



# The Abbey

Christian Brothers' Grammar School

## *Leaving Ceremony*

4th May 2018

# Headmaster's Farewell

It has been my privilege to return to The Abbey as you complete your journey in the Abbey Christian Brothers' Grammar School and prepare to embark on a new path in life. I hope you take with you many happy memories of your time spent here.

It is my hope that your time at the Abbey has prepared you to meet the challenges and opportunities in the new horizons now beckoning. Having nurtured your wide talents, we also hope that you have been blessed with a more rounded education as a person with a sense of civic responsibility and an appreciation of the issues that you will encounter in the wider world. It is our earnest hope that you have also been imbued with a sense of community, self sacrifice and care for the less well off that characterises an Edmund Rice School.



Seven years ago, you came to the Abbey as fresh-faced First Years on the threshold of an exciting new experience. Seven years on you leave us as more mature students looking forward to taking your place in the world. On behalf of the staff, current and past, I would like to pay tribute to your achievements, both individually and collectively. We hope your experience has been a rewarding one, not least in the friendships you have cultivated. For our part, we believe that the seven years have been mutually beneficial to us all in sharing your lives at this formative stage. I would particularly like to thank those students involved in the Kairos Retreat, the Zambia Immersion Project and the Edmund Rice Camp.

By way of conclusion, I urge you to fulfil your potential now and at Third Level. Go out, embrace the world. Bring your talents to bear. It is my sincerest hope, however, that you will be proud to have been 'Abbey students' like so many previous generations. In the Edmund Rice tradition, the Abbey is a community and in the years to come you will remain part of it as past pupils.

*Mr Seán Sloan*

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Headmaster

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# Life is a journey

For each of us  
Life is a journey.  
Birth is the beginning of  
This journey,  
And death is not the end  
But the destination.  
It is a journey  
That takes us  
From youth to age,  
From innocence to awareness,  
From foolishness to wisdom,  
From weakness to strength  
And often back again.  
From offence to forgiveness,  
From pain to compassion,  
From fear to faith,  
From defeat,  
Until,  
Looking backward or ahead,  
We see  
That victory does not lie  
At some high point along the way,  
But  
In having made the journey,  
Stage by stage.





## Prayers of the Faithful

We pray for our families and all who have nurtured us to this stage in our lives. We thank you for their guidance and love. May they be richly rewarded.

***Lord hear us***

We pray for your blessing in the future. May we not be afraid to take risks- it is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

***Lord hear us***

We pray for those whom we have loved and lost – especially those who have died over the past seven years. May they know the peace of eternal life.

***Lord hear us***

We pray for the students who left the Abbey before completing A levels. We hope that they are settled in their career choice and still share a bond with us.

***Lord hear us***

We pray for each other. We have learned over these past seven years the joys and the struggles of friendships. As we set off on our own path through life may we value the friendships we have established here in the Abbey.

***Lord hear us***

A Thiarna, guímid ort neart agus treoir a thabairt duinn san am atá le teacht lenár scrúdaithe agus tá súil againn uilig go n-éireoidh go maith leosan atá faoi bhrú ag an am seo agus cuirimid dea-ghuí chucu uilig.

***A Thiarna éist linn***



## Staff Memories

I have really enjoyed teaching and getting to know your year-group over the past years. You all are a great bunch of students and I wish you well in the next chapter of your lives. I have heard so many staff comment on the excellent attitude and behaviour shown by your year, and collectively you are a great group that are a credit to yourselves. The Abbey students have a special bond that many other schools do not have. No matter where you go in life, one day someone will remember you as an 'Abbey student'. Life wise, remember that you are far more than the University degree you choose or the profession you join. Be yourself, try new things and take all of the exciting opportunities that life presents you. When times get tough as they inevitably will at times, hang on and remember that no storm lasts forever. Life. It's no rehearsal. Live fully and love life. **Mr. James Downing**

Very Best wishes to the Spanish Class of 2018. It has been a pleasure working with you over the years. I wish you all the very best.

**Mr. Padraig McKeever**

The very best of luck to our departing seventh years. This group have come to epitomise all that is best about our school and young people in general. My memory of this year group will be of their willingness to give up their time to help others, their enthusiasm to give of their best, even when the rewards for doing that didn't match their endeavour. I wish to place on record my personal thanks to three groups. Firstly, to Cathal Gorman, James Price, Finn Ovesen and Billy Campbell, for the amount of help that they gave to extra-curricular coaching in working with Primary School pupils. Secondly, to the Rannafast squad of two years ago, who started the competition with an unenviable record, but finished it seconds from the unimaginable glory of winning their group. I will never forget going to the Cavan team huddle after the group game to apologise for the 'in your face' type celebrations at the final whistle. Finally, to my A2 class, who last year returned the Abbey to the top table of Irish Medium Drama in Ireland. Your talent and willingness to get on board with the production made it a very enjoyable experience, as well as a hugely successful one. Whatever you end up doing please remember... "a fhad is go bhfuil chun tosaigh ar Choláiste Cholmáin sna sraiththábhlaí!" **Mr. Sean Gallagher**

I enjoyed teaching your class as you were mannerly and kind. Good luck with the future film making Vaughn, Magan and Tarantino. All the best.

