

Saint Ambrose College

Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The Year 13 mocks are going well and we thank Miss McEwan for running an exceptionally smooth operation.

This week we delighted in celebrating five students achieving offers from the hallowed spires of Oxford. Congratulations to our boys for achieving these offers. We await Cambridge offer day which is on the 28th January. May I also congratulate all our other Year 13 boys who are in receipt of University and Apprenticeship offers throughout the land and beyond. This year we sent a record breaking 163 UCAS applications. This is all down to the combined efforts of the Sixth Form Team and is worthy of our sincerest gratitude.

As we never rest on our laurels our focus is now on the current Year 12. The Sixth Form tutors are engaging them in the process. In addition, we are mindful that an increasing proportion of our young men are anticipating or assessing whether they should undertake the degree apprenticeship route. With that in mind Mr Gunning and I have compiled an information document to highlight the processes and timeline involved for those seeking an alternative to the traditional University application process. I have linked the relevant details to [HERE](#). We have an event in early March to inform you about the options available post Sixth Form. Details will follow and we hope that you will be able to attend.

Unfortunately, the inclement weather played havoc with our weekend fixture list and all rugby matches had to be cancelled. All looks well for the weekend ahead with a block fixture against The Kings School Macclesfield. We look forward to watching our senior boys in action.

Mrs Hamnett (Head of Admissions) organised a taster day for the current Year 11. The boys enjoyed their experiences and we hope will galvanise their academic fervour to ensure that they can successfully achieve a place in our Sixth Form. We also embarked on meeting our external applicants who desire to attend St Ambrose. The numbers applying are awesome and highlight how our College is the destination of choice for so many young men currently outside the St Ambrose family.

To celebrate the end of our Year 13 mocks the boys have been invited to attend a paintball tournament. The details have been sent (please pay by Monday) and we look forward to spending an afternoon together that is a world beyond the strains of the examinations.

We are attending the MUN conference at Stonyhurst next Saturday. I am looking forward to a day spent challenging UN edicts with debate and a degree of humour.

I would also like to promote the school play. This is a play written by our boys and we hope that you can support us. Please see the attached promotional material.

On a personal note like so many parents the 18th Birthday of our young men is an event worthy of marking. My own son turned 18 on Monday and I did feel a degree of melancholy and a sense of disbelief that the child is now a man. How time goes by so very quickly.

I thought I would finish with this prayer for all those going through this transition.

***'Lord, I pray that You grant him wisdom and discernment in all his decisions.
May he always seek Your will and Your guidance,
and not rely solely on his own understanding.
Fill him with the courage and maturity to face life's challenges,
and the strength to stand firm in his values.'***

I wish you and your family a peaceful and joyous weekend.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady
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Director of Sixth Form