

Saint Ambrose College

Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am delighted to report that the mocks are now over. The behaviour of the boys was exemplary, and Miss McEwan's organisation was perfect.

Our 1st XV have broken a 23 year old curse in which St Ambrose 1st XV had not beaten The Kings School Macclesfield since 2003. On Saturday 17th January history was made and St Ambrose 1st XV beat the Cheshire Champions in a nail biting 16:15 victory. A fantastic victory and well done to all our boys especially to our Captain Chigose M for his leadership on and off the pitch. Joseph M our sports prefect has written this account of a game that had plenty of drama and excitement.

SPORTS REPORT by: Joseph M

It was a lovely morning for a game of rugby as the 1st XV travelled away to King's Macclesfield — a fixture that is never easy. History was firmly against us, with no victory at King's at 1st XV level for over 20 years, and the memory of a narrow cup defeat earlier in the season still fresh in the players minds.

From the opening whistle the game was full on. King's started aggressively and our defence was immediately put under heavy pressure. We were forced to repel wave after wave of attack, before the home side eventually broke through with a try.

Despite the setback, we stayed composed and, just on the stroke of half-time, finally found some rhythm. After moving the ball wide from a scrum Hope C finished brilliantly in the corner to level the scores and give us real momentum heading into the break.

The second half followed a similar pattern, with both sides locked in a physical battle. Territory and small gains became crucial, and we opted to take penalty points when available to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Both teams crossed the line once in the half, but neither was able to gain clear control of the match.

In a dramatic final play, King's scored their third try, leaving a conversion that would have snatched the game from us. However, with the full Ambrose squad charging it down, the kick drifted wide. The full-time whistle followed shortly after, confirming a 16–15 victory.

We left King's with a historic win and a very happy Mr David. It was a huge team performance, made even more impressive given the injuries picked up during the match and the absence of several Year 12 players from the Sale Sharks Academy. Every player contributed massively and the squad are still buzzing from the victory.



On Thursday Miss Widolf and I ran the Year 13 awards trip. This involved an afternoon of paint balling. It was great fun and my CCF officer days came rushing back when 2nd Lieutenant Brady was back playing war games. Not too many flesh wounds however the welts on my back may take some explaining!! Ben Mc has written this account of our 'fun' afternoon out.

REWARDS TRIP REVIEW by: Ben Mc – Snr Deputy Head Boy

On Thursday, the gentlemen of the upper sixth embarked on a well deserved rewards trip in the wake of their gruelling series of mock exams, that have taken place over the last two weeks. The activity of choice to wind down after an intense fortnight?

Paint balling of course.

Needless to say, the experience was full of action, with the 60 students being split into two factions and pitched against each other. The classic Mancunian weather conditions weren't even enough to prevent a certain Mr Brady from getting involved in the action, with his knowledge of historical military strategy proving invaluable to his team.

That said, the results at the end of the day displayed an agreeable draw, with both teams having been worthy of a win for their efforts. All the boys involved enjoyed the experience, and the gentlemen of the sixth form wish to thank Miss Widolf for her efforts in booking and organising such a fantastic trip.





On Friday Finaly M (yr 11) and Christopher P (Yr 13), baggiped the haggis into the central atrium to celebrate Burns night this was accompanied by Ben Mc reading 'Address to the Haggis' by Robbie Burns. The catering team have surpassed themselves and we look forward to all four home nations Saints being celebrated with similar gusto.

'Address to the Haggis' by Robbie Burns

*Good luck to your honest, cheerful face,
Great Chieftain of the Pudding-race!
Above them all you take your place,
Well are you worthy of a grace
Paunch, tripe, or intestine:
As long as my arm.*



A busy weekend ahead with rugby fixtures against Royal Lancaster Grammar school. I will be accompanying the MUN boys to Stonyhurst on Saturday. An early start for a MUN delegates as we are meeting at 7.15 am we will return just after 6pm.

In addition, can I remind the Year 12 Historians that Bletchley Park is a trip for historians as well as Mathematicians. We are also ready to close the trip to Ireland so any last-minute payments must be undertaken this weekend.

When I write these newsletters I am always delighted with all that the boys undertake and what fabulous ambassadors they are. However, this would not be possible without all our College Staff who all deserve the **ABCD** award. This is going **Above & Beyond** the **Call of Duty**. Whether its Mr Davids devotion to 1st XV success, Miss Widolf in organising the Sixth form trip, Mr Singh and his Bletchley Park sojourn or the catering staff going that extra mile to culturally enrich our pupils. This is a small example of the massive contributions that my colleagues make throughout the College.

I believe this is what makes St Ambrose College 'exceptional'.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Stephen Brady
Assistant Principal / Director of Sixth Form