



Welcome to

The Abbey
Christian Brothers'
Grammar School



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Leaving Ceremony

10th May 2019

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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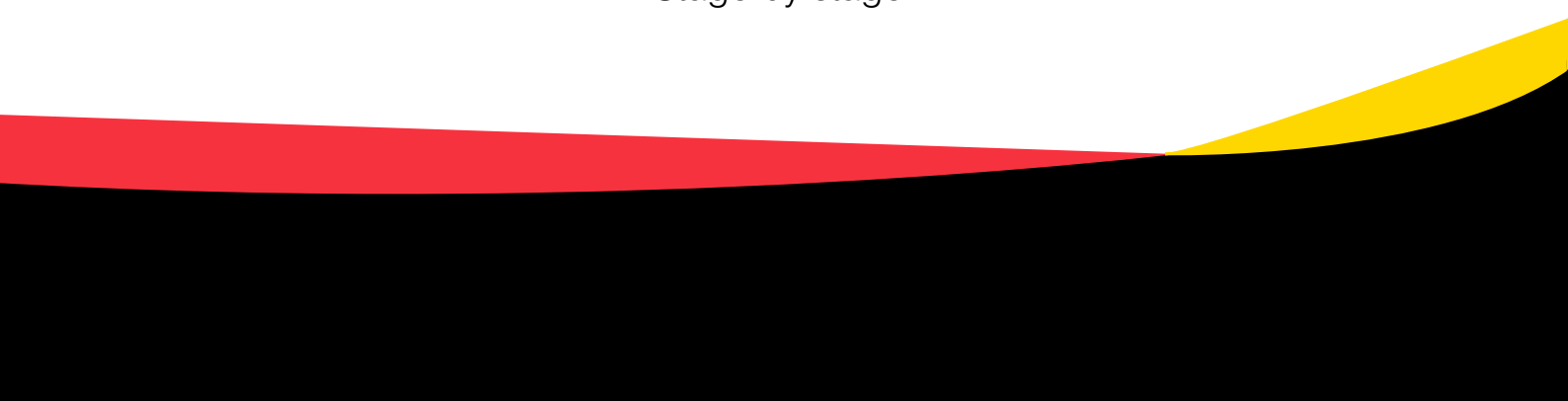
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Life is a journey

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

A fantastic bunch of guys! We have had some very intense ethical conversations over the last two years! I have really enjoyed teaching this group of lads! All the very best of luck as you pursue your dreams! Aim for the stars and enjoy life! Take every opportunity that comes your way- you only have one go at it! **Mrs. Lisa McKeever**

It's hard to believe the past 7 years have gone by as fast as they have done so. I can still remember you walking through the doors of the Abbey in 2012, obviously a lot smaller and more innocent than you are today! You were a great group to be Year Tutor too. It just goes to show how quickly life passes and how important it is to stop and take stock once in a while. The scared, anxious and very excited class of 2012 have turned into very tall (well, for most of you) and mature young men. I wish you nothing but the best for the next stage of your life journey and always remember to be kind – no-one knows the battles others are facing.

I have taught many of you over the years from Geography to Basic First Aid and Construction. We have had many good laughs along the way. To the First Aiders, like I said during our 5-week rotation, I really hope you never have to use the skills you have been taught/shown, but isn't it great to think how confident you now are with the recovery position, CPR and using a defibrillator. To my Construction class, we've had the craic but the work got done in the end! To those fantastic ER Camp volunteers, your time, commitment and enthusiasm has not gone unnoticed. A lot of pupils from St Claire's Abbey have been given memories to last a life time. Thank you.

