



The Abbey

Christian Brothers' Grammar School



CLASS
of
2026





PRINCIPAL'S FAREWELL

Principal's Message to the Year 14 Class of 2026

It is a real privilege to write a few words at the beginning of this Year 14 Farewell Booklet for the Class of 2026. Every year group leaves its mark on The Abbey, but this group has done so in its own distinctive way, with talent, character, generosity, and, at times, just the right amount of harmless chaos to keep school life interesting.

The pages that follow will never fully capture what you have meant to this school. Your legacy is not just in trophies, results, concerts, artwork or academic achievements, but in the atmosphere, you helped create - in the laughter in the corridors, the energy on the pitches, the music in the assembly hall, and the sense that The Abbey is a school where people get involved and look out for one another.

This year group has always been defined by its character and its individuality. Among you are MacRory panel members who represented The Abbey with pride, commitment, and dogged determination. You carried the expectations of the school with you and represented not just yourselves, but everyone who stood on the sidelines, and those in the stands supporting you.

Our musicians and artists reminded us that school life is richer when there is creativity, expression, and the courage to stand up in front of others and perform or display something you have created. Not everyone sees the hours of practice, rehearsals, mistakes, and restarts, but they see the final performance, and you made it look easy. You helped shape the culture and spirit of The Abbey in ways that will last long after you leave.

The Zambia Immersion Project also holds a special place in the story of this year group, both those who fundraised and those who travelled. You showed generosity, perspective and compassion, and you represented The Abbey with maturity (Masked Singer aside!) and humility. You reminded us that education is also about service, perspective and understanding the wider world. The impact of that work, both on the communities you visited and on yourselves, will stay with you for the rest of your lives.

And among this year group, we even have Guinness World Record holders! A reminder that every one of you has something unique to offer. That individuality is something we value deeply in The Abbey. We never wanted you to all be the same; we wanted each of you to become the best version of yourself. And, as a group, the Class of 2026 has done exactly that. You have been artists, musicians, sportsmen, volunteers, fundraisers, leaders, characters, and in some cases, experts in independent study that occasionally required off-site visits to local deli counters!

But most importantly, you have been part of The Abbey, and you leave this place better than you found it. That is all any school can ever ask of its students. I wish you the absolute best in the rest of life's adventures confident that the values, friendships, and experiences you have gained at The Abbey will guide you well in the years ahead.

Mrs Savage (Principal)

ORDER OF EVENTS

CELEBRATION OF LEAVERS' MASS

LEAVERS' AWARDS CEREMONY

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

REFRESHMENTS



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.



STAFF MEMORIES – CLASS OF 2026

Dear Class of 2026

As you stand at the threshold between your school years and the exciting world that waits beyond, I want to take a moment to honour everything you have achieved—quietly, loudly, bravely, and sometimes with a little bit of last minute determination.

You are the Class of 2026: a group defined not just by your academic efforts, but by your resilience, your individuality, and the way you have shaped this school community. You have contributed ideas, energy, humour, creativity, and leadership. You have shown that learning doesn't happen only in classrooms—sometimes it happens in corridors, in conversations, in mistakes made and lessons learned. This year, you carved your place in our school's history in a remarkable and unforgettable way.

As Ulster MacRory Cup Champions 2026—the first in 20 years—you achieved something extraordinary! But, your success was about more than lifting a trophy.

You have truly shown what it means to be leaders in every respect—leaders in effort, in humility, in teamwork, in discipline, and in spirit. You demonstrated that leadership is not about standing above others but standing with others. Your drive, your unity, and your respect for both teammates and opponents reflect the very heart of Edmund Rice's vision of community and service.

To the Zambia Immersion Project, those of you who travelled—and those who worked tirelessly to support the project from here—you demonstrated the very heart of Edmund Rice's vision.

Your experience in Zambia called you to transformational leadership, leadership built on empathy, listening and a recognition of our shared humanity. You witnessed communities facing challenges with dignity and hope. You built relationships. You learned. You served. And you returned home changed—more aware, more compassionate, and more committed to justice. That is transformational leadership. That is the Edmund Rice spirit alive in you.

To all our leaders, your achievements have inspired the entire school and reminded us all of what is possible when talent meets commitment, and when a group of young people choose to work together for a shared purpose.

