

# Saint Ambrose College

## Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th February 2026 - 23



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a pleasant half term. The highlight of my week was the victory in Twickenham in which I was able to witness first hand.

We are delighted that our African envoys have returned home safe and well. Congratulations to Mr Murray and Miss McCrory for making this opportunity possible. Please enjoy viewing some of the pictures from the trip below.



In addition, our Year 12 Mathematicians and Historians had an 'enigmatic' time when they visited Bletchley Park. Our thanks to Mr Singh for organising the day for nearly 50 boys. Edmund H wrote this profile about their day out in Oxfordshire.

### **Bletchley Park Trip Report - Edmund H**

On Friday 13th February, a selection of Historians and Mathematicians from Y12 led by Mr. Singh, Mrs. Burke, and Miss Harrison visited Bletchley Park, the home of codebreaking advances in WWII.

As the world faced its darkest hour, the heroic- and largely forgotten work of codebreakers went on to break the Enigma code and played a decisive role in the Allied victory in WWII. This was reflected in the amazing visit, which included a visit to the Bletchley Park mansion itself, the huts built to house the vast workforce and the offices of Alan Turing.

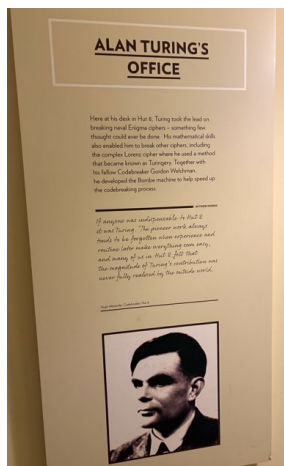
We even saw the mug which Turing chained to the radiator to prevent anyone from moving it from his office! Also of great interest were the displays on the subsequent development and significance of AI.

The trip was a reminder of the importance of computing and science in history, and the way that not all of those who make vital contributions in history are always rewarded.

A great thanks to those staff who organised the trip and made it possible.



# Bletchley Park Trip



The Year 12 parents and students have been invited to a forum held by AGSB on how to achieve Oxbridge success. Please see the letter at the end of the newsletter with details of the event.

If you and your son are interested in attending this even (a maximum of 3 people per family), then please email; [mrsigrainger@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:mrsigrainger@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk) with your son's name and how many seats are required. We need to book this in advance of the evening so could you please advise us **before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

This will continue the process in ensuring that we can enjoy similar success next year as we did this year.

**Our Oxford / Cambridge 10 which includes Joshua C from our 2025 Cohort**



Today Year 12 visited the UCAS and the apprenticeship fair at Old Trafford. The boys have been set a series of tasks to undertake to ensure that they make the most from the day. Our thanks to Mr Gunning, Mrs Scott and Mrs Grainger and for making this day possible.

The sevens season begins in earnest with the North of England tournament based in Birkenhead. Our first game is at 10am and St Ambrose along with The King's Macclesfield are based at Birkenhead RFC. Good luck to our boys.

We look forward to celebrating our achievements of the class of 2025 on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Before the awards evening, we will be hosting the annual 'Old Boys' game and would be delighted if you could attend as I do believe it will be an exceptionally competitive game.

We are delighted that one of our 'Old Boys' Dr Moriarty has agreed to be our guest speaker. He has had an exceptional career, and his selflessness and charity has recently seen him being awarded Papal acclaim. I have written this brief précis about his past and most recent plaudits.

**“Pope Leo XIV has bestowed upon Dr Kieran Moriarty the honour of Knight of the Pontifical Order of Saint Gregory the Great (KSG).**

**Kieran was Head Boy between 1968-69 and the first St Ambrose student to go to Cambridge. The KSG is in recognition of his 28 years as Medical Director to the Salford diocese Lourdes pilgrimage, his research that led to recognition of the cure of Jack Traynor as the 71<sup>st</sup> Lourdes miracle, and published research, in collaboration with the late Archbishop Derek Worlock of Liverpool, that persuaded the then Cardinal Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) to change Canon Law in 1995 and allow “gluten-free” communion wafers for people intolerant of wheat due to coeliac disease.**

**This has led, and will do so in perpetuity, to improved physical and mental wellbeing in coeliac communicants worldwide, especially priests, who had previously been consuming significant amounts of gluten every week.**

**In 2002, Her Majesty the Queen appointed Kieran a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for his care for people with alcohol-related disease at Royal Bolton Hospital.”**

It is with deep regret that I heard that Alderley Edge School for Girls is closing. The government's taxation system and ending of charitable status has made life extremely difficult for 'smaller' schools in the independent sector. The closure of the girl's school will have a devastating blow on the families and girls attending AESG as well as the community in Alderley Edge in which many local people rely on the school for their livelihoods.

We must remember that for many families the opportunity of a grammar school education is not possible and that the independent sector is the only viable alternative. Many must make massive sacrifices to ensure that their children receive the similar opportunities as our boys have at St Ambrose.

In that vein, please take the time to read through our wonderful Ofsted report (See Link: [Saint Ambrose College - Ofsted and Diocesan Inspections](#)see ). In which our Sixth Form are praised for all their industry inside and outside the classroom. It makes us all grateful to have this 'exceptional' institution to attend each day.

Let us endeavour to make the very most of the opportunities that lay before us.

I wish you and your family a very pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,

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Dear Head of Sixth Form

**Oxbridge Evening for Year 12 in the Coleman Hall on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys is holding its annual Oxbridge Evening from 7pm to 8pm in the Coleman Hall on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026. We are delighted to be able to extend an invitation to this event to Staff and Year 12 students and their parents and carers who attend your school/college.

The event will cover an introduction to Oxford and Cambridge Universities and expert guidance on what students should consider when applying.

We are really pleased to have a senior representative from the University of Cambridge to speak to students and parents. Dr Richard Partington who is Senior Tutor at St John's College, University of Cambridge will provide information on why students should consider applying to either Oxford or Cambridge and will also provide information on how a student can help themselves to make a competitive application.

Yours sincerely

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