**Mrs. Laura Doey**

I would like to convey sincere best wishes to the Class of 2018. You have worked hard to achieve your unique and personal achievements and I hope that your past seven years in the Abbey have been memorable ones. You will always be an Abbey student no matter which path in life you take. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all, from ICT in 1st & 2nd year, and GCSE. Especially my enigmatic and wide-ranging A2, Digital Technology students. You are all a great bunch of unique individuals with many talents ('for something').

The MacRory players, under the outstanding leadership of Ruairi and Malachai, showed great resilience, dedication and character over the course of the campaign. You have all developed exceptionally as players. Good luck with your club and respective counties.

Regardless of what your endeavours may be, the future is yours to take advantage of, to make a difference and to understand what great opportunities there are for the taking. Finally, I wish you the very best of luck in the pursuit of your dreams and goals. It is both a daunting and exciting time of your life where you will play your part in shaping the future. And remember;

Imagine the people you see every day right now in the Abbey, the people you would least expect to not see tomorrow, or in a year. College will come and with it new friends, and new experiences. The people you see every day in

the halls, your friends, and some of them, your best friends, will disappear from your life, each going their own way. You'll see them once every ten years at some random Abbey reunion, if that, these are the people you have grown up with, and friends with them, there will come a time when many of them won't even cross your mind, the truth is, you'll see your best friends maybe once a year, because time goes by so fast and everyone is so busy. Enjoy today, and enjoy tomorrow, because these days come but once in our lives, be thankful for what you have and most of all, for who you have in your life because life's plans for you may bring you away from these people, but no matter what anyone says, and no matter what time can do, your heart will always bring the best back, and your memories with them will forever hold a place in your heart. **Mr. Mark Grogan**

I remember going into Mrs Burns' Form Class seven years ago to observe a music lesson by Mrs Palmer to be greeted by a wash a sound. 20 students were sitting on the desks in a circle singing Leonard Cohen's famous "Hallelujah" in perfect harmony not to mention the instinctive choreography. I can still see the young happy faces, of whom some have turned into incredible musicians, in fact more than that, so many have matured into generous young adults ready to make a great and positive impact on society. I wish you all, not just from that class, but the whole year group best wishes for the future. I must say a special thanks to all the musicians who have joined the music department on their industrious annual escapades whether it be trips to Rome, school shows, gigs with Jazz Band in Belfast or just the craic in the many rehearsals over lunch, after school and the odd weekend! Thanks so much for your endless loyalty, outstanding skill & musicianship, generosity of spirit. Peter, Micheal, Colla, Liam, Dan, Peter, Cormac, Josh and the many others involved over the years. Keep on enjoying the music whoever you are and wherever you go and when you get a moment think back to those who helped you on the music journey. **Mr. Dominic Wadsworth**

Good luck to all the students in my A2 biology class. It has been my pleasure to work with this group of diligent, mature and entertaining young students. You represent all that is best about the Abbey. I wish each of you good health, happiness and success in the future. **Mrs Margaret Lane**

To the Class of 2011, what a pleasure it has been to be a form teacher to this year group for 7 years. From the fresh faced 8Br (and the entrepreneurial skills of CJ) to the mature and dare I say wiser 14DS (giving me advice on how to park), you have always remained a pleasure to work with. I wish you all every success in the future, good luck in your exams and your future endeavours.

To my A-level Geographers – what a class!! It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to have known and taught you all over the past 2 years. You all made my job so easy by working hard and throwing in a bit of craic along the way. Who will ever forget the weekly football chants on a Monday morning regardless of the LFC score. The regular debates on a variety of topics (Geography related of course) and how you tried justifying your socialising at weekends as Human Geography. It really has been an enjoyable 2 years, you are a group of exceptional, talented Geographers and young students. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in the future and I hope that you visit some of the places we have studied in class. In the words of Dr Seuss "you have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose". Good luck with your exams and enjoy the next chapter of your life. **Mrs Denise Simpson**

Having been your Year Tutor for the last three years I can honestly say that I have inherited a terrific bunch of students. I have enjoyed working with you, your parents and your teachers and watching you all develop and mature

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during this time into the fine young adults you now are. I have always found you to be respectful, polite and courteous; the politest being those who, when I handed them a detention letter, said "Thank you.!! I have to acknowledge my A-Level Maths class whose company I have really enjoyed over the last two years. I wish everyone in the year group every success and best wishes for whatever the future holds for you. Work hard, aim high, reap the rewards and be the best that you can be. **Mrs Bernarde Tohill**