Of course... your journey wasn't built on achievements alone. It was built on the unforgettable everyday moments that shaped your identity as a year group—the laughter, the humour, the friendships, the inside jokes... and yes, even those creative interpretations of lunchtime boundaries!

We will remember how almost all of you perfected the art of leaving in cars to buy lunch—returning with an innocence that suggested you were only gone for “five minutes.”

It's these small stories—these moments of spirited ingenuity—that show your character, your independence, and your ability to find joy together.

Thank you for your contributions to our school community ... footballers, basketballers, boxers, swimmers, well-being and ER ambassadors, musicians, performing artists and of course our skiers for the fun, friendships and laughter....a sincere thank you!

As your Head of School, I want to say this clearly: we are proud of you. Proud of your character as much as your grades. Proud of the people you are becoming.

In the months and years ahead, you will make decisions that will guide your future. Some will be easy, some challenging. But trust this: you are more prepared than you think. You carry with you the skills to adapt, the confidence to contribute, and the curiosity to keep learning long after your textbooks close.

Remember to be kind—to yourselves and to others. Remember that

success is not a straight line, and failure is not a full stop. Remember that you always have a place here, in this school, where a part of your story began.

As you walk out of these gates for the last time as students, take with you not just your knowledge, but your friendships, your memories, and the belief that you can shape the world you are about to enter.

Go forward with courage. Go forward with compassion. Take risks, embrace opportunities and love with a full heart. And go forward knowing we believe in you—every single one of you!

Congratulations, Year 14. Thank you for the memories!

Farewell Class of 2026—your journey is only beginning!

Ms C O' Hare

Head of School

Dear Class of 2026

I will remember your time here fondly and also am pleased to say what a great bunch of young men we have helped to turn out. I remember the classes that I taught in junior school and I hope that you enjoyed French and Spanish as much as I enjoyed teaching you.

As a year group we have learned a lot from you and have enjoyed your wisdom and humour over the years. You have made your own mark on the Abbey whether through sport, music, drama or other extra-curricular activities. I remember the concerts, Zambia, school shows and our most recent football success. Your MacRory victory brought great joy to the entire Abbey community both inside and outside of school. Both individually and collectively you have many qualities and we are proud to have had you here. Best of luck in the future and I hope that you keep up the strong bond that exists between you all and remember once an Abbey boy, always an Abbey ambassador.

Mr R Ruddy

(Vice-Principal)

Dear 14OMG - As your form teacher, it has been a genuine privilege to watch you grow over the years into the fine young gentlemen you are today. What began as a group of boys finding your feet has become a group of confident, resilient, capable and well-mannered young men, ready to take on whatever comes next.

You've shared countless moments together; laughter, challenges, achievements and the everyday routines that quietly shaped who you are today. It hasn't always been easy, but through it all you've showed determination, humour, and a remarkable ability to support one another. The friendships you've built and the memories you've made, will stay with you long after you leave the Abbey.

Of course, it wouldn't be right if I didn't mention your complicated relationship with 9am starts. Let's just say punctuality may still be a “work in progress” for many of you. And while I will truly miss our daily interactions, I can't pretend I'll miss chasing you down for absence notes either! (You all know who you are 😊). In all seriousness, I have no doubt that each and every one of you has a bright and promising future ahead. Whatever paths you choose, go forward with confidence, kindness, and the same camaraderie you've shown here in the Abbey. Make the most of every opportunity and continue to look out for one another. Please do keep in touch, I would love to hear about where life takes you next.

Wishing you all every success and happiness in the years ahead, you'll be missed....

And remember once an Abbey boy, always an Abbey boy....

All the very best

Mrs O Mc Ginley

(Form Teacher 14OMG)

STAFF MEMORIES – CLASS OF 2026

Dear Class of 2026

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you as first a form tutor, then as a year head for the past seven years. As form tutor with Slemish, I will remember 'the Sluggers' great victory against Breffni in the inter-form competition in Year 8 with great fondness.

You are an exceptional group of young men who have always represented the school with great distinction wherever you went. It has been a real privilege to work with you and to see you grow and develop into such outstanding ambassadors for the Abbey. With fantastic sporting abilities in this year group, it has been brilliant to see this MacRory panel go on and lift the trophy. This has been a huge success and one that you should be very proud of.