A simple motto for you to apply every day: be grateful you wake up every day, be thankful of the opportunities that are available to you, never say 'I can't' and always, always have manners and be kind. **Mrs. Annette Elmore**

Good luck to the class of 2019. You made a huge contribution to school life in so many ways particularly in sport, music and ER ethos. Enjoy the next phase of your education, best wishes for the future and remember once an Abbey boy always an Abbey ambassador. **Mr. Ronan Ruddy**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well in the future. I hope that all of your choices are good ones and that university life and employment allow you to find the person you want to be. Best Wishes, **Mr. Mel McMahon**

To all our 7th years leaving today, especially my old 10 Iveagh boys, I want to wish you the very best of luck in your futures. As one of the form teacher team it has honestly been a pleasure getting to know you all and watching you mature into the adults you have become today. 10 IV was quite a rollercoaster but there were lots of laughs and fun along the way, as my first form class in the Abbey I will always remember your group with the fondest of memories. One final mention to the Zambia team, well done on all your hard work, Thursday afternoons were always that bit brighter with your excellent array of cooking skills on show (boiling rice will never be the same again!) and just your general optimism and craic, good luck with everything you do! **Mrs. Martina O'Donovan**

I'd like to wish all 7th year leavers the very best in whatever they do. I'd specifically like to mention the yr14 Chemistry Students who are a very talented lot, good luck and I hope you achieve all your goals. I would also like to acknowledge the great bunch of students of 14CGA (Jamie you'll never be asked again to fix your tie on a daily basis, and John when driving hopefully the traffic won't always be especially bad on your particular roads) to them and to all, be yourselves and enjoy the next stage. **Mr. Colin Gamble**

I would like to convey my sincere best wishes to the Class of 2012 / 2019. You have worked exceptionally hard to achieve your unique and personal achievements and I hope that your past seven years in the Abbey have been unforgettable ones. You will always be an Abbey student no matter which path in life you take. I want to take this opportunity to thank (on both our behalf) the dedicated, professionalism of your outstanding form teachers, junior, middle and in a special way your senior form teachers.

I want to offer my sincere thanks to those students who have joined the Abbey along the way. You have added zest, charisma and fun, and in my experience as

Year Head, you have achieved all you have aspired to, in your short time with us. I welcome and thank you for your contribution, entertainment and challenge to my responsibility as your Year Head. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all:

- especially my enigmatic and eclectic Digital Technology students – from the; tea and biscuits of a Friday, to the sleeper, the texters, the three amigos, the always late with a mug of tea student, the always absent 'unwell' student, the one who loves a good old moan, the A* student and the dubious excuses for work not being done.

- The musicians always giving of your time and representing the school with utmost professionalism and decorum – you all have a special talent there, make good use of it in the future.

- The Quiz Team winners, Owen and Jack and the exploits to London

- The Rannafast men who were unlucky in the semi-final in Pearse Og against Dungannon. Also to mention the famous win against Cavan in the winter storms at Garvaghy.

- The MacRory players, under the leadership of both Jamie and Paul, showed great resilience and character over the course of the campaign. Only you and we know the sacrifices made, the early mornings, the training in the cold and rain and the bond that we made. We could have gone further, had it not been for that one point against Enniskillen, the current MacRory Cup winners - learn something from that. Good luck with your club and respective counties.

- We have a strong bond within the year group that was led by an exceptional Head Boy – Isaac – and his deputy Fearghal. My praise also goes to the entire Senior Representative Council (SRC) Cian, Cailum, Connall, Dean, Edgar, Jake, Niall, Shea, Tiernan, Zihang you have all been professional in your duties. Well Done.

To each and everyone one of you ... for your continued support and commitment to everything we pride ourselves on as an Edmund Rice school. ... Senior Prefect Mentoring, Social Outreach to our communities, Zambia Immersion, Kairos, Charity fundraisers, Football, Hurling, Golf, Basketball, Debating, Quizzes, Promoting our Irish Language, Drama, Music, Art, Technology.....and no less significantly....for just saying 'Yes' when asked to help or assist.