'I have taught many students in this year group and can only say that you have been great ambassadors inside and outside of the school. I will particularly remember the Lurgan Brigade arriving in first year. It was the first time we have seen such heady numbers arrive from North Armagh. I wish you well in all your endeavours.' **Mr. Mel McMahon**

Wishing "The Class of 2018" good luck in the forthcoming exams. I hope you achieve what you truly deserve. Wishing you success in your chosen career and every happiness for your future. I hope you fulfil your dreams. **Ms Orla Hughes**

Good luck in the future to all the current 7th years. You have been a wonderful year group to get to know during my three years in the Abbey and I have taught most of you at some stage whether in Business Studies or Financial Capability. Travel, seize opportunities and enjoy the years to come.

A special word to my A-level Business Studies class - it has been an absolute pleasure to be your teacher. Your energy and enthusiasm for Business Studies has been fantastic and you have motivated me to continue to strive to make the subject as enjoyable as possible. I will truly miss teaching you as a class next year. I have no doubt each of you will achieve wonderful things in life but my main advice is to be happy in whatever you do – life is too short to be anything else. Do keep in touch over the coming years. I will finish with the words of Steve Jobs 'Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow know what you truly want to become.'

To the Advocacy Leadership Team, thank you to all of you for your energy and drive over the last two years since it was founded. You will always be able to say that you were the founding members of the group and I hope you have enjoyed your experience and that it has shaped your last two years in the Abbey. You tried to make a difference and that is all we can ask for. I wouldn't be me if I didn't finish with my famous words stolen from Obama 'One voice can change a room, and if one voice can change a room, then it can change a city, and if it can change a city, it can change a nation, and if it can change a nation, it can change the world. Your voice can change the world.' **Ms Phyllis McQuillan**

Good luck to a brilliant group of 7th years. I have taught many of you over your time here and got to know most of you. I was always impressed by your dedication to the school, the care you showed for each other and friendships and trust that you built. The loyalty that you have for the school is rewarding for all of us to see. Best wishes for the future. **Mr. Ronan Ruddy**

It's hard to believe that almost 7 years have gone by since I first encountered a group of very young, and dare I say innocent looking students, namely Donard 8. If I'm being honest, a year 8 Form Teacher wasn't really where I wanted to be! However, I can say that I have never had a dull moment in form class during these years, and will remember you all with fond memories. How could I possibly forget the rousing rendition of 'What's the story in Balamory.....' etc????

This year group has been a wonderful set of students to work with and it has been my pleasure to watch you grow and mature into fine young individuals. I wish each and every one of you all the best for your future. Remember to look out for each other, wherever you may be. **Mrs Sinead Burns**

Every year group leaves a deep impression on the Abbey and this year is no different. As a year group you will be remembered for many things such as your commitment to work, your willingness to be involved in all aspects of school life, the relationships you developed with the staff of the school and how you bonded as a group. I would like to say a special thankyou to the members of the SRC, you were a terrific group to work with over the year. To my psychology class, best of luck in your exams and in the future. **Mr. Paul O'Shea**

Best wishes to the class of 2018 – what a fantastic group of students! I hope each and every one of you follow your dreams- work hard, reach high and never ever forget the friendships and memories created and developed during your Abbey days! To all the Zambinis of 2017 – thank you for your incredible energy, belief and dedication to our project. It was an honour to work with you. Never forget about the 'seed' and let the 'seeds' continue to grow far and wide after your time here in the Abbey. Lastly – be happy, choose wisely and live life with love and to the full! **Mrs Catriona Mc Grath**

Just to say it has been a pleasure to know you all and I wish you a very happy and successful future. Take care. **Dr Maeve Carey**

To my form class; a very well-mannered group and one which contains lots of characters. Registration was always sure to give you a laugh. I will miss the students; they were always respectful whilst still adept at pushing your buttons to get the required response from myself. They honed and perfected their tactics over the two years and are to be congratulated on a job well done! I wish them well in their endeavours and hope to cross paths at some time in the future. Good luck

In Construction class some students would promise you the Sun, Moon and Stars when it comes to the work and then go to ground when the deadline arrives! A chilled group who never got excited and contributed in lots of ways to my blood pressure! You would need the patience of a saint and plenty of medication. Still there are plenty of good memories. Wishing the two groups the very best in the future. **Mr Savage**