To the boys in my A-Level history class and to the boys involved with the soccer team, I have great memories that will live with me for a lifetime. Getting to the final in the Blanchflower stadium in Belfast is a memory that I will take with me to the grave. Some great away days were had all over the North with some memorable victories against so called soccer giants in the NI Schools competitions.

More than anything else what has marked this year group has been your manners and behaviour throughout your time here. All staff, at every level in the school, comment on this fact. I know this will continue. Your resilience in the face of adversity will continue to set you apart.

I wish you every success in the future in whatever you chose to do and please let us know how you are getting on. I hope each of you achieve your dreams.

Good Luck,

Mr Brankin.

(Yr 14 Year Tutor)

Dear Form Class

Although I have only had the pleasure of being your form teacher since September 2026, it didn't take long for me to realise what a genuinely lovely group of young men you are. In fact, it took about five minutes—right after I recovered from the initial shock of how early some of you can actually arrive in the morning (and how late others think morning begins!).

Over your seven years in the Abbey, you've grown in maturity, confidence, and character—most of the time intentionally. I've seen your kindness, your humour, and your ability to support each other... even if it sometimes involved creative interpretations of punctuality. As you prepare to move on, I hope you take pride in everything you have accomplished—both inside and outside the classroom. I hope you carry with you the knowledge that you have all the skills you need to succeed. Whatever paths you choose—careers, apprenticeships, university, or simply figuring it out as you go—I genuinely believe you'll do brilliantly when you put your minds to it. Many of you have already proved you can perform miracles when you finally decide to start something.

Remember: success rarely happens overnight... unless we're talking about the amount of work some of you can do in a single night before a deadline. If you can channel even half of that energy into your futures, you'll be unstoppable. It isn't just about achievements, but about the kind of person you become along the way. From what I have seen, you are already well on your way to becoming thoughtful, capable, and grounded young men.

Thank you for the laughs, the conversations, and the moments—big and small—that made this year memorable for me too. You are a group I won't forget (for all the right reasons!).

Wishing you every success, happiness, and a good alarm clock going forward. Remember my morning mantra as you left my classroom "use your time wisely".

You will be missed – go, make your parents, the Abbey and yourselves proud!

Mrs M McMullan

(Form Teacher 14MMcM)

Dear Class of 2026

It's time. After seven years of navigating Abbey life - early mornings, latenight cramming, questionable haircuts (Fergus / Charlie), and an impressive ability to appear almost awake before 9am—you've reached the finish line. Well done. You've truly "worked hard" ... or at least developed convincing facial expressions that suggested you did. Either way, you made it, and we're proud of you.

You will always be Abbey students, no matter where your path leads. Your energy, humour, and ability to brighten (and occasionally derail) a classroom have made this place better. The Abbey won't forget you - mostly because the walls still echo with your noise.

I've had the privilege of teaching many of you from your Digital Technology days in 1st and 2nd year, right up to GCSE and A Level. Watching you evolve from confused first-years who couldn't remember a password for more than five minutes, into confident young men who still can't remember a password... well, it's been a journey. Education does not stop you from making mistakes, but it inspires you to take lessons from your mistakes

A special mention, of course, to my enigmatic, talented, and sometimes worryingly unpredictable A2 students. You're each gifted in your own unique ways (some gifts more obvious than others), and despite your attempts to hide it, you've got bright futures. And yes - next year will indeed be suspiciously quiet without Dylan, Caoilte, Kris, Luke, Conor and Sean and the classroom wannabes of Dan, Dara and Cillian... assuming they don't somehow wander back in looking lost.

To the Rannafast men: despite that semifinal heartbreak (and a few stiches, Paul) in Cullyhanna against Armagh, your resilience was outstanding. But your biggest victories came later - the MacRory triumph and the legacy you've earned. Led with determination by Diarmaid and Fergus, the relentless training sessions, freezing mornings, and sacrifices, have cemented your place in Abbey history - "Whatever it takes". Congratulations on your Ulster medal -you've earned every bit of it.

As you head into the wider world, remember this: the future isn't something that just happens to you - it's something you build, shape, chase, and occasionally wrestle into place. Be curious. Be courageous. Ask questions. Ask better questions. Seek experiences that stretch your mind and strengthen your character. Dream big dreams (the kind that make people raise an eyebrow), then work even harder to make them real.