You ALL make the Year Group that you have become and the memories that both you and we, as a staff, will hold with us. Each of you I hope will leave our school community with a sense of pride and hope, with healthy memories of everything you have become and dreams of what you are about to become. Never forget that it is the people around you, who have, and will make you who you are. Cherish every opportunity, experience and challenge that comes your way from this day on. Believe in yourself, set yourself targets and become who you want to be. I wish each of you success both personally and professionally. Best of luck to you all in the next stage of your education and life's journey. Being your Year Head was an honour and a pleasure. **Mr. Mark Grogan**

So many happy memories and so many fantastic musicians. I have never had a GCSE class like it, so skilled, motivated and supportive to each other. Even though not all have continued on the academic journey to the Abbey terminus it has been great to have you around the Music Department. The extra-curricular has been at its best because of you – your incredible skill, generosity of time and to others, and so many incredible performance experiences from Rome to the Black Box, not to mention the steady flow of silverware of the last few years, not that we are competitive, surely art for art's sake, but it does feel good! I have often said to you in class what a great and satisfying job I have as a music teacher, well that is down to you. I won't mention any names in particular, you know who you are and I am sure you will carry the torch for music into your future and all those you meet. "Altius, citius, fortius" – higher, faster, louder. All best wishes & I hope you have enjoyed the journey so far! **Mr. Dominic Wadsworth**

I just want to wish my BTEC Construction class and A level Technology class the very best for their upcoming examinations and every success for the future.

Staff Memories

I really enjoyed the craic & banter with the '12 Disciples' during the year in the BTEC Surveying class, especially when we were 'on site' carrying out tasks. You have worked hard this year and your folders are high quality. Carry this high level work ethic into your third level course and ultimately your working life. Remember to keep things in perspective & never lose your great sense of humour. I'll not miss the daily comments of 'Can we take our folders home?' and 'We're a month ahead of last year's group!'

Having inherited the A level Technology Resistant Materials class in late January, I enjoyed this group as well, the fact that 5 of the 9 were also in my BTEC Construction class helped with a smooth transition. The 'double act' of Mr Savage & myself looking after Coursework and Theory respectively with this class worked well and I hope everyone gets a grade they deserve in August, so that preferred courses at University can be accepted. **Mr. John Rath**

It has been such a pleasure to be form tutor to both Donard and KG. Starting the Abbey with you has been a real journey with lots of fun memories along the way. I would prefer to remember the pancakes and you all jumping out from under tables to shout "Happy Valentine's Day" than the footballs and 'science experiments' hidden to rot in the room. You have looked after me just as much as I have looked after you and I'm going to miss those cheery faces in the morning. I wish you every success and happiness in the future. It's not going to be the same without you. Thanks **Mrs. Karen Farrell**

To my Art & Design students Joseph, Louis, Owen, Euan (and Callum). I wish you every success in your chosen career and luck and happiness as you begin a new chapter in your life. You have been a pleasure to work with. Your level of skill and commitment are to be commended. Continue to be creative in whatever you do, give of your best always and be true to yourself. Take care. **Mrs Orla Hughes**

I want to wish you all the best of luck in the future. A special thanks to Conor C. for a great t-shirt that I wear with pride. And sorry, Oran M., I don't think I will ever forget what you did to my pink calculator! May the future be kind to you all. **Dr Maeve Carey**

Best wishes to you all as you move on from the Abbey and make your own paths in life. I wish you all luck in your exams and in what lies beyond; I hope you find experiences and careers that bring you happiness. It's been a pleasure to get to know you – especially those of you I have taught. A special farewell to the students in English Language class. Take care & good luck! **Mrs. Roisin Kelly**

I would like to wish each of you every best wish for the future and I hope that each of you will be able to realise your dreams for your life. You have been a great year group and have made a significant contribution to the life of the Abbey over the past seven years. Always remember that there is no such thing as a free period!!! **Mr. Paul O'Shea**

