

CASTLE CHRONICLE SUMMER 2022



The boys returned after the Easter holidays and life resumed in the Castle, but not as before.

The sun came out, at least for a few days and we have daylight until almost 10pm. We altered the study time to take advantage of the evening brightness. Two new 5th Yrs. joined us for the final term Oliver Coffey and Eddie Croswaithe. We wish them well on their adaptation to Castle life.

6th Years finished their Mock Exams are now on the final pathway leading to the Leaving Certificate in June. They had their Graduation on Sunday May 22nd. A very meaningful and emotional Mass in the College was followed by a lovely lunch in Leopardstown. The boys and their parents thoroughly enjoyed the day. We wish them well as they prepare to depart the College and the Castle.

Sports and Family Day on Sunday, 15th was a great success with many boarders winning medals at the various events. The highlight was the Presentation of Sports Personality of the Year Award to Castle boarder Gus Mc Carthy.

The Castle boarders also qualified for the Final of the Paul Stanley competition beating the highly fancied 6th Yr. Dayboys 1-0 in a tense semi-final. Man of the Match, Sean Thomas, scored the winning goal with a penalty. They team gave a stout display in the Final but came up against a very strong 5th Yr. Dayboys side and lost 6-2. The game was played in a great spirit befitting the occasion, with Paul's brother David in attendance to present the trophy on the 50th anniversary of Paul's unfortunate death.

A recent feature of the last term has been our participation in the "Darkness into Light" Walk in aid of Pieta House. 12 brave boys and 5 staff got up at 4.45am to take part in the walk to Seapoint and back. Dermot O Driscoll, Fiachra Coakley and Mr. James Kelly were brave enough to plunge into the icy waters of the Irish Sea at dawn.

The last term is a time to acknowledge those who have done well throughout the year. Castle Boarder Liam Demann (5th Yr.) excelled academically and won one of only 3 Academic Excellence Awards in 5th Year. The winners of the Castle Leadership Awards were; Joseph Tansey (6th Yr) , Matthew Harvey (6th Yr), Iain Mc Laughlin (5th Yr.) David Schiekofer (4th Yr.) William Barrett (3rd Yr) , Daniel McDermott (2nd Yr)

And finally, it is time to say goodbye to a number of our Castle colleagues. As always, a number of boys are leaving to return to their educational systems in their homelands and we wish them well. Housemasters Alex Houlihan, Kyle Dixon, Jack Natin and Jamie Berrisford are also taking their leave of us for pastures new. Finally, I am retiring after 7 years as Director of Boarding. I wish all in the Castle well. It's a great place and I will never forget the people I have met, boys, colleagues and parents. As author A.A. Milne wrote

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

Niall MacDermott



Maxim and Conor putting in a big effort on Sports Day!



Gus McCarthy wins the overall sports prize for 2022.



Diarmaid Monhan and Vlad Sukhodolov (5th Year) enjoy Sports Day



Our 6th Year Graduates of 2022