Be kind. Be sharp. Stand up for yourself, and especially for those who need a voice. Stay open. Stay grounded. And most importantly - stay you. The world already has enough copies. What it needs now is your originality.

Finally, I wish each of you, success, fulfilment, and the courage to pursue whatever sets your soul on fire. This next chapter will be exciting, daunting, unpredictable, and full of opportunity. Grab it with both hands. Stay humble, work hard, and let your actions be the loudest thing in the room.

Best of luck, Class of 2026. You'll be missed more than you know.

Mr M Grogan

STAFF MEMORIES – CLASS OF 2026

Dear Class of 2026

My very best wishes to the 'Class of 2026'. I hope that you have enjoyed your time in the Abbey as you get ready for this next phase of your life. I've certainly plenty of great memories, teaching you over the years, including completing practical work in Junior Technology, chasing up tasks in BTEC Construction (which includes taking levels in all sorts of weather conditions for Surveying practical tasks!!!) and the craic and camaraderie during the 2025/2026 MacRory Cup campaign. I was so proud to be an 'Abbey Man' this year, when you won the MacRory Cup as this has been one of the highlights of my 32 years, teaching in the Abbey! I'd like to thank Niall Martin for all his hard work and dedication, assisting Robbie Albert and Brian Garvey with their Stripe Young Scientist & Technology Competition entry, particularly their poster design and PR photos and publicity (including Jarlath Burn's visit to the school), which was a contributing factor to them picking up three awards!!! I sincerely hope that all the qualities and skills that you have developed during your time in the Abbey shall stand to you as you move forward. Best wishes for the upcoming exams and I really hope you fulfil your potential and achieve everything that you want in life!

ABBEY, ABBEY, ABBEY,.....OI, OI, OI!!!!!!

Mr J Rath

Dear Class of 2026

As you prepare to leave the Abbey, I want to express how much of a privilege it has been to get to know you over the past number of years. You have grown into a mature, talented and a spirited year group, and the school is all the better for the mark you have left on it.

To my Alevel Business Studies classes, thank you for the joy you have brought to my classroom. It has genuinely been a pleasure to teach you. I have every confidence that you will go on to achieve wonderful things, but above all else, I hope you remember to choose happiness in whatever path you follow. Life is far too short to settle for anything less. In the words of Steve Jobs:

"Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow know what you truly want to become."

To our MacRory winners, thank you for the unforgettable memories

created throughout this remarkable year! Your resilience, determination and team spirit energised the whole school community and gave us memories that will last a lifetime.

As a year group, your talents across the arts, sport and academic life have shone brightly. What has been equally impressive is the time and support you've given to younger students within these elements of school life — a kindness and leadership that reflect the very best of who you are.

Ms P McQuillan

Dear Class of 2026

It has been a privilege to watch you grow from your first days in Year 8 into the young men you are today. Being part of your journey – even for a time as your Year Head – is something I will always value.

Some of you will have great memories of Manchester, and for others, our inaugural trip to Italy Moments like those, alongside the everyday life of school, are what make your time here so special.

You have been a brilliant year group. I've also had the pleasure of teaching many of you in Environmental Technology, as well as Geography over the years. Seeing your growth in and out of the classroom has been a real highlight.

As you move on, remember the messages you've heard from me time and time again:

Be savvy.

Nothing changes if nothing changes.

Reach for the stars — and say yes to opportunities.

Control the controllables, and let go of the rest.

Each of you has your own path ahead. Be brave, work hard, and back yourselves. I am incredibly proud of you all and wish you nothing but success and happiness in whatever comes next.

The very best of luck, lads — the future is yours.

Mrs A Elmore

Wishing you all an amazing next step full of fun, adventure and success. God bless and good luck.

Mrs L Doey

(Form Teacher 14OMG/LD)



STAFF MEMORIES – CLASS OF 2026

Dear Class of 2026

You boys will leave behind a legacy at the Abbey that will be remembered for a long time to come. I started my first full year here the same year you started Year 8, and it has been a privilege to go on this journey together over the past seven years. Now, as you move on to your next chapter, you will leave behind (and take with you too, I hope) many fond memories of your time here.

