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This book is like a family album... the album of an extended family brought together by the Jesuit Fathers, peopled by priests, lay staff and students, some famous, some infamous, over a period of 150 years. It is a collection of some history, a lot of reminiscences and memories illustrated with many photographs, each important in their own right, but when put together, they present a composite picture of life in the school, and how it has evolved and changed over the years. From modest beginnings, the Jes has grown into the remarkable educational institution it is today, a school where the emphasis is on the development of each individual student as much as it is on passing exams, a place where thousands of young Galwegians spent their formative years and formed life long friendships.

While this is a book about the past, the last three chapters are a strong indication that the future is in good hands.

As a pupil there, I have played on many teams, but this time around I was blessed with "The Jes A-Team" made up of current and retired staff, current and past pupils who were generous with their time, suggestions and contributions. They wrote articles, sourced old photographs, identified names for these images, suggested others who might help, passed on contact details etc. The captain of this team was Paddy Lydon without whom this book would have taken many more years. To each and every one of the team, I say a heartfelt thank you. The journey was a lot of fun during which I heard a lot of (mostly printable) anecdotes always told with great affection for the school.

Tá áit faoi Leith ag Coláiste Iognáid ar Bhóithríní na Smaointe iar-mhúinteoirí agus iar-mhicléinn an scoil.

The book was Fr. John Humphries' idea and he has been a wonderful support throughout.

Tom Kenny, April 2014

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Sean O'Rourke, RTÉ
and former Jes student

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