The very best of luck to the class of 2019. I wish you every success in your future endeavours, work hard, stay focused on what matters most in life and never let others take away your achievements and successes from you. Aim high, believe in yourselves and treat everyone around you in whatever encounters lie ahead of you with dignity, hope and respect. To the Zambia students, what a fantastic bunch of young men. You epitomise student leadership and the 'Abbey student' in every sense of the word – focus, determination, challenge and ultimate hard work at all times. You not only represented our school community to be the best that we are over the last twelve months, but you did so with pride, passion and unwavering dedication. To each of you, thank you for your individual care and support to each and every member of the team, and thank you for allowing us to sow the seeds within each of you that will flourish and grow for many years to come. **Mrs. Catriona Mc Grath**

Good luck in the future to all the current 7th years. You have been a wonderful year group to get to know over the last number of years 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.

To the 7th year students that I had the privilege of working closely with as part of the Zambia Immersion Project. The dedication you showed to the project has been nothing short of exceptional. From the bag packing and car boot sales in Tesco car park on a cold Sunday morning, to the Zambia Night Takeaway in the Canal Court Hotel. The journey of the project was unbelievable. I thank you for all your hard work and this extends to the whole year group who got behind the project over the years. Your support truly makes a difference to the lives of those in Livingstone, as Dixon, a now graduated teacher, who was supported by the Abbey over recent years described it to me as his whole world being in darkness after his mother's death with no money for food, a uniform, shoes and school fees and it was like the Abbey had come and shone a light back in.

A special word to my two A-level Business Studies classes - it has been an absolute pleasure to be your teacher. Your energy and enthusiasm for Business Studies and 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.'

Miss Phyllis McQuillan

To my A level Biology class, I want to wish you all the best for the future. I know every one of you have a very bright future ahead of you. You have been a great group to teach, I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you over the last two years. Best of luck for the future. **Mrs. Deirdre McCorry**

This year group have been a joy to work with. I have been fortunate enough to have worked with a lot of this year group through both teaching Irish and coaching basketball. I had a particular incident in basketball where someone was injured very badly and thanks to the swift actions of the students who were present that day everything worked out fine. This group never shied away from giving of their free time in order to help. I wish them all well in their future endeavours. Go háiríthe an dream Gaeilge a d'ól tae achán Aoine liom, ní fhaca mé grúpa riamh roimh a raibh abáita an méid sin bia a ithe taobh istigh de rang amháin. Ádh mór oraibh uile. Good luck to you all.

Mrs Pauline McClean

The task of filling Mrs Farrell's shoes in her absence was a challenge. The class were a delightful bunch with a diverse range of personalities. The latecomers included some who were very creative in their reasons as to why, The conversation would start with 'Sir you're never going to believe this ' and then there were the amateur dramatic individuals who, with their embellished responses to the most basic question would endeavour to break your resolve with their long winded responses which were totally irrelevant and totally off point. In truth it was a pleasure to fill in for Mrs Farrell and I will miss the banter with her form class in the mornings. I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you every success in your future endeavours. **Mr. Gerry Savage**

Well what can I say... Construction classes never fail to amaze me and usually for all the wrong reasons. One such example when on site the student who will remain nameless was instructed to let go of the handle (the winding handle) on the 50m tape and to walk off it a certain direction. This was to enable him to unwind a portion of the tape so we could record a measurement. He obviously was confused as he dropped the tape to the ground and walked off!!! Other examples of groups of them standing in huddles, humped over and expecting me to do all the work. An unforgettable group who have provided much humour over the last two years. I wish them well. **Mr Gerry Savage**

The Class



Back Row (L to R): James Keane, Cathal Maguire, Tom Magill, Josh Keenan, Matthew McLoughlin, Shay McEvoy, Rory Cunningham, Rokas Gostautas, Daragh Kelly, James Dayyan O'Brien, Milosz Sieczka, Shane Laverty, Euan McKee

