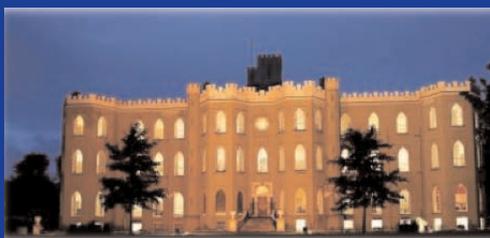


CASTLE CHRONICLE SUMMER 2021



What an incredible year! Who would have believed when we started out on August 13th, 2020, that we would still be in a lockdown situation in May 2021? It has been a very challenging

period but also a very inspiring one. We have been part of history and have lived through the most dramatic events since WW2.

There have been many challenges; quarantines, restricted movement programmes, mask wearing, online learning, disruption to extra-curricular activity, disruption to travel. There have also been deeper effects; missed family events, missed birthdays and, sadly, loss exacerbated by absence.

Through this the attitude of your sons, our boys and our Castle community has been inspiring. They have accepted the obstacles that were put in their way with good humour, resilience, and strength of character. They have been tested and found not wanting. They have "drunk from the well" of the spirit that pervades the Castle and found support in each other and our community. It has been a revelation to observe.

Over the past few weeks, since all the boys returned to classroom-based teaching, the recreational activities provided by the Housemasters have been of great help to the boys. The Rock Run, Paul Stanley trophy, Inter House Soccer Leagues have all been beacons of light and first steps on the road to normality. We participated for the first time in the "Darkness into Light" event and 22 boys walked in the pouring rain at 5am to support this cause.

We said goodbye to our 6th Years. Their Farewell Mass was on Tuesday, May 25th. They have shown leadership to our community throughout the year and have made a positive impact on the lives of the younger boys in our community. They will be missed, but their time has come, and we wish them well with all their future endeavours. When you are brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello. Father Paddy Dundon reminded the boys of Christ's words on Pentecost Sunday "Be Not Afraid: I Go Before You Always"

Finally, to paraphrase the words of author and campaigner Elizabeth Edwards about facing up to difficult times; "She (The Castle) stood in the storm and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails".

Mr Niall MacDermott
Director of Boarding

Some Highlights from the Final Term



Lasha and Mr Kearney at our end of term BBQ



Some of our graduates!

6th Years Graduate!



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Sports Day & End of term BBQ



6th Years vs Housemasters Tag Rugby Match



Birthdays in the Castle



4th and 5th Year Football Team



4th Years Graduating