

# BEYOND THE AVENUE

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## Academic Excellence

#### Young Musician Award

On Thursday 21st March, Stonyhurst International School, Penang hosted the second annual Young Musician of the Year competition for the school community.

Pupils performed across three rounds to gain a place in the live concert, which was hosted by Caden Tan, Avisha Goel, Shuen Ni Seow, and Ruo Shuen Yew. There was a wonderful array of instruments including piano, violin, voice, cello, and guzheng, performing classical, romantic, popular, and twentieth century music.

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#### Stonyhurst Triumphs at UI3s Penang Games!

Over the weekend, our pupils embarked on an exhilarating journey to POWIIS Balik Pulau for the UI3s Penang Games, facing off against other international schools including POWIIS TB, Tenby, POWIIS BP, and SCIPS. Stonyhurst emerged as the champions of the UI3s PSAC Games for the first time after stellar performances in basketball and football. We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our pupils and a special thanks to the PE team for their dedication and support. Please join us in celebrating our pupils' remarkable achievements!

#### **Business Challenge Competition**

Last week, pupils from Grammar participated in the Business Competition at school. The competition aimed to provide pupils with a hands-on opportunity to apply their knowledge of business concepts in a practical setting. They developed key skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and communication, while also fostering creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. The competition not only encouraged them to think critically about business scenarios but also helped them gain a deeper understanding of the importance of strategic decision-making and financial literacy. Overall, the competition served as a platform for pupils to showcase their talents and passion for business, preparing them for future endeavours in the business world.







#### Pi Day Competition

Last week, we held the finals of the Pi recital competition. It was a great event with each finalist (Coco [Rudiments, Year 8], Xiang Yi [Lower Grammar, Year 9], Kyle [Grammar, Year 10]) having recited well over 100 digits of Pi in the qualifying events. On the day of the competition, it was intense, and our overall winner was Kyle with an impressive 296 digits!

Kyle also received the Line 'Countdown' trophy on behalf of St Omers.

#### Basketball Teams Triumph in Friendly Matches Against Uplands

We had a brace of friendly basketball fixtures away at Uplands this week, as the UI3s, and UI5 boys teams took on our semi-local rivals. The UI5s played first and went behind early on and were soon 11 points in arrears! They scored right at the end of the quarter, which seemed to jolt them into action, and be the catalyst for a change of place for the next 3 quarters. Despite a few additional home baskets, it was the visiting Stonyhurst team that continued to score, and eventually won the match 37-26.



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#### Asia Scholastic Debating Championship (ASDC)

Valerie Zi Ying Wong, Emma Wong & Isaac Ong (Rudiments, Year 8) had participated in the Asia Scholastic Debating Championship (ASDC) 2024 on 23rd and 24th March.

Against 32 UI4 teams (96 participants) in countries across Asia, they represented Stonyhurst Penang, & their team "Case Closed" secured 3 wins and 9th place overall.

#### Aquathlon 2024

On Saturday morning, as the moody light of dawn broke, with trickles of rain, and flashes of lightning enveloping the morning sky, a multitude of Stonyhurst pupils from across both sections descended on POWIIS Primary school to participate in a feast of aquathlon-athleticism. Huge congratulations to Sabrina who emerged first in the girls 6-7 category!



## Faith that does Justice



#### UN World Water Day

Inspiring Compassion through Action: Figures (Year 7) Embarked on a Water Walk for UN World Water Day 2024!

Recently, our Figures (Year 7) took a remarkable step towards fostering empathy and understanding by participating in a Water Walk, in commemoration of UN World Water Day 2024. During the Water Walk, our pupils experienced firsthand challenges faced by millions of people worldwide as they walked a small fraction of the distance that many had to cover, daily, to gain access to clean water. Through this immersive experience, pupils not only gained awareness but also cultivated a sense of gratitude for the privilege of easy access to clean water that many of us often take for granted.

### **Perspective and Horizons**

Stonyhurst Penang was thrilled to welcome Mr. David Hurst from the Stonyhurst Association!

We were beyond excited to host Mr. Hurst, and his response? Well, let's just say he was more than impressed – in his own words, he was "blown away!" His visit left us feeling inspired and motivated to continue our pursuit of excellence in education.

Thank you, Mr. Hurst, for gracing us with your presence and for your kind words.