Third Row (L to R): Conor Shields, Callum Loughlin, Mark Hickey, Conor Cleverley, Jordan McKeveney, John Cosgrove, Ryan Haughey, Jack Grant, Stephen Doyle, Kieran McCay, Ronan McCarthy, Tom Hamill, Cormac Rice, Ardarsh Seeram, Jacob McArdle, M

Second Row (L to R): Oran McNally, Eoin Finnerty, Luke Forrester, James Flanagan, John Piekus, Ronan Pearce, Callum O'Hare, Denis Lynch, Ultan O'Coighligh, Tiarnan Hann, Louis Cunningham, Tiernan Saul, Michael McNally, Farron O'Hare,

Front Row (L to R): Connall Diamond, Tiernan Caulfield, Shea Murphy, Cian Carrag, Mr G Savage, Mr S Sloan(Headmaster), Mr P O'Shea(Vice Principal), Mr M Grogan(Yea, Joseph Grimley,

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Maginn, Rhys Walker, Donal Clarke, Jamie McAleenan, Padhraic Gibbons, Brendan
Kenny, Shealan Fegan, Jamie Martin, Pearse Loughran, Aaran McBurney, Paul Martin,
Down, Mark xxxx, Adam Balchin, Tyler Keenan, Olgierd Myszor

an Lively, Nathan Murphy, Oran Murray, Jack McGeeney, Dara Gough, Ryan Toal, James
Niall McGuirk, Micheal O'Shea, Jamie Lynch, Eoin Murdock, Eoin Carr, Pearse McPolin,
ACIEJ Natzke, Owen Tuohy, Adam Piwowarczyk, Neil McCreesh, Mark McCann

n Lavery, Kilian Higgins, Eoin McGrath, Michael Heaney, Ross Garvey, Sam Nejad, Arnis
a, Aidan Ovesen, Kristian Kearney, Patrick O'Connor, Sean Watters, James Maginn,
Domhnall Gregory, Cian McGivern, Mark Grant, Aidan McGovern.

her, Edgar Staugas, Isaac Farrugia, Fearghal Vallely, Mr C Gamble, Mr E McGivern,
r Head), Jake McLoughlin, Niall Mulholland, Dean Sheridan, Cailum Davis, Zi Hang Yu,
Jonah Osborne.

Best in Subject A Level – Summer 2018

Subject	Pupils	Award
Chemistry This award commemorates Leonard Abrahamson, a graduate from the Abbey in the early 1900s who later became President of the Royal College of Physicians.	Eoin Finnerty	Prof. L. Abrahamson Award
Biology This award commemorates Mervyn Abrahamson who graduated from the Abbey in the early 1900s and who later became an eminent Physician in London.	Cian Carragher	Dr. M. Abrahamson Award
Physics 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.	Tyler Keenan	Bro. M.K. Farrell Award
English Literature 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.	Adam Balchin & Oran McNally	Bro. T. L. Magee Award
Economics 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.	Tom Magill	P. J. Kane Award
Politics 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.	Adam Balchin	Bro. D.L.O'Donnell Award
English Language 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.	Fearghal Vallely	Bro. Rehill Award
Religious Studies 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.	Arvydas Navickas & Oran McNally	Bro. W. A. Byrne Award
Sociology Health and Social Care 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.	Shay McEvoy Matthew Maginn	Bro. J. D. McDonald Award
Psychology 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.	Conor Shields	Bro. W. O. Murphy Award
Irish 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.	Tom Magill	P.A. Crinion Award
Business Studies 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.	Rokas Gostautas	Bro. J. B. Hynes Award
Music 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.	Patrick O'Connor	August Toremans Award
History 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.	Gailum Davis	Bro. P. W. Newell Award

