



It's been a wonderful half-term and finally the light at the end of the tunnel becomes clearer.

We returned after Christmas to the announcement that the Omnicron variant was on the rise yet again, unwanted protections had to be put in place to ensure the safety of the boys; which meant that the Castle and the College became their purloins. Leave had to be limited and facemasks were required in study. We had our first Castle cases after 18 months, causing disruption for all but particularly for our overseas boys and families. Throughout all these changes to our routines, our boys and staff have remained upbeat, steadfast, and positive. Their commitment to their studies and care of each other has been exemplary. Good humour, laughter, patience, cooperation and positivity have characterised their attitude. Flexibility and adaptability were asked of our families, and you were not found wanting. The boys grew together facing up to these challenges and the bonds that they are building will be a strength for life.

As Ghandi once said "Our greatest ability as humans is not to change the world, but to change ourselves." The Castle community changed and reacted to the adversity we faced, and we have benefited. BE GRATEFUL for what we have.

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind," asked Shelley. Restrictions have been eased again with further easing to follow. We look forward to the various leagues and competitions starting up. The boys enjoyed our recent Basketball competition with St Laurence's (Senior), St Oliver's (Intermediate) and St. Kevin's (Junior) all emerging as winners.

As the evenings begin to stretch let us look forward to the future, re-establishing our family life and our friendships, with a much deeper appreciation of what we have.

Niall McDermott



Keith Lyons, Conor Alken, Gus MacCarty, Joe Tansey and Nick Kelly celebrate winning a chapter basketball competition.



Castle Council President Joseph Tansey and Mr Mealiffe



6th Year Boarders and the Housemasters make peace after a tough tag rugby match!



Our junior boarders enjoying Saturday morning rugby!