My first memory is of you all walking through the doors of the Abbey at the end of August 2011. When I cast my mind back you were all so small, fresh faced, full of excitement, nerves and anticipation of what the 'Induction Programme' was all about. It was my absolute pleasure to be your Year Tutor for your first year at the Abbey. Time, of course has moved on and I see you walk the corridors now as adults and maybe not so fresh faced! My only wish for you all, is to remember the good times you had here, at the Abbey. As you begin this very exciting stage in your lives, it's important to be kind to others. I want to pay special mention to the ER leaders of July 2017 and in particular Josh and Brendan. What a wonderfully successful first camp! This was a huge undertaking for us all and there is no way the success of this camp would have been achieved, if it wasn't for the commitment, enthusiasm and loyalty from that very first day, back in January 2017. You all embraced the ethos of this camp wholeheartedly, and the primary school children who attended will have memories of this week for a long time to come. It wasn't all hard work, of course. Domino's pizza at the end of the day made it all worthwhile. I would like to thank all of the leaders who came on board and am delighted so many of you are returning for this year's camp. The Sunday morning training days must have been ok! To my construction group, it has been tough going but we got there in the end. Remember deadlines will become a daily part of your life – God help your future employers. One good thing was the craic was always good, especially the array of reasons as to why the work was not done! I had you twice a week, on Mondays, I got what the lowdown on what you all got up to at the weekend and on Fridays, I was informed of the plans for the weekend. There really never was a dull moment. I wish you nothing but the best for the future. Always remember to believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Best of luck to you all!

**Mrs Annette Elmore**



# The Class



**Back Row (L to R):** Finn Ovesen, Michéal Curtis, Adam Watson, Kyle Mooney, David Mc Arnas Murphy, Brendan O'Shea, Kevin McKenna, Peter O'Hanlon, Ciaran McEntegart, Billy Campbell, Cillian Murphy, Christopher Dunne, Fionn Palmer, Aaron Lavery, M

**Second Row (L to R):** Louis Cunningham, Enda Farrell, James Cooper, Ethan Kavanagh, Martin Doherty, James Kenny, Adam Connell, Conor McVerry, D'Alton Short, John Lavery, James Price, Oisín McCormick, Nathan Rodgers, Cathal Gorman, Ethan Lennon, Ryan Mc Kieran McC

**Third Row (L to R):** Daniel Burns, Steven McShane, Alex Moore, Daniel Kieran, Gordon L Vardy-Donnelly, Luke Murphy, Eoghan Donaghy, Mateusz Tykiewicz, Szymon Mikolajczyk Forster, Oisín McKinley, Noel Kehoe, Vincent Toner, Aa

**Front Row (L to R):** John Doran, Jack Fearon, Samuel Barfield, Joseph Lawrence, Miche Mrs J. McGivern, Mrs B. Tohill, Mr. S. Sloan, Mr. P. O'Shea, Mr. B. Hamil, Mrs S. Burns, Mr Cormac Mallon, J

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McKinley, Conor Jordan, Odhrán Mc Cormac, Conall Stott, Ruairí Kernan, Ryan O'Hare, art, Micheál Hoey, Paddy McGeeney, Cathal Doran, Oisín Fitzpatrick, Raymond Kelly, r, Malachai McAvoy, Conor Lavery, Dan Foster, Chris O'Hare, Jonathan McGovern  
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cheal Linden, Conor Finnerty, Paddy McVerry, Mike Lennon, Mr. G Savage, Ms M. Quinn,  
Mrs D. Simpson, Lorcan Forde, Eoin Lane, Joshua Keenan, Jake Fegan, Ferdia O'Malley,  
i, Jack McManus