Theatre Studies

Tom Magill

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

Micheal O'Shea

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

Eoin Carr

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

Cian Carragher

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

Padhraic Gibbons

Bro. D. W. Lynam Award

Adam Piwowarczyk & Jordan Lively

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

Louis Cunningham

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

Micheal O'Shea

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

Michael McNally

Bro. C.I. Gallagher Award

Technology SC

Maciej Natzke

Environmental Technology

Micheal O'Shea

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

Louis Cunningham

Bro. T. F. Beausang Award

Moving Images

Owen Tuohy & Callum Louhglin

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

Luke Forster

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

Eoin Finnerty

APPSA Award

Aidan McGovern

Hurling

Aodhan Furlong

Modern Languages

Eoin Carr

Music

Jordan Lively & Oran McNally

Head Boy

Isaac Farrugia

Drama

Sam Nejad

Pat Mooney Award

Patrick O'Connor

Gaelic Football

Pearse McPolin

Oisín McGuinness Award

Eoin Carr

Basketball

Tom Magill

Edmund Rice Award

Joshua Keenan & Tom Magill

Student Memories

The Formal

Chicken? Or Turkey & Ham? The most important question to be asked for a formal meal. Centre pieces destroyed. A night out in Cavan. The formal was allegedly supposed to be the most memorable moment of our 7th year career in the Abbey. (For some lads - their 5th or 8th year career). We thought about themes like "The Greatest Showman", "A night at the races" or "The Abbey colours" but in the end went for a "Las VEGAS" theme as we thought it was the most exciting and most relatable to our year. It was definitely a lot of stress with organising and decorating. But without a doubt it was better than the other formals. So as much as we near pulled out our hair with leaving everything to last minute, it was definitely worth it. All the small things such as table names like "Caesars Palace", to the chocolate coins and golden nuggets on the table which probably half of you didn't even notice. To all the big things like: an expensive photographer, a nice photo booth, light up letters and let's not forget that £120 worth of feathers for each of the centrepieces...Yes it was definitely a memorable night. I just want to finish off by admitting the truth to everyone...it was actually roast beef you all ate that night. **Shea Murphy.**

The SRC

The SRC has been a great experience, it began with a competitive election campaign at the end of year 13 with those running for SRC writing their objectives and sharing them with the year. We then had the vote and our 13 members were named; Connall Diamond, Joe Coughley, Isaac Farrugia, Fearghal Vallely, Zihang Yu, Dean Sheridan, Cian Carragher, Edgar Staugus, Shea Murphy, Jake McLoughlin, Nial Mulholland, Cailum Davis and Myself. From there, those who wished to run for Head and Deputy Head boy participated in an interview style selection process. Later that day we had our Head Boy, Isaac Farrugia and our Deputy, Fearghal Vallely. Meeting every Wednesday during form class we worked on any issues raised to us and any events coming up in the school year. Our first major role for the SRC; now 12 members strong, came about at the start of this academic year, by which we were heavily involved in the induction of the new 1st years. Members of the SRC were assigned Form Classes to which we were responsible for, through this we could deal with any issues the 1st Years had.

Next up was the Formal an event many people will agree with me as the most anticipated event of year 14, which was a huge success. Apart from the broken centrepieces.

After this; things settled a bit and we continued to try to amend any issues raised to us and volunteered at any school events, such as the GL Assessment. We finally got internet connection in the Assembly hall and long awaited laptops, however, some issues we couldn't amend, the finger scanner outside the common room is one example.

We listened to your issues and we brought them to senior management and we did what we could with the influence we had in the school.

The final responsibility of the SRC was the event we are all at today, the leavers ceremony, a day to celebrate all the years we have been at this school, all the memories, all the friendships, even our academic success. I am proud with what we have achieved and I wish all of us good luck for the future. **Tiernan Caulfield**

Zambia

What can I say about the Zambia immersion project other than it's the best journey I've ever been on. The trip lasted 2 and a half weeks, but the experience lasted over a year and there was a huge sense of camaraderie and team spirit built through the early fundraising that went on. Once the team was picked the fundraising continued and the support from our

school and peers also continued greatly and this made it much easier to set off on March 19th. Through the many bag packs, the Spinathon and the Zambia Night Takeaway, to name a few, excitement and awareness grew in the school community and this definitely peaked at the Zambia Night Takeaway at which there was a huge turnout. The team will always remember the many Saturday morning sessions in the loft rehearsing for our final dance to a compilation of 'There Will Be Time,' 'Waka Waka,' 'Body' and 'This Is Me'.

