

Saint Ambrose College

Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th December 2025



Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing this newsletter post my favourite school event of the season, the Carol Service. It was an absolute triumph and was enjoyed by all those who attended. It has been a week of many activities with House quizzes causing much debate and hilarity. Following the array of competitions and sporting events the results table currently stands with Aquinas in the lead. (see the table in the full newsletter and the article from Mr Bancroft).

House cross country was in action, and our indomitable PE staff and boys braved the horrendous weather to partake. It takes more than biblical rainfall to put an arrest to our sporting endeavours! I was delighted to attend the annual festive history quiz in Mrs Scott's room. Edmund H organised the event and we are delighted with the quality of answers produced by all the boys whatever their age.

Our Year 12 enjoyed a great afternoon at Lane 7. I think the 'darts bug' that has spread throughout the nation has reached our doorsteps. I must say I was impressed by quality of the 'arrow' throwing by our boys. The Year 13 will have an event to celebrate their end of mocks. The proposed date is the 22nd of January.

I am delighted to announce that we have completed all the UCAS applications of the boys we know intend to apply to university. In total Mrs Scott, the form tutors and I completed a record breaking 162 applications. It has been a long process and there are lessons to be learnt for the current Year 12. Nevertheless, the quality of the applications regards to personal statements and references is testament to the endeavours by my colleagues and the boys and has led to some fantastic University offers.

We continue to spend much of Advent raising money for charity. The generosity of pupils, staff and parents has been exceptional. Much of our charitable endeavours has been led by our Sixth Form and we are delighted with the sums raised.

Congratulations to the boys who had been awarded certificates for attainment and ATL. I realise for the Year 13 that over Christmas, time does need to be spent on their studies in preparation for their mocks. But if they organise themselves they can balance their festivities with ardour thus ensuring that the 'guilt' of not completing enough work is avoided.

I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas.

Kind Regards,

Mr Stephen Brady

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