

# Saint Ambrose College

## Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st November 2025



Good afternoon Parents & Carers,

The Polar Express of Christmas has left the station and before we know it will be in the atrium of St Ambrose College on the 6th December. We have an exciting array of stalls, festive food, choral music, a fatter Father Christmas and best bottle tombola in the Greater Manchester area. We hope that you can attend this prime event in the College calendar. We commence our festivities at 12pm on the 6th December.

Today we welcomed Rt Hon Connor Rand MP to address members of our Sixth Form. Much discussion was focused on the forthcoming budget. When I was younger there was no such public debate surrounding the budget as purda was employed and no parliamentary discussion or media involvement occurred until after the budget was presented by the Chancellor. We look forward to much debate with the boys regarding the outcomes of the budget.

Unfortunately the biblical storm which occurred last Friday meant that our away fixture against Scarisbrick Hall was cancelled. However, the international sport was simply amazing. I was at Twickenham to witness the English victory over The All Blacks. Then we saw the Irish defeat the Australians. However, pride of place has gone to Scotland who have magnificently made the World Cup next year in a four goal emphatic victory over the Danish.

We have now sent 115 UCAS applications. We are still awaiting for the remaining boys to pay and send. No UCAS is sent without the approval of Mrs Scott or I. We double and triple check with your son present before the final form is sent. Please pay and send if your personal statement and all details are entered.

We welcomed the return of Mrs Grainger (Sixth Form Administrator) She will be focusing on monitoring our Year 12 as they capture their work experience next summer. Our Sixth Formers attended a Business Studies and Economics revision session at the Trafford Centre. Our thanks to Mr Gunning for organising the event.

Delighted to see that the interviews are coming through for Oxford, Cambridge and our potential medical and dental students. Whilst James O'Bs final application was forwarded to Stanford University. Our offer rate has been excellent highlighting the quality of applications. Our thanks to all our UCAS team for all their hard work and industry. Today we say goodbye to Mrs Boulton as she embarks on her maternity leave. Even to the very last moment she was helping complete the last of her students application forms. Once baby Boulton arrives and we find out what make it is we will send her an appropriate gift from the boys. We wish her all the very best.

Members of our Sixth Form continue to preserve to grow facial hair in support of Movember, please support them in their endeavour, it goes directly to supporting men's mental health. <https://uk.movember.com/mospace/15516338?firstvisit=true>

I was most impressed to learn Charlie A and Ben K from year 13 have joined forces to produce a political podcast. I'm going to give it a listen over the weekend, scan the QR code if you'd like to listen also.



Finally, you can find details of a trip planned for February 2026, specifically for year 12 & 13 historians and politicians. All details can be found on the next page with payment going live on ParentPay from Monday.

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,

*Stephen Brady*

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### Trip to Ireland

**Who For:** Year 12 & 13 History & Politics Students

**When:** 26th—28th February 2026

**Cost:** £300 (£150 deposit to be paid by 5th December)

#### Itinerary

#### Thursday 26th

fly to Belfast 5:40pm flight

#### Friday 27th

Visit to Stormont—guide former member of the assembly

Peace line

Train to Dublin

Tour of Dublin City

GPO

Trinity College—book of Kells and the Irish Declaration of Independence

Guinness Brewery

Dinner

#### Saturday

Tour of the Dial by a current TD (MP)

Kilmainham Gaol

Phoenix Park

The cost covers flights and B&B and entry to museums etc. We will be staying with the Brothers on the Friday in Dublin and in a hotel in Belfast.



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# China's FDI in Africa

**Charlie Andrew and Ben Kennedy**

Discussing, geopolitics, economics and ethics Charlie and Ben assess whether China should continue its FDI into Africa. As China looks to become the next superpower the continent and wider Belt and Road initiative, are becoming ever more important both politically and economically

As always we would love you to tune in on Spotify using the QR code or the [link](#).