To my current form class, as well as past members, I have been truly blessed with such a fantastic group of young people. From the early days of junior school, through the ups and downs, you have grown into confident, capable individuals. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch you develop into the impressive young men you are today, and I look forward to hearing all about your future successes. Please do keep in touch!

To my GCSE Single Award class, the Double Award classes I inherited in Year 12 (unlucky for Mrs McCorry!), my current A-level class, and of course the team of Wellbeing Ambassadors - you have all come so far, and I am incredibly proud of everything you have achieved since starting at the Abbey. I have no doubt that your success will continue, whatever path you choose.

I know I'm probably not supposed to say this, but you truly have been my favourite year group of pupils since beginning my teaching career and you have set the bar very high for those who follow. You have so much to be proud of, beyond academic success. You have shown qualities that are too often missing in society today: respect, resilience, great senses of humour, and a pride in who you are. Hold on to these values as you begin the next chapter, and don't let the challenges of life take them from you.

I really do wish you all the very best going forward and you will be sorely missed! Congratulations to each and every one of you!

Miss V Magowan
(Form Teacher 14VM)

Dear Class of 2026

It has been a genuine pleasure to work with you over the past two years. I'm sure my voice will resound in your ears forever, but I hope you did manage to master the art of studying. The diverse range of interests and hobbies you all have has educated me beyond anything I have learnt before (but I still won't be on TikTok anytime soon). Wishing you every success in the years ahead. With your talent and

determination, I know you'll continue to achieve great things, and I look forward to hearing about your future accomplishments. Good luck, gentlemen.

Thank you

Ms M Walls
(Senior School Study Supervisor)

Dear Class of 2026

Wishing you all the very best in your future endeavours! I know you will succeed in whatever path you follow, a particular thanks to our MacRory boys for the many happy memories you brought to our school this year.

To my GCSE FN boys, you have been one of the best bunch of boys I've had the luck of teaching at KS4 both in terms of your academic achievements but also the craic in the classroom 😊 I know you all have such an exciting road ahead, and it has been my pleasure to have been a small part of it.

Mrs M O' Donovan

To the Class of 2026

Good luck with your future. Enjoy the new adventure you are about to embark on.

To my Art & Design students Shane, Luke, Eoin, Kacper, Charlie, Niall, Liam, Keane, Patrick and Sean, I wish you every success in your chosen career and luck and happiness as you begin a new chapter in your life. Continue to be creative in whatever you do. Give of your best always and be true to yourself.

Take care.

To our Yr 14 Zambia 2026 Team.

Thank you for the amazing work you have done and the commitment and enthusiasm you have shown to the project. You should be so proud of yourselves and what you have achieved. It was a pleasure to experience our immersion together and to share such special memories. To Cody, Daniel, Ethan, Lorcan, Michael, Niall, Oran, Senan and Tom, thank you.

Wishing you the best of luck with your future.

Make sure you stay in touch.

Miss O Hughes



SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION AWARDS

Contribution to School Choir: Jakub Wolanczyk Luke O Connor

Contribution to School Music: Ben Mc Conville

Contribution to Theatre/ Performing Arts: Ronan Lynch Senan Mc Corry

ERST Ambassadors 2026: Ronan Lynch Kiernan Connolly

Well-Being Ambassadors 2026:

Ze hang Cheung, Ghulam Muhammad, Michael Sullivan, Nathan Law, Refath Rahman, Adam Maguire, Callum Butler, Conor Haughey, Tiernan Morgan, Conor Hughes Johnston, Ryan O'Connor, Joseph Mc Conville, Jack Doherty, James Quinn, Cody Loye, Lokin Begley, Aaron Hughes, Ryan Breen, Luke Morgan, Alan Sikora, Tiernan Quinn, Wiktor Bogun

Pat Mooney Award Niall Martin

This award, donated by Mr Pat Mooney at the time of his retirement, seeks to recognise the student who made a major contribution to the overall life of the school

Modern Languages **The Fitzsimmons Trophy** **Jakub Swiec**

This award is presented to the student who achieved the highest marks across the range of Modern Languages at 'A' Level. The trophy was donated by Mr. Tom Kelly. The award seeks to recognise the outstanding contributions in the field of Modern Languages made by Mrs. Fitzsimmons during her teaching career in the Abbey 1968 – 1983 and is a fitting recognition of the high esteem held by her past pupils of the work done by Mrs Fitzsimmons in and out of her classroom.



SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION AWARDS

Edmund Rice Leadership Ambassadors:

These awards are presented to students who display and characterise through all of their endeavours the true spirit of our Edmund Rice Ethos. Edmund Rice lived a life of giving to others, both in his time, thoughtfulness and generosity. Transformational and inspirational leadership is a key quality of the Edmund Rice Charter and we continue to seek to inspire and transform our students to become leaders both in the present and in their futures.

**Cody Loye, Ethan Murphy, Michael Sullivan, Oran McKeever, Senan McCorry
Tom Magill, Niall Martin, Lorcan Gallagher, Dan McKernan**

Contribution to Senior School Soccer:

Joe McGovern

Contribution to School Basketball:

Oisin Quinn

Award for Sporting Excellence

Adam-McCann-Gibbs

The Abbey Past Pupil Sports Association Award

Diarmaid O'Rourke

Contribution to Abbey School Gaelic Football:

Charlie McGrath, Fergus Toale, Michael O'Neill, Conor Laverty

Head Boy 2025 - 2026

Lorcan Gallagher



STUDENT MEMORIES

A chairde,

When I think of my time as an Abbey student, one word keeps resurfacing: pride. I was proud to be a Slemish Slugger, despite our numerous shortcomings on the inter-class level. I was proud to captain our basketball teams, making lasting relationships with team-mates and coaches alike (special mention to Shaquille O'Friel). I was proud to be named as our school's Head Boy; a true honour that I will carry for the rest of my life.

To say that I am simply proud of where I am today, 7 years into my Abbey life, would be a disservice to my journey. Before I was a proud Slugger, I was a worried 12 year old, overwhelmed with how many of my Ballyholland friends weren't in my class. Before I was a basketball captain, I was a wee Year 9 standing outside of Mrs McClean's classroom, shaking because I was about to make my case for why I should be selected as a Year 10 basketballer.

Before I was head boy, I was a Year 13 student taking 50 attempts at an application video, knowing the strength of my competition for the role meant this could all be in vain.

Without adversity, we can never truly say we're proud. It was Oscar Wilde who said it best: 'Where there is sorrow, there is holy ground.' As a year group and school, we've earned our holy ground.

There was no prouder a time for me as an Abbey man than experiencing the school coming together to mourn, and celebrate, our friend Daniel Greer's life.

Moreover, we saw the ashes of the great Jody Gormley's passing slowly rekindle into a Macrory winning blaze. It is in knowing how much this would have meant to Jody, that we can truly be proud. That is the Abbey community spirit in a nutshell. Proud. Not just because of our big building, our sporting success, or our excellent grades. It is our journey - and its bumps - that gives us pride.

Good luck to you all.

Lorcan Gallagher

(Head Boy 2025-2026)

From the second I stepped foot in the Abbey, it has been more than just a school, it has been a second home and community like no other. Every student and member of staff I have come across in the last 7 years has made me feel nothing but welcome, safe and accepted, and I'm sure I speak for all my peers when I say that.

As a year group, there have been so many highs and lows, from the loss of Carmel and Jody to one of our own in Daniel, whose presence is so greatly missed by everyone. They have all taught us such valuable lessons, and I know that personally, I look to emulate so much of the strength and bravery which they showed, and I have no doubt that this adversity and the losses we have felt have strengthened our ties and shown us the power of this community.

When I reflect on the last 7 years with this group, I immediately think of Mr Brankin's iconic phrase – "a Rolls-Royce of a year" – and I couldn't agree more. From academic success, musical phenomena, and international sporting stars, I find it hard to believe a more diverse and talented group has ever worn the Abbey crest.

The Abbey has given me some of the best moments of my life; the Zambia Immersion Project, Ski Trips and the Kairos retreat have provided me with experiences that will last me a lifetime, as well as school football, having the pleasure to share a pitch with some of the most talented footballers in the country creating bonds for life, which was rewarded with our MacRory success this year, a memory I will carry with me forever, although some may wish to forget certain details...

