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Dear BST friends and supporters...

I can't believe we have just finished our first academic year at Stranmillis University Campus!

Thank you for all your prayers and support during this settling in year. The students are thoroughly enjoying life at Stranmillis; as a staff team, the new campus also heightens our sense of mission and witness to the wider university area.

Plans are underway for 2026-2027. I look forward to sharing new BST initiatives soon; however, can I draw your attention to three important news items:

MA Scholarships

BST is offering 50% scholarships to study an MA in Practical Theology. Please pray; and possibly nudge someone whom you think would benefit. This year, BST is aiming for up to 15 scholarships.

Applications can be made through the BST website.

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The Future of Christian Doctrine Conference

In June, BST is looking forward to welcoming back Prof Alister E McGrath of Oxford University, and a band of other fabulous scholars from around the world. Details below:

The Future of Christian Doctrine Conference With Prof Alister E. McGrath

Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th June 2026
 Belfast School of Theology & Online
 Keynote Speaker: Prof Alister E. McGrath, Oxford University

With Speakers:

- Prof Stephen N. Williams**
Hon Prof of Theology, Queen's University, Belfast.
- Prof Musa Gaiya**
Prof of African Church History, University of Jos, Nigeria.
- Prof Gladys Ganiel**
Sociology and Religion, Queen's University, Belfast.
- Dr Hans Madueme**
Covenant College, Georgia, USA.
- Dr Patrick McGlinchey**
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Theology, Trinity College, Dublin.
- Prof Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen**
Prof of Systematic Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, California.

About the conference....

The Future of Christian Doctrine International Conference is an important and bespoke opportunity in Ireland to consider and discuss the role of theology in the future of global Christianity, exploring the nature and purpose of doctrine, and listening to and engaging with Christian theologians from different global contexts.

Cost includes lunch & refreshments.
 Please Note: spaces are limited and early booking is advisable.

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BST Market Research

Third, BST is conducting a significant piece of Market Research through a company called Turquoise. Turquoise has worked with other universities, such as Cambridge University, and brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the table.

As a Christian theological and missional college, BST seeks to serve the local and global Church with an interdenominational and kingdom mindset. Your thoughts and feedback are essential to the School's spiritual discernment and vision for the future.

Turquoise will be in touch with you shortly about a survey questionnaire. Can I ask you to please fill this in? We need as many respondents as possible to make the research worthwhile.

Evangelicals Now

This year I have enjoyed writing for *Evangelicals Now*. My latest article can be found using this button below.

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BST is grateful to the Lord for the ways he has guided and provided over the past year. It truly feels like we are in a season of thriving as we live *"in the shelter of the Most High"* and *"rest in the shadow of the Almighty (Psalm 91)."*

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Rev James Burnett
The Principal



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