

Saint Ambrose College

Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It may seem no time ago since you 'overpacked' your son's bag and sent him to Castlerigg. I realise that since that time your sons have embarked on many exciting trips whether to Canada, Germany, Poland, Sierra Leone, France or Austria to name but a few destinations. In these far-flung places the boys have played rugby, yomped up mountains, skied the black slopes and immersed themselves in the world of the African. However, like our first love Castlerigg remains so quintessential in the memories of boys' past and present. It's a special time in which staff and pupils join in praising the word of Jesus in the wonderful setting of God's creation in the form of the Lake District. I returned on Wednesday tired but delighted to have attended. Our sincerest thanks to Miss McCrory and Mr Murray for making this trip possible.



It's been a manic first half term. In all truth I have never known anything like it in 32 years of teaching. We have a staggering 290 pupils in the Sixth Form and we are constantly seeking to enhance and develop our offering. I am delighted to see our 17 'new students' so well settled and embracing all that the College has to offer. This half term has seen our boys enjoy huge success on the football and rugby pitches as well as many individual performances and representations in other sports whether its cross country, rowing, swimming, or indoor athletics. We visited Oxford Union for its open day, 60 University applications have been sent and offers have been received from Bristol, Leeds, Bath, Liverpool, and Birmingham. Our Head Tobi O was emersed in all aspects of ERI as was Valdis C and Jack P. For those remaining to be sent half term does need to be a time to focus on completion. Our Gold DoE boys enjoyed some preliminary training expeditions, and our American hopeful scholars are making decisions about their applications processes, in that vein James O'B has been flown out to California to meet representatives from Stamford University to discuss scholarships. This is a fantastic opportunity, and we wish him all the best when he arrives 'stateside'.

Last period today I organised a gathering of Aquinas House to celebrate the fact that they have the accolade of being House Champions in the Year 2024/25. We celebrated by indulging in a ridiculous amount of cake, chocolate, and sweets. Well done Aquinas and let us put the gauntlet down to forth coming challengers.

In the half term ahead, we have much to look forward to. Remembrance Day Service at Holy Angels, Mock Trials, Model United Nations at MGS, SAC v Kings in the National Cup. STEM events including Maths, Chemistry, Biology and Physics Olympiads, House Competitions, and the launch of the Ambreto project with Loreto. Who can forget the Christmas Ball with Loreto. In addition, our year 13 will be prepping for mocks, completing NEAs and sending the final UCAS forms as well as hosting SVP and helping out in the annual St Ambrose Christmas Fair. We have charitable commitments to fulfil and public service to continue in our locality.

Congratulations to Dr Sate who medalled in the Wilmslow triathlon.



JJ & Valdis: Aquinas House Captains

As an Historian I was so amazed at the events in the Vatican City. In 1532 Henry VIII signed the Act of Supremacy this was the official end to our relationship with Rome. I once described the Break with Rome as the first Brexit a debate I will propose in the next history society gathering. To see the King of these islands take prayers with the Pope was something that I thought we would never see in my lifetime. Reconciliation is always essential for progress to occur. However, five hundred years does seem a rather long time to sustain rancour.

I wish you and your families a wonderful half term.

Kind regards,
Stephen Brady