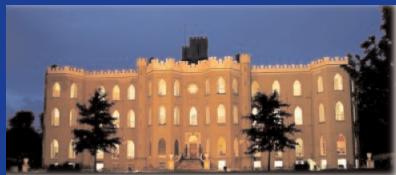


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Message from the Director of Boarding

Life in the Castle continues at pace! Having returned from the Christmas holidays in what feels like a blink of an eye we find ourselves on the brink of the February midterm break. There have been some fantastic highlights in the opening few weeks of the term. The staff and I are privileged to oversee the development of each of the boys in our care as they continue to excel in their academic and extra-curricular pursuits. All the boys in the Castle, from first to sixth year have been busy reviewing Christmas Exams and working towards our next set of progress exams.

During the Leman Concert the Boarders' ensemble entertained us with an excellent rendition of Beyoncé's "Halo" and Ed Sheeran's "Photograph". Hidden talents were on full display at the National Concert Hall! I thank Mr. Alan Duff for his organization of the boys during their weekly practices and on the night. Franz Ezquerra – 4th Year, was unquestionably the highlight of the night with his outstanding performance of "Fantasie Impromptu" by Frédéric Chopin, receiving a standing ovation in the National Concert Hall at 15 years of age. A remarkable achievement! Looking at the boys on stage in their various acts what was most clear was the sense of happiness within each of them. They were excellent ambassadors for the Castle community.

I congratulate SCT Captain Oliver Coffey and his teammates and fellow boarders Alex Mullan, Conor Tonge, Maxim Aschenbrenner and Niall Smyth on their first-round victory over Pres Bray. Each boy is an excellent example of dedication to those around them. We wish them well for the rest of their campaigns.

Equally, I would like to note the commendable efforts of our cheerleaders; Jamie Rogan, James Mason, Louis McDermott, Cillian Rush, Iain McLoughlin, Jody O'Carroll, Oscar Dougan, Rocco Terrinoni and Eddie Crosthwaite who have worked diligently on the Lion video and have done a great job in rallying the troops in Donnybrook!

Our Fourth-Year boarders are about to embark on work experience which will take them across the world. From Pastry shops in Paris and Charity shops in Dublin to internships in New York. We wish them well in taking their first steps into the working world. Declan Cadden and Nico Perez will be taking part in the Colleges upcoming trip to Kenya. While Fiachra Coakley enjoys a language exchange program in Spain and Cheng Zheng partakes in an engineering course in China.

Life in the Castle moves quickly, our ultimate hope is that each of the boys is happy, fulfilled and excited about what has to come.

Mr. Tiernan Mealiffe



Mark Sukhodolov Bowling



Lucas Roura Bowling.



Enrique Robles Bowling



Castle boarders enjoying a Saturday trip to GoQuest escape rooms.



5th Year boarders enjoying the escape room activities (Rick Shin, Lenny Kuzmin, Niall Smyth and Antonio Forte- O'Hanlon).



Garry Kingston trying to escape the room.



Castle Birthday Boys (Grigorii Korobov, Junzhe Liu, Lucas Menacho, Hugh Gallen, Alvaro Garcia Vecino, Alvero Fernandez, Pak Chun Chau and Kai Qi Guo)



Castle Sea Swimmers – Before the Swim (Mr. Kelly, Garry Kingston, Antonio Forte- O'Hanlon, Albert Lindner, Jose Carlos De La Cuesta Figueiral, Maxim Aschenbrenner, Iain McLoughlin, Lenny Kuzmin, Dixon Chongo and Franz Ezquerra)



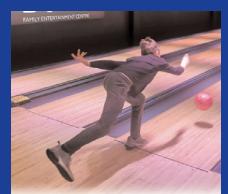
Albert Lindner and Artur Smykovskiy hanging out in one of the escape rooms.



Mateo Navarro Planelles solving the puzzle.



After the Swim



Garry Kingston Bowling



Carlos Bellon Gonzalez Bowling



Eamonn Evans solving the escape room puzzle.



Scott Zhu Bowling



Some of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year boarders enjoying a Saturday trip to the bowling alley.



Alvaro Fernandez Bowling



Jose Carlos De La Cuesta Figueiral, Sergii Ishchenko and Lucas Roura hanging out in one of the escape rooms.