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Welcome to Campbell College

Our vision is to inspire individuals to be the best they can be, contribute to the world around them and grow into men of character.

We are committed to providing an education that enables each and every boy to fulfil his potential - whether in the classroom, on the stage or on the sports field. We believe education is an holistic experience that should celebrate the creative, physical and spiritual as well as the intellectual.

We want boys to leave the school with an assured set of values, we want them to believe they can truly make a difference in society; we want boys to leave with things that are going to matter to them for the rest of their lives.

Prepare to be challenged, stretched and inspired.

Mr Jonathan Anderson
Headmaster

The Campbell Story

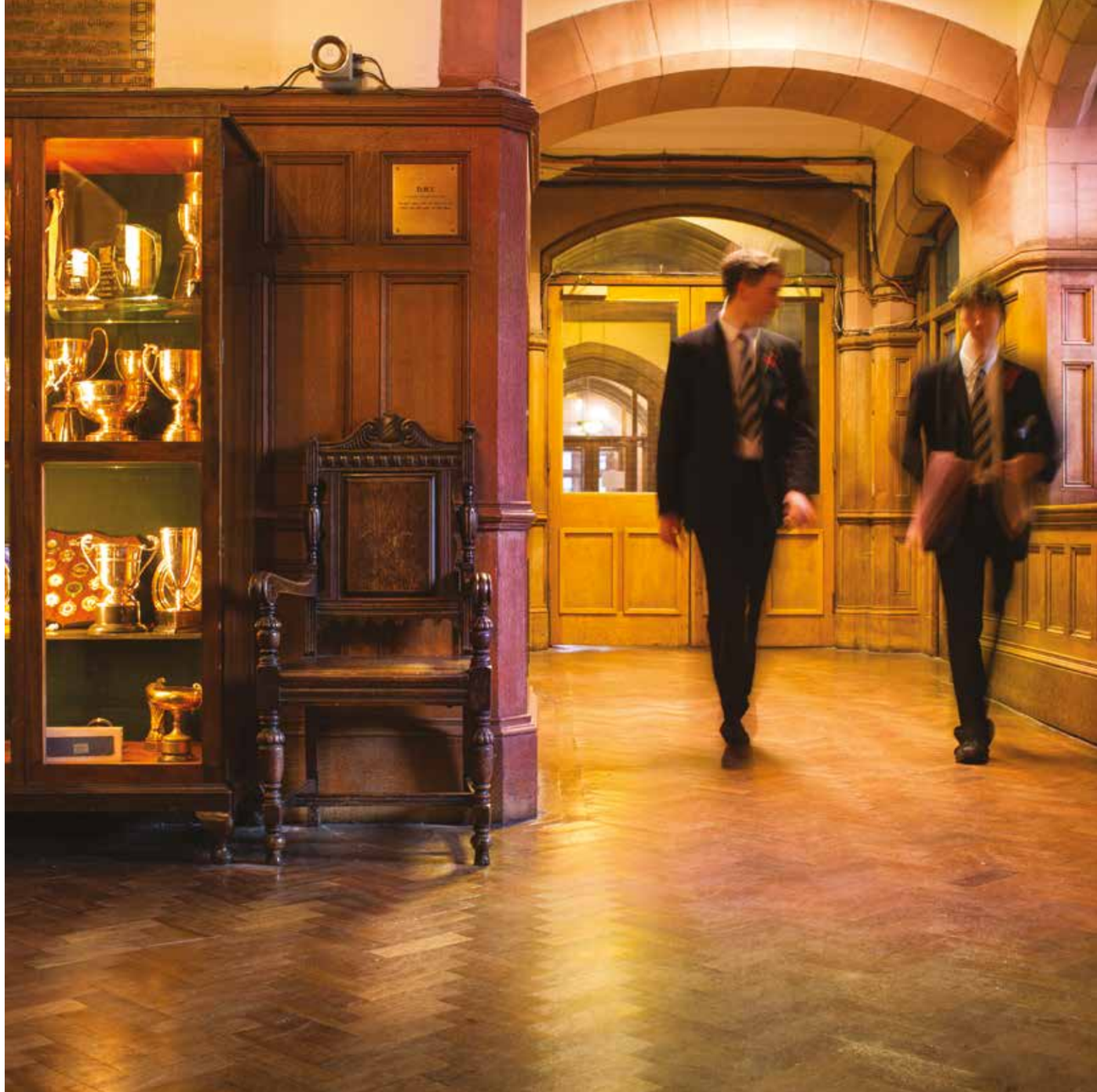
Campbell College first opened its doors in 1894 thanks to philanthropist Henry James Campbell and has been educating boys from all over the world ever since. The stunning 100 acre woodland campus sits on the edge of Belfast and the original redbrick Victorian building remains a striking centrepiece of the College today.