The journey while we were there was a rollercoaster that no one wanted to get off by the end. Our week days consisted of an early start at 6.30, a shower, a bowl of cornflakes and a thick layer of sun cream to be ready promptly at 7.45 by decree of our self-appointed supreme chancellor of time keeping. Eight of us were split between Libuyu and Linda community schools while four of us headed out to the clinics with Margaret in the pickup truck. The fact that we made it to our destinations without whiplash or a wheel falling off the bus was a miracle in itself. We would return for 12, have a habitual crisp sandwich made by the group that was at the clinics. After lunch we would head out to the plots, the quarry or Lubasi orphanage. These were hard sights to see but easy to invest time in hard work. The orphanage was very rewarding, and the place we spent most of our afternoons and this allowed us to form bonds with children that we will cherish forever-which also made it almost impossible to leave. One afternoon we played St Raphael's and lost due to an overly defensive set up. When we pushed up we caused problems but it was too late and the game finished 3-1. In the evening we would cook dinner in groups of 2 and it worked well every night bar one. This would be followed by a reflection of the course of events of the day as a team by the fire pit. The odd time someone would pipe up with a song which would result in another faultless rendition of Rattling Bog. At the weekends we had a deserved break from the weekday routine and we visited the surrounding areas including Victoria Falls and Chobe Safari. It was an eye opening experience that will last with us all forever, and one that couldn't have been done without the elixir of a cold sprite to fuel our days. We made a difference to everything we possibly could in the short time that we were in Livingstone, but Livingstone definitely made a huge difference to us that will last a life time. **Ross Garvey.**

Edmund Rice Camps

This week had been anticipated for months as we attended the early Sunday morning training sessions. As the first day approached we were left questioning whether this year's leaders were prepped and ready for the week that was ahead. A group of leaders who took humour in their stride, they needed anything but to get loose with their time keeping. One leader's enthusiasm to ensure training hadn't started without him as he scaled the school gate and set off the alarm before any of us had arrived, lay down the answer that no matter what, this year's camp was going to be landmark moment of summer

Each day's timetable was briefed with a bowl of Tesco's finest 'Rice Snaps,' and day leaders appointed. The hours spent on camp were filled with endless editions of songs and games alongside the classic scream before entering the oratory for reflection. In the time after the children had left, we always found energy to enjoy a Dominos in a 'civil' manner and a game of Mafia where not everyone fully understood what was going on.

There is no question that this camp left an never ending impact on the children that attended and I am sure some of the children left there impact on some of the leaders. Best of Luck to Tom and Fearghal for 2019. **Joshua Keenan**

Student Memories

Music

Music in the Abbey has always been an extremely enjoyable part of school life, and the department has served as an extra-curricular and social hub for many of the class of 2019. Throughout the seven years, the memories created through the involvement in the department have been extraordinary; from achieving 90+ marks in many jazz band and choir competitions in the Feis, right through to sharing the stage with some of the top schools in Northern Ireland at annual jazz showcases in Belfast.

A highlight of the music calendar is the choir and brass ensemble trip to Rome; a four day break spent exploring the cultural history of Rome with all roads leading to the anticipated performances in the Irish College and the Basilica di San Clemente. The craic had on those trips will stick with all of us.

The music department has given us the opportunity to showcase our talents in many ways; the annual guitar and drum nights were extremely popular among the class of 2019, with the vast majority of us having the 'sure we'll wing it on the night' mentality, with a run through the morning of the performance being the height of preparations. Another memory that will stick with us is performing in 'The Buddy Holly Story'; a show in which the live display of 1950s rock'n'roll music, combined with the quality acting throughout, led to many standing ovations and roaring reviews - something that everyone involved relished.