## Best in Subject A Level – Summer 2018

| Subject   | Pupils            | Award                     |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Chemistry</b><br>This award commemorates Leonard Abrahamson, a graduate from the Abbey in the early 1900s who later became President of the Royal College of Physicians.   | Oisín McKinley    | Prof. L. Abrahamson Award |
| <b>Biology</b><br>This award commemorates Mervyn Abrahamson who graduated from the Abbey in the early 1900s and who later became an eminent Physician in London.  | Oisín McKinley    | Dr. M. Abrahamson Award   |
| <b>Physics</b><br>Brother M.K. Farrell was a popular and caring teacher in the Abbey in the 1960s and 70s. His work in the Physics Lab was matched by his enthusiasm on the playing fields and he made a lasting impression in the lives of many Abbey students.  | Oisín McKinley    | Bro. M.K. Farrell Award   |
| <b>English Literature</b><br>Brother T.L. Magee will always be remembered in the Abbey as an excellent Headmaster and as an inspirational teacher of English. A gentle Kerryman he was as big in heart as in stature.   | Dan Foster        | Bro. T. L. Magee Award    |
| <b>Economics</b><br>This award is dedicated in the memory of P.J. Kane a distinguished past teacher. P.J. introduced Economics to the Abbey and during his teaching career he inspired both staff and pupils with his courage and dedication.   | Dan Foster        | P. J. Kane Award          |
| <b>Politics</b><br>This award commemorates the life and work of Brother D.L. O'Donnell who had an abiding interest and knowledge of political affairs in Ireland. He had an exceptionally long connection with the Abbey Grammar School where he celebrated his centenary in 1998.  | Christopher Dunne | Bro. D.L.O'Donnell Award  |
| <b>English Language</b><br>This award is dedicated to the work of a Christian Brother and former Headmaster of the Abbey. He was known for giving generously of his time and talent for the benefit of all the pupils in the school.  | Cormac Mallon     | Bro. Rehill Award         |
| <b>Religious Studies</b><br>Brother W.A. Byrne is one of those Abbey legends, a man of rare vivacity and enthusiasm. During his prolonged period of service in the school he was a shining example of the religious calling of Brother Edmund Rice. His attention to the disadvantaged in society and especially to the African Foreign Missions was unequalled.  | Cormac Mallon     | Bro. W. A. Byrne Award    |
| <b>Sociology</b>  | Alex Moore        | Bro. J. D. McDonald Award |
| <b>Health and Social Care</b><br>This award celebrates the work carried out by the last Christian Brother who served as Headmaster in the Abbey Grammar School. His period of office is memorable for the quality and extent of change he initiated. Many new ideas and subjects were introduced into the school during this time enriching the quality and variation of education offered to the students. | Kevin McKenna     |                           |
| <b>Psychology</b><br>Bro. W. O. Murphy was a committed and outstanding educator. He was Vice Principal of the Abbey during the 70s and 80s. He had a long, distinguished career in the school and loved teaching Irish.   | Fionn Palmer      | Bro. W. O. Murphy Award   |
| <b>French</b><br>Brendan Cassidy was a popular and dedicated teacher who served Abbey students for almost twenty years in the 1950s and 60s. As Head of the French Department he displayed a dedication and thoroughness to the teaching of his subject which was inspirational to his students.  | Sam Barfield      | Brendan Cassidy Award     |
| <b>Irish</b><br>Paddy Crinion was a distinguished member of the Abbey staff for three decades in the 1940s, 50s and 60s. A recognised expert in Latin he was equally gifted in Irish and during his time in Newry was involved in all aspects of Irish Culture and Language.  | Conor Lavery      | P.A. Crinion Award        |
| <b>Business Studies</b><br>This award commemorates the life of Brother J.B. Hynes. During his teaching career in the Abbey in the 1960s and 70s, he was a popular figure whose grasp of business affairs and fundraising was remarkable. His humorous approach to teaching colleagues and his pupils made him a popular friend to all who worked with him.  | Ruairi McCormack  | Bro. J. B. Hynes Award    |
| <b>Music</b><br>Gus Toremans was an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher of music in the Abbey for almost a quarter of a century. His wonderful vocabulary and love of his subject brought an appreciation of all types of music to his students who will always remember him with admiration and joy.  | Micheal Linden    | August Toremans Award     |

### History

Arvydas Navickas

Bro. P. W. Newell Award

Brother P.W. Newell was a legend in the Abbey where he served as a teacher and as a Headmaster during the 1930s, 40s, 50s and 60s. As an Historian, his attention to detail was remarkable and as Headmaster he was responsible for the planning and building of the Courtenay Hill School which was opened in 1966.

### Theatre Studies

Jack McManus

Bro. I. Liston Award

This award celebrates the distinguished career of Brother I. Liston who spent 53 years in Newry conveying a love of poetry and drama to his students.

### Geography

James Cooper

Bro. H. C. O'Hara Award

This award is dedicated to the memory of a gentle and caring teacher who after his return from a period of time in India served the largest part of his teaching career in the Abbey where his many pupils recall him with warmth and devotion.

### Spanish

Conor Jordan

Jack Cushnan Award

This award commemorates the work in the Abbey of Jack Cushnan who as Head of the Spanish Department in the 1960s and 70s saw his subject achieve new status in the school curriculum. When he left the school he became Headmaster of the British Council Schools in Cali, Cumbria and Madrid, Spain.

### Mathematics

Cathal Gorman

P. A. Sweeney Award

The name of Paddy Sweeney was synonymous with the teaching of Mathematics in the Abbey in the 1940s, 50s and 60s. He took such great enjoyment in solving problems and so conveyed this to his students that many were inspired to follow his footsteps.

### Digital Technology Computer Science

James Price  
Cathal Gorman

Bro. D. W. Lynam Award

This award celebrates the work of an outstanding Mathematician who saw the beginning of the Computer revolution in the Abbey school during his term as Headmaster in the 1970s. His long period of service in Newry saw numerous students benefit greatly from his logical and enquiring mind.

### Construction

Liam Rafferty

Bro. J. C. McDermott Award

This award is named after a popular Christian Brother who taught in the Abbey in the 1970s. It remembers the enthusiasm which he brought to all aspects of school life including his time as Headmaster from 1975 to 1985.

