

8/16

29.12.52

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Stonyhurst College

I

Public school, late C16th and later, sandstone ashlar.

Main (west) Front

The gatehouse and southern half of the facade were begun in 1592 by Sir Richard Shireburn. The gatehouse is of 4 storeys with mullioned and transomed windows and an entrance with moulded semi-circular arch. Each storey is flanked by paired columns, each with a different classical order. It is surmounted by an embattled parapet, and twin cupolas added in 1712. To the south of the gatehouse the facade has mullioned windows, with mullioned and transomed windows on the 1st floor. At the southern end is the 'Blind Tower' now with 2 mullioned windows on both 1st and 2nd floors and with a window of cusped intersecting tracery, c.1300, taken from Bailey Hall Chapel (q.v.). The facade is balanced by a wing of 1843-56 with a north tower having a 1st floor oriel window.

The Main Court

The south wall has a canted bay window with angle shafts and a doorway of c.1700 with large broken pediment on corbels. The hall range, on the east side, has a 3-storey bay window at its southern end and, opposite the gateway, a broad hood mould with angel stops, said to have come from Whalley Abbey. The east range was extended and the court enclosed in 1843-56.

The Kitchen Court

On the north side is a 4-bay range having gables with copings and ball finials, and mullioned windows with cyma-moulded hoods. In the west bay is a wide carriage entrance with segmental head. The door, in the 3rd bay, has '1699' incised on the lintel. At the north end of the east side of the court is a range with C17th window details, reconstructed in the early C20th.

South Front

Begun in 1877 to designs by Dunn and Hansom in an English Renaissance style. The 15-bay centre has projecting wings framing a courtyard. The central 5 bays have an arcade on the ground floor, with corner turrets and cupolas. To the north are many ancillary buildings not included in the item.

Shirk

At the south end of the west front, c.1800 and the only remaining one of the buildings erected by the Jesuits immediately after their arrival. 3 storeys. The north wall has a tripartite sash with glazing bars on each floor, the upper 2 being linked by a transom, forming a tall venetian window. This motif is repeated in bays 2 and 7 of the 8-bay south facade, whose central 2 bays project with a pediment.

Interiors

The Old Refectory, on the 1st floor at the east side of the main court, has a minstrels' gallery constructed in 1857 from timber taken from demolished parts of the house, with latin inscription and date 'MCCCCCXIII'. The Bayley Room, previously the Chapel, at the south end of the west front, has 2 blocked windows with tracery of late C16th date. The boys' chapel, on the west side of the courtyard of the south front, was completed in the 1890s and has elaborate carved woodwork and an open timber roof.

Infirmary

Built in 1844. 2 storeys with cellars entered at the west end and with an M-roof running east-west. South front of 7 bays with central doorway, Cross windows on the ground floor, and 2-light mullioned windows on the 1st floor. The door has a moulded surround with 4-centred head and castellated top.

Church of St. Peter

1832-5, by Scoles, with the altar at the north. Comprises an undivided nave and chancel with clearstorey, east and west aisle with the north aisle bay projecting as a transept, and a low cloister at the north end linking the Church with Shirk. The 4 octagonal corner turrets have openwork tops and crocketed domed caps. The south wall has 3 moulded doorways with 4-centred heads. The interior has arcades with clustered piers, 4-centred arches and stencilled decoration, and a low-pitched painted timber roof. Some of the glass, of various saints, is dated 1844, some is later C19th. Set into the aisle walls are the stages of the Cross, cast in relief.

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2 Gate Piers and
Wall from south-west corner of
Infirmery running south-east,
returning north-east in front of
Church of St. Peter and containing
2 gatepiers

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II

Sandstone rubble wall with coping. Gatepiers, of c.1700 and removed from the site of the present Shirk in 1799, sandstone ashlar. Each of square section, supported by a scroll on the outer side with a smaller scroll above. Above is a broken segmental pediment with urn and festoon.

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Wall and gateway door, beginning 20 metres south-east of Church of St Peter and running 130 metres south-east of Church of St Peter.

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II

Brick wall with sandstone coping, c.1700. Contains, near its north-western end, a bolection-moulded sandstone door surround.

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Wall on north-east side of playing field, returning 70 metres on south-east side and including a pair of gate piers

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II

Low sandstone ashlar wall topped by cast iron railings, C19th. The railings are a copy of those linking the 2 garden pavilions, with shaped fluted piers and barleysugar railings. The sandstone gate piers are of square section with dentilled cornices and finials, the north-eastern one retainings its ball.

