

Saint Ambrose College

Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you and your family are well. Last year I asked if any of the parent body could help with preparing our boys for interviews. The interviews already require specialist in law, medicine, dentistry, mechanical engineering, music (composition) and bio-chemistry. Please let Mrs Scott know if you can assist. Her email address is mrsjscott@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Believe it or not I can be quite an introspective person so on Monday morning when we got 'the call' that Ofsted were on their way I began to question my 32 years of teaching. I have been through a number of different inspection regimes from the Independent School Inspectorate, British Boarding Schools Inspectorate to the previous Ofsted final grading system. I am delighted to say that all those occasions we had a glowing bill of health. In my last school my Sixth Form had been graded outstanding as we knew they would be. As a result, I rested well on Monday night knowing that whatever occurs the inspectors will see how magnificent your sons are. They did and you should be extremely proud of how our boys conducted themselves.

On Saturday we have a block fixture against Cheadle and we wish the boys every success in this local derby. Today was home clothes day and we thank you for providing all the goodies that will help make the Christmas Fair a massive success. We look forward to greeting you next Saturday afternoon as we celebrate the arrival of the festive season.

A busy week next week:

Thursday 4th December

Is the Year 12 parents evening

Wednesday 5th December

SVP Christmas Lunch organised by the Sixth Form

Friday 5th December

Youth Enterprise, Houses set up for the Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December

- MUN at MGS
- Mock Trials Manchester Courts
- Christmas Fair
- Rugby Fixtures

Wednesday 10th December

The current Year 12 will be presented their certificates in an afternoon of celebration in which we will congratulate last years record breaking GCSE results.

A busy week ahead for our St Ambrose family. I hope that you will find time to come and support SAPA at the Christmas fair. Father Christmas will be there to give you your Christmas wishes. Unfortunately, Mrs Christmas is waiting until the Black Friday sale to secure some bargain Ozempic so he can fit down the chimneys this Christmas Eve.

We look forward to the next few weeks of good will and cheer.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady

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Semi-Finalist for Morehead Cain Scholarship

Last Sunday, I was privileged to be invited to Winston House in West London by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It was part of a reception for British semi-finalists for their prestigious Morehead-Cain scholarship. The scholarship is a fully-funded experience where prospective scholars would complete a 4 year undergraduate degree at UNC Chapel Hill with 4 summer experiences. These range from global leadership and humanitarian opportunities across the world; outdoors education in the North American wilderness; and pre-professional opportunities in the form of internships at companies of choice internationally. At the reception, I got the chance to connect with not only the 19 other British semi-finalists, but to speak to programme alumni from as far back as 1979 about their experiences, and to take on board their advice not just on the scholarship, but on the life opportunities opened to them through it.

The reception preceded the online semi-finalist interviews which are to be completed in a few weeks' time – which, if successful, would lead to me attending the final round in Chapel Hill in late February. It's a privilege to be able to get involved in such an amazing opportunity, and I'd like to thank all the staff at St Ambrose who have helped me so much in getting to this point.

By Chigozie M