### Physical Education Studies

Lewis Cowan

Bro. P. C. McParland Award

This award is dedicated to the memory of Brother P. McFarland and his enthusiastic approach to the teaching of English but more appropriately to his love of Gaelic games. He will long be remembered as a colossus of the Abbey playing fields where he displayed a drive for success that will be long remembered by legions of Abbey sportsmen.

### Technology RM

Daniel Kieran

Bro. C.I. Gallagher Award

### Technology SC

Garrett Canavan

### Environmental Technology

Patrick McGeeney

This award is dedicated to the long service in the Abbey of Brother C.J. Gallagher in the 1960s and 1970s. During his career both as a teacher and as Headmaster in the school he had a consuming passion for scientific and technological developments, a passion that he used to modernise the school for the benefit of his students.

### Art & Design

Arthur Cespon

Bro. T. F. Beausang Award

### Moving Images

Adam Watson

Brother Beausang had perhaps the longest period of service in the Newry School where his love of Language and Art widened the minds of generations of Abbey students and his creative talents acted as a spur to literally thousands of students who benefited from his teaching.

### Accounting

Eoghan Donaghy

Austin Fitzpatrick Award

This award is named after Austin Fitzpatrick, founder of Fitzpatrick & Kearney, Chartered Accountants, Newry. A former past pupil of the Abbey school, he contributed enormously to the local business community with his exceptional accounting knowledge.

## Special Contribution Awards

Choir

Peter Smyth

Modern Languages

Eoin Lane

Hurling

Billy Campbell

Head Boy

Eoin Lane

Music

Peter O'Hanlon

Pat Mooney Award

Ruairi McCormack

Drama

D'Alton Short

Oisín McGuinness Award

Dan Foster

Gaelic Football

Ruairi McCormack

Edmund Rice Award

Brendan O'Shea

APPSA Award

Ardan McAvoy

# Student Memories

## ***Edmund Rice Summer Camp***

As the stress of exams drew to an end, the first week of July brought a new energy to the beginning of summer. A week we had been anticipating for months as we attended the Sunday morning training days where the only excuse for being in school on a Sunday was justified. Edmund Rice Camps brought us out of our shells and realised the potential we had... for some of us anyways.

The week of camp led for good memories, not always within the 8am-3pm where we spent the day running after kids but in the time after. A paint fight brought unity to the leaders, which didn't last long for the day trip on camp. Blame was thrown to the hard working kitchen crew, when burgers weren't ready, leaving the atmosphere on camp tense and leaders annoyed. But in the end all it took was a session of circle time and a night out to bring the group back to their former glory.

Defying all rules against getting a good night's sleep and coming into camp each day, this year's camp managed to go out on 3/5 days on camp. With the anticipated Abbey Bank Fundraiser and O'Dowds to round up the week nicely, we called out for the lack of sleep and anything but Dominoes. Needless to say, Edmund Rice Camps was a week that defined the beginning of Summer. **Josh Keenan**

## ***MacRory Cup***

Our early exit in the MacRory Cup this year was disappointing but was not due to a lack of effort and didn't detract from the great experience of Gaelic Football in the Abbey over the last seven years.

It was a very enjoyable and fulfilling experience to be able to represent the Abbey alongside friends and class mates and it is an experience which I treasure. The friendships and relationships that have been forged on the field will last a lifetime and will act as a reminder of the effective team-building and fun on the field during our time at the Abbey.

Indeed, we derived great enjoyment from attending MacRory matches through the years and it always provided us with a lively topic of conversation. I recall vividly song and laughter on the bus to these games and I have very happy memories from these occasions and look forward to reunions with team-mates and school friends at future MacRory fixtures. It was an honour and pleasure to wear the notorious Abbey 'stripes' and captain a great bunch of lads this year. I would like to thank all the managers and mentors involved with our year group since first year, in particular, Mr Gormley and Mr Grogan who worked tirelessly this year for the betterment of us as footballers and individuals. Let's hope some of the class of 2018 will emulate the successes of past pupils and go on to achieve great things in the GAA and the wider world. **Ruairi McCormack (MacRory Captain)**

## ***Zambia Project 2017***

The Zambia project is a major part within school life; however, it is a lot more than just the two and half weeks the team is away in Zambia. The fundraising was a huge part of the project and was nearly as enjoyable as the actual trip. It started with the small things like the back packing and the non-uniform days then came the big and most memorable events; most notably the Lip Sync. It was a class night all round with Cathal Gorman calling Mr Savage the "Fat Controller" or Oisín Mc Kinely's performance as Freddy Mercury being crowned champion.