Home to over 1200 boys aged 3-18, the College has added state of the art facilities throughout its existence. The core values of respect, service and leadership remain true to the intentions of its founder.

With a Kindergarten, Junior School, Senior School and a thriving international Boarding department the College represents one of the leading Boarding and Day Schools on the Island of Ireland.

Our motto 'Ne Obliviscaris' is born out of a history of leadership and service reflected particularly during the two world wars and our Royal Charter status was presented in 1951 in honour of those we lost.

The diverse list of our alumni is a reflection of a College that truly celebrates the individual and our heritage is celebrated by Campbellians, old and new, across the world.



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A is for Academic

At Campbell we inspire every boy to be the best he can be, regardless of where he is on his learning journey. For the academically most able we run a scholarship programme where boys undertake research projects that push them above the standard syllabus offering. We have individualised study support programmes in place, both during the day and after school, that encourage all boys to set high personal academic targets and strive to achieve them.

B is for Boarding

The Boarding Department is a vibrant and expanding community at Campbell. With 120 boarders hailing from over 30 different countries, the boarding family adds a unique international dimension to the College. The interaction between day pupils and boarders provides a mutual learning experience greatly valued in the modern international workplace. Campbell is a school where you can travel the world every day!

C is for Careers

Our Careers Department is outstanding and focusses on ensuring each pupil maximises the opportunities available to him. At Sixth Form, every student has their own careers advisor to guide them in their choice of tertiary education. Work experience visits and presentations are offered along with various university trips, including to Oxford and Cambridge. The strong connection with our Old Campbellian network affords pupils a unique insight into a variety of careers and we pride ourselves in equipping our pupils for the future jobs market.

D is for Diversity

We believe in celebrating our differences. Different cultures, different interests and different achievements all combine to create a vibrant place of learning. We understand our differences and respect each other for them.

E is for Extra Curricular

We offer a rich and diverse extra-curricular programme with something for everyone. Our 100-acre campus includes a sports complex, swimming pool, tennis courts, 12 rugby pitches, 3 all-weather hockey pitches, athletics track, cricket squares, football pitch, shooting range and much more. Often it is the experience of performing with the orchestra, joining the debating society, the Combined Cadet Force or playing on sports teams that affords a lesson in courage, perseverance, resilience and teamwork.

F is for Friendship

Working together inside and outside the classroom, boys are united by a special bond of brotherhood and at Campbell they make friends from all over the world. Through a host of activities, boys learn to develop friendships that last a lifetime. Through connections with our local sister school, the boys have many opportunities to interact in a respectful and supportive way with their female peers. We develop our boys to be great friends and to grow into great men.

G is for Global

Campbell boys have the opportunity to develop within an exciting international community that will challenge them academically and socially. We provide experiences both inside and outside the classroom that build our boys into men of character who contribute positively to the world around them. This global perspective continues when they leave, as our Old Campbellians who live and work all over the world create a global community for all those connected to the College.

H is for Heritage

Campbell College first opened its doors in 1894 thanks to a legacy left by linen merchant Henry James Campbell. The stories of all those who have contributed to the life of the College are embedded in the fabric of this historic building. This unique heritage is celebrated by everyone in the Campbell Community and it is respected through traditions that remain today, such as our Pipe Band and our House system.

I is for Individual

Our ethos is to 'inspire individuals to be the best they can be.' Each pupil is supported and celebrated as they fulfil their potential. The connection between our staff and the pupils is unique and our staff go the extra mile to make sure each pupil thrives.

J is for Junior School

Junior School is a very special place for our young Campbellians. Inside the modern Junior School buildings, the boys are nurtured and inspired by our wonderful teachers. Outside the doors, it is an adventure waiting to happen. Our boys are inspired not just by the history and beauty of the surroundings but by the magic of the place. As an accredited Forest School, we make best use of our 100-acre woodland setting and let their imagination run free.

K is for Kindergarten

Our youngest Campbellians enjoy their own 'world of imagination' in our modern Kindergarten facility. With access to a superb play area and the College's 100-acre woodland campus on the doorstep - our little learners never want to leave.