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8/20

13.2.67
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The Observatory, 100 metres south-east of pond
(formerly listed as the Observatories
Stonyhurst College under Hurst Green)

II

Observatory, 1838 by Mr. Tuach of Preston (Gerard, John, Stonyhurst College.
Belfast, 1894, p.146), with underground magnetic chamber of 1866. Sandstone
ashlar with timber and glass lantern and felted roof. Octagonal with 4
projecting pedimented wings, with projecting punched quoins and central
circular lantern. Each wall of one bay. Windows have architraves with
false keystones, some of which are cut through to allow telescopes to
project. The door, in the gable of the north wing, is reached by 5
external stone steps and has an architrave with false keystone and a
bracketed cornice. The underground room extends to the south-east and
terminates with a retaining wall with parapet, 2 architraves to blank
openings, and concave flanking walls.

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8/21

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Gate piers opposite south front,
40 metres north of Observatory pond.

II

Pair of gate piers c.1700 or derived from piers of that date. Sandstone
ashlar. Square section with broken segmental pediments with urns and
festoons.

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8/22

The Garden Pavilions and
connecting wall

29.12.52

GV

I

Pair of garden pavilions, c.1700. Sandstone ashlar with lead roofs. Of square plan. Each has chamfered quoins, a moulded cornice with modillions and egg and dart enrichment, and a concave-sided pyramid roof topped by the Bayley eagle. On their front walls a door architrave is flanked by narrow architraves with false keystones, to sashed windows with glazing bars. Above them are blank raised panels. The door architrave has a grotesque face carved on the lintel, with an urn and festoon above. The other walls are of 2 bays each with window architraves and with blank panels above. The pavilions are linked by a low brick wall with stone coping, wooden railings, and fluted stone posts with acorn and pine cone finials.

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CHAIGLEY

STONYHURST

8/23

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Retaining wall and statues and
Observatory Pond

II

Pond, c.1700 with later alterations. Comprises a low circular retaining wall with sandstone coping and 5 statues. In the centre is a lead statue of Regulus on a stone base. On the south side is a sandstone pedestal with moulded plinth and cornice supporting a sandstone sundial plate with incised markings and a brass gnomon. To the west is a similar pedestal supporting a finial and ball. To the east is a similar object of slightly different design. To the north is a polygonal sundial with numerous gnomons showing the time in various parts of the world, also on a pedestal of square section.

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8/24

Statue of St. Jerome, 250 metres
north-west of Observatory pond

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II

Statue of St. Jerome, early C18th. Lead, on shaped stone base of square plan with acanthus leaf decoration.

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CHAIGLEY

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8/25

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Statue of St. Mary Magdalene,
250 metres north of Observatory pond

II

Statue of St. Mary Magdalene, early C18th. Lead, on shaped stone base
of square plan with acanthus leaf decoration.

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8/26

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Garden steps, walls and piers, 12 metres
north-east of Observatory pond

II

Flight of 11 sandstone steps, c.1700, removed from the front court in 1856.
The convex sandstone ashlar side walls have copings, end piers and pine
cone finials.

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8/27

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Garden steps, walls and piers 12 metres
south-west of Observatory pond

II

Flight of 10 sandstone steps, possibly C18th, with sandstone ashlar side
walls with copings and end piers, the lower ones with acorn finials.

SD 63 NE	AIGHTON, BAILEY & CHAIGLEY	STONYHURST	
8/28		Gate piers, 50 metres south of Observatory.	Buildings
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GV		II	

Pair of sandstone ashlar gate piers, C18th. Of square section with moulded cornices, finials and balls.

SD 63 NE	AIGHTON, BAILEY & CHAIGLEY	STONYHURST	
8/29		Former Font, 450 metres north-east of Observatory pond	
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GV		II	

Former font, now used as a garden ornament, age uncertain. Stem circular on plan, on a later square base, carved with the instruments of the Passion. Bowl oval on plan, with decoration including scenes from the life of Christ.

SD 63 NE	AIGHTON, BAILEY & CHAIGLEY	STONYHURST	
8/30		Hall Barns	
13.2.67		Barn on north-west side of farmyard, (formerly listed as Hall Barns, Stonyhurst under Hurst Green)	
GV		II*	

Cruck barn, possibly C16th. Originally with timber-framed walls, now encased with sandstone rubble of at least 2 different periods and with a slate roof. The south wall has a wide entrance with dressings of punched stone and segmental head. To its left is a shippon doorway with plain stone surround and a window with plain reveals. To the right there are 2 low openings under the eaves with chamfered sills and jambs. The north wall has ventilation slits and a door with plain reveals. Inside there are 5 cruck trusses with high collars and blades joined under the apex by a yoke. Each has outriders with straight braces running upwards to the purlins, and 2 spurs connecting the blade to a wall post. Some of these posts are buried in the wall, or missing, but others are visible. Where the soffit of the wallplate is visible it is mortised to take the studs of the former timber-framed wall.