The journey of the project was unbelievable. During the week-days, the bus every day at 8am was worth getting up for even if every two minutes you were near hitting the roof with pot holes. Each day, 4 of us went to each of the three schools whilst the other four headed to the home visits with Sister Mary. After the home visit we would make lunch and "maybe catch an hour at the pool guys" while those at the school would finish teaching. Once lunch was eaten the whole group would go to the either quarry or the plots; which although were extremely hard sights to witness were so rewarding helping the people out, or the orphanage; which was by far the best part of the trip spending three or four hours there playing football with the children, having the same win rate as the MacRory Team. However, our footballing ability did prove worthy when we played St Raphael's playing 10 men behind the ball with Courtney left up front getting a hat tick and Mr Savage in nets playing like David De-Gea. In the evening two of the group would cook dinner and we would talk about how we felt the day went and where the most change was needed.

Although during the week we worked extremely hard during the week, at the weekend we visited the surround area including the Chobe Safari and Victoria Falls. Here we saw loads of different types of wildlife including some baboons continuing the circle of life and some that took a liking to Cormac's Fanta and Tiarnan's Bouncy balls so much they took them for themselves. Overall it was an unbelievable and truly eye opening experience that will remain with the group for the rest of our lives.

## ***Billy Campbell***

## ***Music***

The music department has always been an integral part of the Abbey and it is especially important to the class of 2018. The music department has given a lot of us many emotional memories from winning the Mary Rose Collins Cup with the Senior Choir at Newry Féis in 2015, to singing at the retirement mass of Mr McGovern. It's safe to say that many in our year consider the Music Department to be their "Second Home", a welcoming place, full of craic and helpful faces.

A highlight of the music calendar are the biannual concert trips to Rome. The purpose of the trips was to explore the cultural history of Rome as well as performing in the Basilica di San

## Student Memories

Clemente and the Irish College with Mary McAleese in attendance. I don't know what I enjoyed the most: the singing (Stand By Me in Italian was a hit), the food, the views, the weather or as Peter O'Hanlon so elegantly likes to say "the banter".

The music department has given us as students the opportunity to showcase our talents. In the guitar and drum night (or the so-called "Conall Stott Festival"), many performers played and sang a range of songs varying from a drum battle to Kantus playing "Goodbye Angels" by Red Hot Chilli Peppers. One opportunity that was valued by most students was the spectacular school shows that we all could take part in. From "Carmen Jones" in first year to "Miss Saigon" in third year and "Buddy" in fifth year, the class of 2018 have been heavily involved in our school shows. I'll never forget the remarkable helicopter scene from "Miss Saigon", the amazing choreography of "Buddy", the standing ovations that we received or our off stage tradition of singing "Here I Am Lord" before going on stage to a sold out audience.

In ten or twenty years time, when I think of Abbey, I won't be thinking about my classes but I will be thinking about our music family and our valuable time spent in the music department.

**Micheal Linden**

### **School Life**

To the SRC; Cormac, Ferdia, Josh, Paddy, Conor, Jake, Michéal, Mike and Lorcan thank you for your help and hardwork throughout the year. I could not have picked a better group to form the council. To all of the staff of the Abbey; thank you for your support and guidance during our time here. Your desire for us to achieve, your dedication and your enthusiasm allowed us to accomplish great things both inside and outside of the classroom. To our form teachers and Mrs Tohill; thank you for your encouragement and friendship.

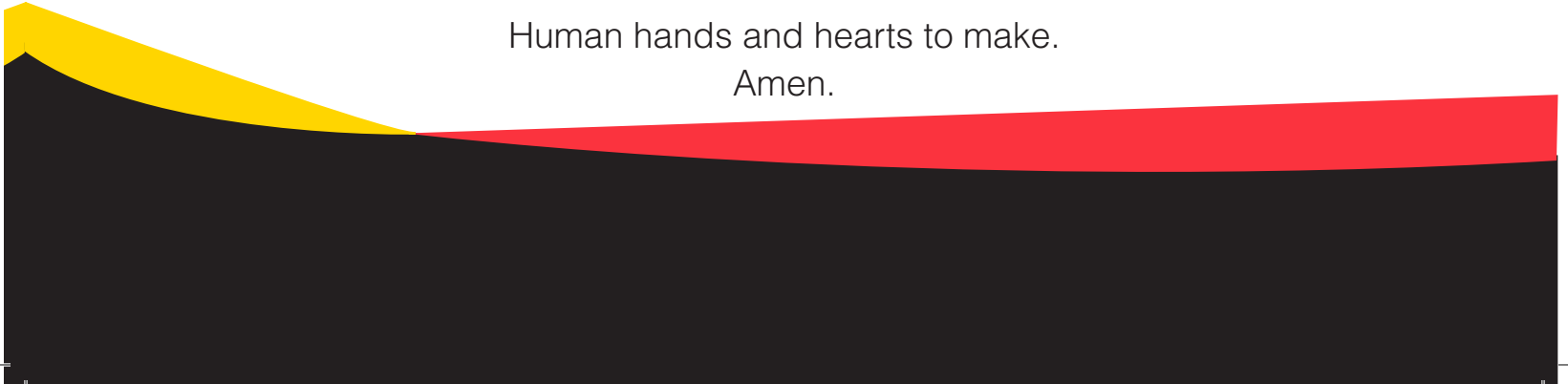
To all of the class of 2011; it has been a privilege to represent you as head boy. The Abbey has shaped us all. It has helped us to grow into who we are today and will no doubt always be a big part of our lives. There has always been something special about our year group and although we will soon go our separate ways, the memories of our time here will never fade. The memories of trips to Croke Park, Carlingford and Berlin, Edmund Rice days, Kairos and Formal as well as the friendships formed here will last for life. Amongst many things, I will miss the craic in the common room, the laughter, the dodgy soundcloud music and of course the curry chips. Finally, thank you for the loyalty, support and friendship that you all have shown me in good times and when times were tough. These last seven years have been a pleasure. Thank you.

