our pupils aged 13 and above, to the Stonyhurst community as a whole, and specifically within their specialist subject area. There will be opportunities to fully immerse yourself into life here at Stonyhurst and we expect our Graduate Assistants to take full advantage of this.

This year we are looking for Graduates in the following areas:

- Art/Drama
- Sport – a variety of opportunities and sports, including hockey, rugby, strength and conditioning, football, netball, swimming and cross country



What we're looking for

This is an exceptional opportunity for the right candidate to be a part of the UK's leading co-educational Catholic boarding school.

We are seeking candidates who are:

- Confident, resilient, well-rounded personalities
- Positive in their outlook and attitude
- Approachable, enthusiastic, considerate and good communicators
- Understanding of Jesuit ideology and the ability to demonstrate and embody the school motto 'Quant je puis' (All that I can)

You will liaise regularly with both internal and external stakeholders, including your Pastoral Head, senior boarding staff, teaching staff, support staff, parents and guardians, so these characteristics will be essential to your success.

THE ROLE

Graduate Assistants may be required for duties during the day and in the evening. However, you will have one full day off during the week and will not normally be asked to work on Friday evening or Saturday evening. On Sundays you will be required between 11.30am – 6.30pm and you'll usually work up to a maximum of three evenings each week.

Within your department:

- You will work within a specific department in the school either supporting lessons, or working with individuals and groups
- There will be opportunities for you to be involved with the planning and preparation of lessons, and teaching lessons under the supervision of departmental colleagues
- You will have the opportunity to really enhance the learning experience of the pupils, helping them consolidate their understanding and express their thoughts and questions whilst developing your own skills at the same time
- You will help to develop the pupils' talents by challenging them to give of their very best in whatever they do

Here at Stonyhurst, we aim to nurture independently-minded young people with the ability to stand up for their beliefs, preparing them intellectually, spiritually and emotionally for their lives beyond Stonyhurst. You have the opportunity to be a fundamental part of this.

Within the Boarding House:

- You will work alongside a Pastoral Head and Deputy and share responsibility for the pastoral care of a Boarding House. Safeguarding and the welfare of your students will be your priority
- You will organise and supervise study periods along with activities during the weekend
- You will do your best to create and sustain a positive atmosphere where the pupils can relax and unwind whilst feeling comfortable and secure

The College operates over 200 activities of a co-curricular nature on a weekly basis in term times. Graduates are expected to support some of these based on specialisms and interests. As an example, these have included social football clubs for girls and boys, basketball club, mixed cricket nets, sub-aqua, fencing, target rifle shooting, etc. Activities are classified under three categories: Creative, Active, Service and our Graduates are strongly encouraged to become involved in all elements.

We aim to know each of our pupils individually, providing for their specific needs and you will be uniquely placed to do this. We want our pupils to play active roles within their community and to support one another, demonstrating our Jesuit values in their day to day lives.



THE BENEFITS



We have many employee benefits available to our staff during their employment:

- Complimentary membership of the sports facilities for residential staff, including the use of a 25m pool, fully equipped gym, and studio classes
- Use of the outdoor sports facilities
- Contributory pension scheme (providing you meet the current earnings criteria) which we will match up to 6%
- Membership of the College Libraries
- Accommodation and all meals on duty will be provided free of charge, along with refreshments in the staff common room
- Cycle to work scheme and bikes available to loan
- Invitation to attend school productions including performances and talks from external visitors
- Discounted rates to attend events including the Great British Food Festival, Classic Car Show and the Literature & Film Festival
- Stunning setting in which to work and live

Above all, we want you to use this opportunity to develop and enhance your skills and knowledge. In your first year we offer a salary of £12,000 and a personally tailored development programme, managed in conjunction with your pastoral and departmental colleagues. We will review this programme term by term to make sure you're making the most of the opportunities on offer. You may find yourself with the opportunity to stay on with us for a further year, with focused subject specific professional development and the possibility of progression pastorally for the right candidate.



TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

Weekly Commitment

This is a full-time position within a busy boarding school and duties are timetabled over six days. In addition to academic teaching, there is an expectation that staff will be an integral part of the pastoral teams.



Further Questions and How to Apply

If you have what it takes to make a success of this role then Stonyhurst is the place for you. To apply please visit our Vacancies page on www.stonyhurst.ac.uk/work-at-stonyhurst and download an application form or alternatively apply online via TES.

For an informal discussion please contact Dr Nicholas Grigsby, Deputy Head (Co-Curricular) at n.grigsby@stonyhurst.ac.uk or on 01254 826345.



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