L is for Learning

At Campbell we inspire boys to learn. We know that boys learn best when they are engaged and when they understand why something is important to learn. Boys relish real-time achievement but, above all, they need a mutually respectful connection with their teacher. We constantly adapt our practice so that we have the best support in place to help the boys learn and to ensure they thrive. We believe learning must be fit for purpose in a modern world and have invested in our digital learning programme to ensure that our teaching embraces the reality of the digital world around us.

M is for Memorable

When you meet a Campbellian you will see the level of loyalty and pride they have in their school – this is why there is a thriving Old Campbellian network. We provide the boys with opportunities to explore the full range of their personality and potential. They will have fun-filled memories of their successes as a scholar, athlete, artist, musician, actor, comedian and friend. Memories that will last a lifetime.

N is for Ne Obliviscaris

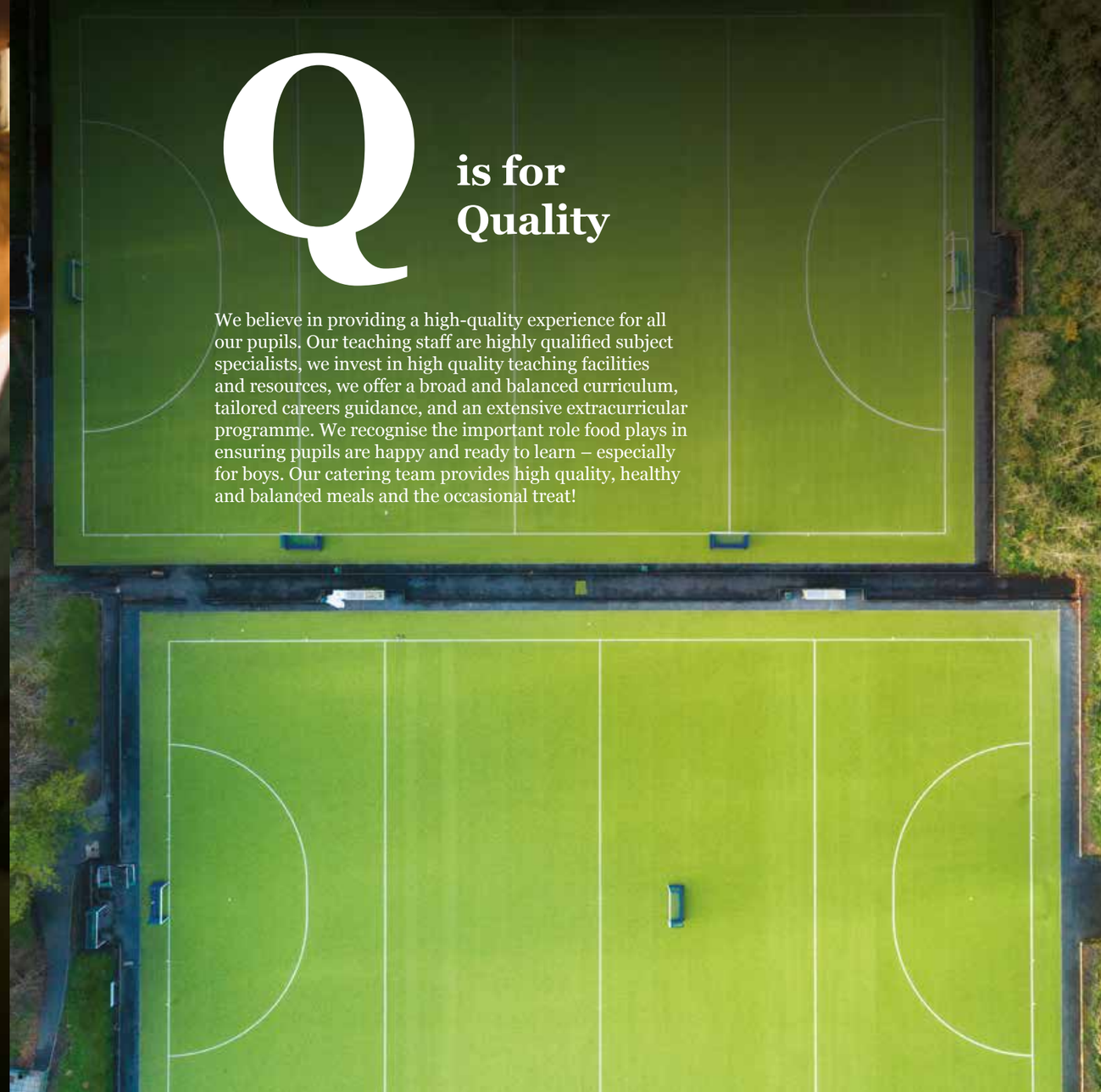
'Do not forget'. The School motto was born out of the sacrifice made by the hundreds of Old Campbellians who fought in wars and conflicts all over the world. It is dear to all Campbellians, past and present, and we make sure we never forget.

