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Dear `[[first_name]]`,

Welcome to the April edition of the monthly eNews!

We hope to see many of you at the **Old Campbellian Annual Dinner and 120th celebrations** during which a large number of reunions will take place. The event will be held in Central Hall on **Friday, June 10th**. If you have not yet paid and therefore registered, please do so [here](#)

We are grateful to all who contributed to the success of this year's Old Campbellian Magazine. It is never too early to contribute to the next edition either by your kind donations, advertising or in submitting your articles! If you wish to submit an article for the next edition, please send it to the Editor, Dermot Parker (7467): oldcampbellianeditor@gmail.com

This is a quick reminder that the **Old Campbellian Annual Golf Day and 120th celebrations** is taking place on **Friday 20th May** at the Royal Belfast Golf Club. Please remember to purchase your ticket to secure your attendance. Further details via: oldcampbelliangolf@gmail.com

Huge congratulations to the College's rugby teams and coaches for their successful seasons. We were delighted that the Medallion XV retained the Medallion Shield! Congratulations also to the 2nd and 3rd XV teams who also reached the final of their respective tournaments and to the 3rd XV for their win! The 1st XV battled valiantly in the final of the Schools' Cup Final against Methodist College but unfortunately the team were narrowly defeated in a nail biting game. The team should be very proud of their achievement and for providing a very entertaining game of rugby at Kingspan Stadium!

If you have any recollections or stories related to the **June 1951 Royal Visit** please contact [Claire Bunting](#) in the Development Office. We are hoping to generate some interesting tales on the website for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June.

News, events, obituaries and photo galleries are all regularly updated and available online on the OC Society website. Please spread the word to your networks to sign up and continue receiving news and updates from us - we want to stay in touch with as many OCs as possible!

Best wishes,

Walter M Murphy (6907)
Society Manager

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Annual Dinner 2022 - Friday 10 June



The OC Society Annual Dinner will take place on Friday the 10th of June 2022 at the College.

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News From The College

As we approach Easter, I wish to concentrate my message around community.

I reflect on a weekend which saw the Campbell College community return to campus for several fantastic events. Our 'Spring Showcase Concert' and the 'End of Season Hockey Tournament', alongside the Ulster Schools Rugby Sevens.

On Friday 25th March we witnessed the talent and joy of our boys as they performed in Central Hall under the expert guidance of our music department. The palpable buzz as our parents gathered to witness the results of months of hard work from the boys and teachers reminded me of what has been missed. The following morning and the sun shone for our end of season hockey tournament. The crowds of parents watched on and our 'Parent Coffee Stall' was overflowing with pink buns for the Club's chosen charity - 'Pretty in Pink Breast Cancer NI'. The Campus was alive again. Coupled with this was the hundreds of boys attending the Schools 7-aside tournament which has traditionally been hosted by Campbell. It is wonderful to hear the noise of children at play and 'gentle' cooing of friends and parents watching on.

In March 2020 we missed coming together to experience the Danske Bank Schools' Cup Final at Kingspan due to Covid, but we were out in force to support our boys on 17th March this year. Our 1st XV played an incredible match and whilst we give congratulations to Methody on their win, I honour the Campbell boys for their determination, maturity, and respect in this moment. The preceding week saw our Medallion XV give their all in a performance to secure the Medallion Shield (2022) - a victory which bodes well for the future. At both matches there were large numbers of Campbell students and we were praised for our conduct and the positive atmosphere engendered.

The sense of togetherness was apparent as our community united under the guidance of our Charity Team to extend support to those suffering in Ukraine and together we donated a vast amount of materials for the cause.

Moments, such as these, when our community come together make Campbell College distinct and we are delighted to see their return, allowing us to give demonstrable expression to our nature and character.

Normality is returning and we look towards the summer term and the return of examinations. This will undoubtedly be a tough adjustment for our boys - especially those sitting A Levels. Many in this cohort have not sat external exams since their AQE and that is a long time ago! Our staff, as always, are going the extra mile to support these pupils on this journey, with support materials and activities provided, including in some cases evening revision classes.

In so many ways we have missed 'events' such as those described above. It is fantastic to see how the Old Campbellian community connects with their school during these occasions - the group of OCs in front of myself in the Kingspan Stadium were probably noisier than the pipe band. I want to say a heartfelt thanks to the OC Community and to the OC Society for their ongoing support for the College. I hope you all enjoy the Easter break as we look to the summer term with a renewed sense of the future.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M Robinson MBE
Headmaster

News

OC Society AGM 2022



Michael McAllister (7444) receiving his plaque from Dermot Parker (7467)
Michael McAllister (7444) will remain as President of The OC Society in 2022.

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A conversation with... 1st XV coach John Creighton (10458)



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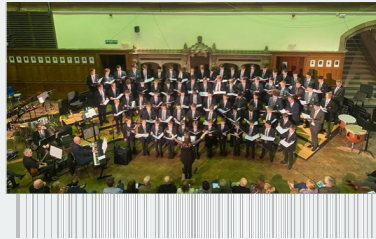
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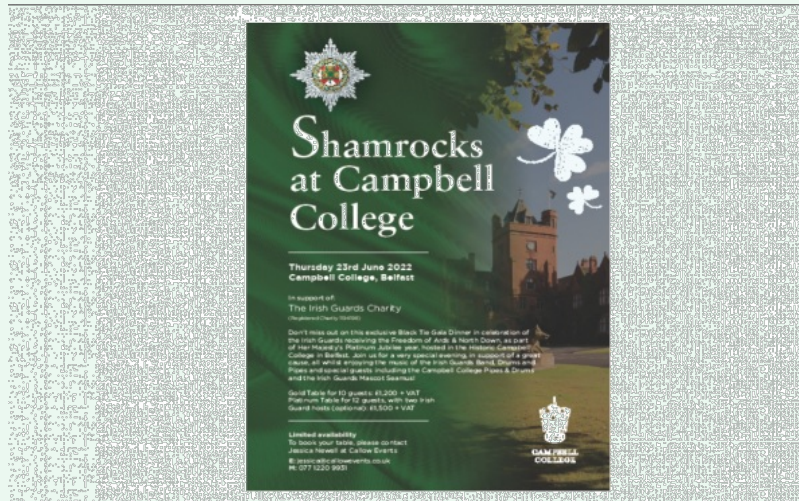


Senior Choir

Spring Showcase Concert is back

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Don't miss out on this exclusive Black Tie Gala Dinner in celebration of The Irish Guards receiving the Freedom of Ards & North Down.

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Dates for your Diary

120th Celebratory OC Society Annual Golf Day, Friday, 20th May, 2022

The 120th Celebratory OC Society Annual Golf Day will be held at The Royal Belfast Golf Club. Details will follow soon on the OC website in the [Events](#) section. We expect this to be well attended so highly recommend you set this date in your calendar and register early to book you place. Non-OC Guests are very welcome to join you!

120th Celebratory OC Society Dinner, Friday, 10th June, 2022

The 120th Celebratory OC Society Annual Dinner originally planned on 11th February has moved to Friday, 10th June. Details are available on the OC website in the [Events](#) section.

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