The Abbey has been the centre of my life for the last 7 years. The community within this school is honestly so special; it has helped to mould me into the person I am today and pushed me to achieve things I thought were unimaginable. If I mentioned every person and member of staff who has played a part in my journey here, I would take up the whole book, so I just want to say thank you. Thank you to every person I have crossed paths with in the last 7 years who has made my time here truly special, and I will always be proud to call myself an Abbey man.

Tom Magill

(Deputy Head Boy 2025-2026)

STUDENT MEMORIES

Though I feel like I blinked and my time at the Abbey has come and gone, in other ways, this last seven years has truly been a lifetime.

I am incredibly privileged to have been part of such a wonderful school community. I've made friends for life, grown so much as a person, and been offered incredible opportunities. I especially have to mention the absolute joy it was to take part in two of the Abbey's school shows, which are both up there with the highlights of my time here.

I want to thank all of my teachers, but I especially have Mrs McKeever in mind. As a school we have missed her so much, and seeing all the prayer, support and love she has received throughout her recovery has given me a new sense of pride in our school.

To everyone in our year, a year that weathered the storm of a global pandemic together, a whole new chapter of our lives is about to begin. Chase your dreams, live life to the fullest, and don't lose sight of what's important. Carry the memories you've made over these last seven years with you, whether they're from a classroom or the top of the Empire State Building.

Go raibh míle maith agat.

Gracias.

Thank You.

Ronan Lynch

(Deputy Head Boy 2025-2026)

It's hard to believe our time at the Abbey is coming to an end. It feels like it only started 40 minutes ago a real paradox, but somehow, we've made it through years of classes, exams, and everything in between. There have been stressful moments, but even more laughs, memories, and friendships that will stick with us long after this. I am grateful for all the staff in our school which have helped us during our time here. A special thanks to Mrs Burns who has sacrificed so much to get the further maths class running and my three classmates in FM, Evan, Michael and May who have turned one of the hardest subjects to one of the most enjoyable. Shout out to OPQ, RPG, the owner of Galibier, Jon-Martin and the President of the SSUNI for making the last seven years so enjoyable.

For most of you this will be my last letter. No matter what happens next, I hope that all of you find the right path for yourselves and thanks for the last seven years.

Ze hang Cheung (Student Leadership Team – 2025-2026)

When I first came into the Abbey as a nervous first year, the finish line in seventh year felt like a lifetime away. What feels like a short time later, I'm here trying to summarise seven years of memories in one paragraph. My time in the Abbey has been full of unforgettable experiences, whether it was Covid-19 sending us home to "work" online, school trips to Manchester, Washington DC, New York and Italy, playing football for the highly respected MacRory Development Squad, or not doing any coursework in ICT until two weeks before the deadline and rushing to finish it on time. I'd like to thank all the members of staff who have helped me throughout my time in the Abbey, especially the two teachers who guided me through my A Levels: Mrs Burns, for the unbelievable standard of teaching she provided as well as the craic we had across four years of Maths and Further Maths; and Mr McKinney, for two great years of Economics, giving us opportunities to see economics in the world around us through competitions, the Business Breakfast and local events. As I think about my seven years in the Abbey, what stands out most is the people, the lessons, and the memories that will stay with me long after I leave. It's been a privilege to share my time in the Abbey with the boys in my year, and I know that everyone will go on to achieve great things in the future, no matter what they choose to do in the next stage of their journey.

Evan McGrath (Student Leadership Team – 2025-2026)

As our time in secondary education ends, I look back on the years of memories that we have made. Whether it be from our long-awaited Manchester trip when rooms were ransacked, or during GCSEs where our top priority was not getting spudded by Jakub, I couldn't think of better people to spend my time with. Although we will be going into the next stage of our lives, our experiences in the Abbey will remain with us. I'd like to give my appreciation to the Staff who have been an integral part of who we are now. I'll never forget when Mr McMahon took our class outside and did 30 kick ups in his patented suit. Also, a special thanks to Mrs Burns who gave me crucial advice, guidance (and more importantly, biscuits) alongside Ze Hang, Evan, and May for all the laughs had. The Abbey has provided me with opportunities and friendships that I will never take for granted. I hope the best for all the lads in the year group as they move into the next stage of their lives.