O is for Old Campbellians

Friendship for life epitomises the Old Campbellian (OC) Society. The OC Society hosts a multitude of events worldwide and throughout the year to maintain their links to the College. With OC's living around the world and working across every conceivable career, they stand ready and willing to support any young Campbellian now and throughout their future.

P is for Pastoral Care

Described as ‘exceptional’ by parents, the pastoral care at Campbell is one of our strongest attributes. Our goals are to promote well-being, to develop resilience and empathy and to see that each boy achieves his potential. But none is more important than the essential goal of building good character. Every boy belongs to a tutor group led by a personal tutor. That tutor will stay with them throughout their journey at Campbell and will be the first point of contact for a parent. We are proud of the strong relationships we form between the tutor, parents and the pupil.



Q is for Quality

We believe in providing a high-quality experience for all our pupils. Our teaching staff are highly qualified subject specialists, we invest in high quality teaching facilities and resources, we offer a broad and balanced curriculum, tailored careers guidance, and an extensive extracurricular programme. We recognise the important role food plays in ensuring pupils are happy and ready to learn – especially for boys. Our catering team provides high quality, healthy and balanced meals and the occasional treat!

R is for Results

The core ethos at Campbell College is centred around celebrating the individual. Campbell is only 70% academically selective and we measure success in terms of how each pupil improves and progresses on his own individual academic journey. We encourage and celebrate academic success, but we measure this success relative to where a boy starts his journey and where he is at the end of his time at Campbell.

S is for Sixth Form

Along with a wide range of subjects in Sixth Form including A Level and BTEC qualifications, we provide academic and study support and tailored careers information and guidance. In the words of Conor who joined us for Sixth Form, *"Having experienced life in a different school, I can honestly say that there is no school like Campbell College. The culture and diversity behind the College is like no other. I have gained lifelong friends, received incredible support and fulfilled the 'school boy dream' of lifting the Ulster Schools' Cup! Moving to Campbell was the best decision I've ever made."*

T is for Teaching Boys

Our teachers are experts in teaching boys. They are committed to building relationships, crafting a boy-friendly curriculum and engaging each individual student. Boys thrive in an educational environment where they first establish positive, trusting relationships with their teachers. Boys enjoy being physically active, competitive and are apt to taking risks – all characteristics that can be channelled into their learning experience. Boys develop best academically when they are in smaller groups, when they are known well by their class teacher and when they receive the quality teacher time they deserve, and so we invest in our teaching force to keep class sizes small.

U is for Unique

There is no school like Campbell in Northern Ireland and we are proud to be different. What makes us unique? We are a day and boarding school with a history and tradition that sets us apart. We are an all-boys educational environment where everything is tailor made for boys and how they learn. We charge a fee which means that we are in total control of all our facilities and can shape these to provide the very best for our pupils. We pride ourselves on going above and beyond, and our staff are unique in this regard. Campbell is a school as unique as you.

V is for Value Added

In order to understand and evaluate the impact of teaching provision, there is an increasing recognition that it is the progress that each pupil makes that matters. In other words, the 'value-added' by the school. External measures of our 'value-added' show that students are attaining almost one grade higher in each subject at GCSE than they would in an 'average' UK school. It is not where a student starts that matters but where they finish and our parents recognise and value their sons' progress above all else.

W is for Welcoming

We pride ourselves on our warm welcome and know how important this is for new arrivals at the College. Whether in Kindergarten, Junior School, Senior School, Sixth Form or arriving as a boarder from the other side of the world, all our staff, our pupils and our parents extend the hand of friendship and welcome. We are a family at Campbell and as such we ensure that each pupil and their own family is welcomed and nurtured from day one.

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It's not the end... it's just the beginning

This is by no means the end – we hope it is the start of an exciting, productive and fantastic journey for you at Campbell College.

Come and meet the people who make Campbell College unique.

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