



## LEGO MASTERS FINALISTS BRING IONA ABBEY TO LINDUM



The Iona College community today welcomed a slice of our Scottish heritage in the form of a LEGO model replicating one of Scotland's most sacred sites, the Iona Abbey.

Consisting of over 70,000 pieces, taking over 350 hours to complete, and weighing over 60kg, this beautifully constructed model creates an important link with the College name and origins through the creative telling of stories.

In 1957 Archbishop Duhig declared that the new Oblate school to be established in Lindum was to be named 'Iona'.

Archbishop Duhig had chosen the name for the school after the original Iona, a tiny island off the coast of Scotland. In 563AD an Irish monk, Columba, accompanied by twelve companions sailed from his homeland to Iona to establish a monastery. Later, this monastery became famous throughout Europe as a great centre for learning, where monks were renowned for their sanctity. It was from the Island of Iona that missionaries brought the Christian message to the Scottish Isles and Europe.

Iona College Rector, Fr Michael Twigg OMI hopes that "the use of LEGO mini figures helps to connect our students with a significant historical Christian story through an experience which is creative and engaging for people of all ages, but particularly for students".



Ionian and current parent, Damian Hinds and his business partner Andrew Tuppen from 'Clicking Bricks' have lovingly created an accurate architectural representation that has presented a range of complex technical LEGO challenges.

Damian and Andrew's skills were showcased during Season 2 of the hit series 'LEGO Masters', where they finished as runners up.

*"Iona are thrilled to partner with 'Clicking Bricks' to create a piece of art that will be proudly displayed in The Provence Centre alongside other artworks, demonstrating our commitment to the power of storytelling through creativity and art", explained Fr Michael.*

It is with great excitement that Iona College welcome the Iona Abbey to Lindum, and it is hoped that its creation provides a conversation starter which leads to a better understanding and closer connection to the place from which our school is proudly named after.