**Eoin Lane, (Head Boy)**

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## Concluding Blessing

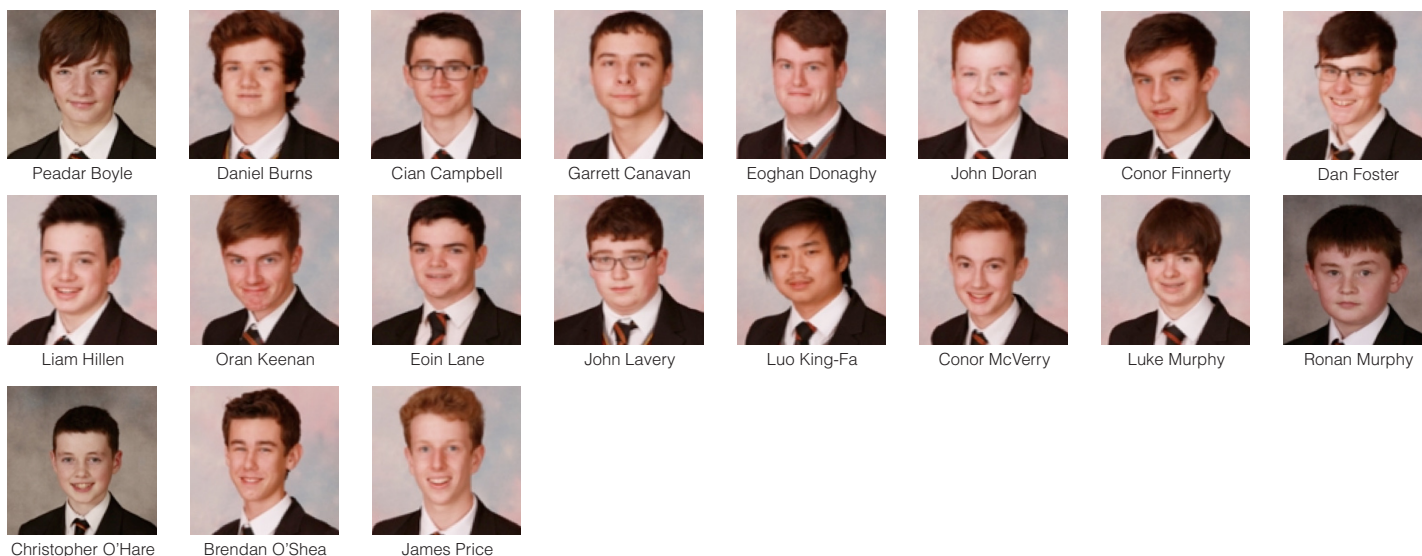
Let us have the courage to believe  
In a bright future  
And in a god who wills it for us.  
Not a perfect world,  
but,  
a better one.  
The perfect world,  
We Christians believe,  
Is beyond the horizon,  
In an endless eternity where God  
will be all in all.  
But  
A better world is here for  
Human hands and hearts to make.  
Amen.





# When They Were Younger...

Reg Group: 14DS



Reg Group: 14GS



Reg Group: 14JM





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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ryan McAteer  | Conor McKevitt  | Oisín McKinley  | Szymon Mikolajczyk  | Kyle Mooney  | Cathal O'Brien  | Peter O'Hanlon  | Finn Ovesen   |
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| Fionn Palmer  | Peter Smyth   | Conall Stott  | Mateusz Tynkiewicz  | Dylan Vardy-Donnelly   |   |   |   |

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raymond Kelly   | Michael Lennon  | Ardan McEvoy  | Malachai McAvoy   | Ruairi McCormack   | Steven McShane  | Patrick McVerry   | Alex Moore  |
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| Cillian Murphy  | Ferdia O'Malley   | Liam Rafferty   | Aaron Ruddy   | D'Alton Short  | Vincent Toner   | Carl Webb   |   |