Michael Sullivan (Student Leadership Team – 2025-2026)

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STUDENT MEMORIES

From a very young I always knew I wanted to go to the Abbey. The reputation Abbey boys have as decent people and a welcoming school community was always very clear and after seven years in the school I can confirm it to be true. They say that you are who you surround yourself with and as a student in this year group I will gladly take that judgement. The Abbey has given me so many opportunities to try new things and to grow as a person with challenges and setbacks always being met with a hand up and a pat on the back. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for everything that they have done in the last seven years and to wish everyone good luck in whatever they go on to do.

Oran McKeever (Student Leadership Team 2025-2026)















Front Row:- Ms C. O'Hare (Head of Senior School), Mr P. McParland, Mr G. Savage, Mr D. Brankin (Year Head), Conor Hughes, Lorcan Gallagher (Head Boy), Evan McMcGrath, Sean Mulholland, Michael Sullivan, Oran McKeever, Dara Havern

14GS: Lokin Begley, Wiktor Bogun, James Coghlan, Jack Doherty, James Duffy, James Fallon, Oisín Flynn, Ronan McCabe, Lorcan McClean, Joseph McCreesh, Sean McGivern, Killian McKay, Kristan Morgan, Aditya

14MM: Ryan Breen, Callum Butler, Charles Campbell, Sean Campbell, Nathan Corbett, Oisín English, Antonio Caoilte Jones, Donal Keenan, Kacper Klimczak Kacper, Ben McConville, Joseph McConville, Senan McCorry, Liam

14OMG: Cathal Burns, Daniel Carr, Julian Carr, Richard Cowan, Luke Cunningham, Aaron Daly, Tiarnan Foy, Finn G, Charlie McGrath, Evan McGrath, Daniel McKernan, Shane McParland, Luke Morgan, Sean Mulho

14PMP: Patrick Agirin, Shane Burns, Christopher Connolly, Kieran Connolly, Dillon Crawford, Eoin Eakins, Neill, Jack Mallon, Niall Martin, Mark McCann-Gibbs, Mark McCartan, James McCrink, Shane McKenna, Odhra

14VM: Samuel Burns, Ze Hang Cheung, Lorcan Gallagher, Luke Heenan, Shailen Keenan, Finn Keenan Trav, Oran McKeever, Niall McManus, Cillian Muckian, Ghulam Muhammad, Ethan Murphy, James O'M



James Johnston, Ze hang Cheung, Ronan Lynch (Deputy Head Boy), Tom Magill (Deputy Head Boy), Mrs R. Savage (Principal), Mrs O. McGinley, Ms V. Magowan, Mrs M. McMullan, Missing from photograph Mrs L. Doey, and Mr R. Gorman.

James Lynn, Rhys Havern, Joe Hayes, Aaron Hughes, Daniel Lennon, Cody Loye, Charlie Magill, Liam McCabe, James Nair, Luke O'Connor, Patrick O'Neill, James Quinn, Danil Rackaitis, Daire Reel, Alan Sikora, Jakub Szwiec.

James Fallon, Cathal Ferris, Declan Flannery, Leigh Fulton, Jacek Graczyk, Conor Haughey, Conor Hughes -Johnston, James McEvoy, Darragh McLoughlin, Evan McShane, Tiernan Morgan, Joseph Murphy, Ryan O'Connor, Michael Sullivan.

James Garry, Dara Havern, Conor Laverty, Tom Magill, Joseph McCourt, Eoin McCreesh, Louie McCreesh, Paul McGovern, James Holland, Dean Munroe, Tiarnan O'Neill, Oisin Quinn, Tiernan Quinn, Fergus Toale, Ciaran Watters.

James Evans, Ruadhan Hand-Toombs, Jamie Havern, Daniel Kearney, Ethan Larkin, Wiktor Legowik, Adam Maguire, James McVerry, Keane Morgan, Refath Rahman, Dylan Russell, Conor White, Jakub Wolanczyk, Jonjo Woods.

James O'Connell, Ronan Lynch, Darragh Maguire, Senan McAvoy, James McBennett, Pdraig McCreesh, Joseph McGovern, James Mahony, Michael O'Neill, Diarmuid O'Rourke, Sean Preece, Jack Ruddy, Ben Russell, Aaron Strain.









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