It'll be the small things that we'll miss in years to come - picking up a guitar and realising someone has it tuned to DADGAD and passing round the famous tuning app before jazz band rehearsals.

Our inspirational teachers, Mr Wadsworth and Mrs Keenan, have influenced us greatly, and I've no doubt that many of us will continue on our musical journey for which the Abbey has provided such a solid foundation. **Patrick O'Connor.**

MacRory/Football

It has been great privilege to represent the school in the last 7 years and to play alongside a great group of players and friends. Over the years we have made some great memories despite not winning a lot of silverware. In first year, under the stewardship of Mr. Downing and Mr. Hannan, we won the Ben Dearg, the first football trophy to be won in the new school if I remember correctly.

After 3 years of successive defeats, we finally got one over the 'Old Enemy' St. Pat's Cavan in the Rannafast quarter final. I couldn't go without mentioning the 4th year 7s C Team captained by the great Mark McCann who led the Abbey to silver in the An Ríocht Shield. Unfortunately, injury halted his Rannafast campaign, he still returned to score 0-2 in the MacRory trials.

This year we lost out to St. Michael's Enniskillen in the MacRory Cup quarter final by a single point. We showed significant improvement from the start of the year but unfortunately it was not enough. It was an honour to wear the Newry 'Red and Black' and I have no doubt that many will go on to achieve great things on the football field for both club and county. I would also like to thank Mr. Gormley, Mr. Gordan and Mr. Grogan for the work they have put in over the last number of years and hope they can further develop the great teams coming through. **Eoin Carr**

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: 14CG



Eoin Carr



Tiernan Caufield



John Cosgrove



Padhraic Gibbons



Jack Grant



Thomas Hamill



Tyler Keenan



Jamie Martin



Mark McCann



Aidan McGovern



Bernard McLoughlin



Olgierd Myszor



Sam Nejad



Ultan O'Coighligh



Farron O'Hare



Jonah Osbourne



Arnis Piekus



Tiernan Saul



Edgar Staugas



Fearghal Vallely



Rhys Walker

Reg Group: 14EM



Donal Clarke



Louis Cunningham



Shealan Fegan



Luke Forster



Mark Hickey



Kilian Higgins



Mark Lively



Paul Martin



Jacob McArdle



Eoin McGrath



Michael McNally



Pearse McPolin



Maciej Natze



Callum O'Hare



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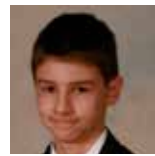
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Issac Farrugia



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Tiernan Hanna



Kristian Kearney



Shane Laverty



Callum Loughlin



Matthew Maginn



Ronan McCarthy



Shay McEvoy



Jack McGeeney



Cian McGivern



Niall McGuirk



Jake McLoughlin



Eoin Murdock



Shea Murphy



Dayyan O'Brien



Patrick O'Connor



Aidan Ovesen



Cormac Rice



Sean Watters



Conor Cleverley



Rory Cunningham



Cailum Davis



Eoin Finnerty



Joseph Grimley



Ryan Haughey



Michael Heaney



James Keane



Darragh Kelly



Pearse Loughran



Jamie McAleenan



Aaran McBurney



Neil McCreesh



Euan McKeown



James McKeveney



Oran McNally



Niall Mullholland



Nathan Murphy



Micheal O'Shea



Adarsh Seeram



Dean Sheridan



Zihang Yu



Adam Balchin



Cian Carragher



Connall Diamond



Stephen Doyle



James Flanagan



Ross Garvey



Dara Gough



Mark Grant



Domhnall Gregory



Joshua Keenen



James Kenny



John Lavery



Jordan Lively



Denis Lynch



Jamie Lynch



Tom Magill



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Cathal Maguire



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