

# Saint Ambrose College

## Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026 - 24



Dear Parents & Carers,

It was very pleasant to welcome so many Year 13 parents to our UCAS event on Tuesday. I hope you found it useful. I have forwarded the power point to all Year 13 parents who couldn't make it. The meeting was designed to highlight the changes in UCAS, funding, dates and deadlines as the year draws to an end for our Year 13.

On Thursday I launched the leadership application process for our current Year 12. We look forward to the applications and the interview process that will follow. We will also embody a more democratic approach and will undertake a school-based student vote.

On Wednesday our senior boys claimed victory at the Cheshire Sevens tournament and proclaimed themselves on their 'socials' as the Champions of Cheshire. Well done and we are delighted with this outstanding victory and look forward to the more challenging tournament hosted by Stonyhurst. Congratulations to the boys for reaching the quarter final of the North of England Sevens at Birkenhead RFC on Sunday. I was fortunate to be there and was so proud of how they played. Joseph M has written his account of both tournaments.

**North of England Sevens** By Joseph M

**Another great day for a sevens tournament. For a first run out of the season, the boys came away quite pleased. We managed 2nd place in a tough group, defeated by Sedburgh. Along the way we scored some great tries and some great attacking Rugby.**

**Unfortunately, after going 19-0 up in the quarters, we lost to a very strong and organised Prince Henry's. There was plenty of good things and things to work on to bring into the upcoming 7s tournaments.**

**Cheshire Cup Sevens** By Joseph M

**Conditions could not have been more ideal for a day of rugby sevens. With clear skies and sunshine at Caldy Rugby Club, the setting was perfect for the Cheshire 7s which is always a tournament the squad looks forward to.**

**Following the previous outing at the North England 7s, the lads had identified several areas to improve. The tournament also provided an opportunity to integrate a few new players into the 12-man squad.**

**The group stage proved to be an excellent start to the day. After conceding the first try of the tournament, the team responded in the best way possible. What followed was an outstanding run of attacking rugby, with the side scoring 123 unanswered points across the remaining group matches. Dominant victories over Calday Grange, Birkenhead, and Bishop Heber saw the team comfortably progress to the knockout stages while building confidence and momentum.**

**Heading into the semi-final, the squad was full of belief. Sandbach provided a harsher test, but the team delivered one of their most complete performances of the day. Strong defensive organisation combined with sharp attacking play allowed the side to control the match. The depth of the squad also proved valuable, with the bench being used effectively throughout the day to maintain intensity. The semi-final finished with an impressive 40-14 victory, securing a place in the final.**

**The final brought a tough challenge against a strong Stockport side. The first half was tightly contested, with Stockport enjoying a large share of possession. However, disciplined defence kept the scoreline close, and as the game progressed the team began to take control. Clinical finishing and growing momentum allowed the side to pull away in the second half, eventually sealing a 26-12 win.**

**At the final whistle, the squad were understandably over the moon. Being crowned Cheshire County 7s Champions was a fantastic achievement and a reward for the hard work put in by the players throughout the day. The result provides excellent momentum as the team looks ahead to the rest of the 7s campaign, with plenty of confidence to build on from a highly successful tournament.**

Congratulations to our youth enterprise who pitched their wares before half term at their 'stand' in the Trafford Centre. Their product was much admired and sales were robust. In addition, I failed to mention the glories of our Chemists when they attend the national competition in Cambridge. They came 12<sup>th</sup>/48 competitors and were the highest placed state school in the competition.

Mr Gunning has been exceptionally busy as we have had the national careers week with much on for all the boys throughout the school. This week was marked by the UCAS and Apprenticeship fair at Old Trafford. This was also a great success and gave us much 'food for thought' as we embark upon the application process with our current Year12.

We now have only 65 days until our A level examinations commence. This can be a stressful time for all stakeholders and any support we can provide please don't hesitate to reach out. In addition, Year 12 must start solidifying their work experience as their senses of urgency is not as we would expect at this stage. I have personally used many of own contacts to get work experience please could I reach out to our parent body to help our boys in Year 12 get the placements they would benefit from.

The Six Nations resume this weekend and we are excited about some of the outcomes in a tournament that has featured a great number of shocks and surprises.

I wish you and your family a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady  
Assistant Principal / Director of Sixth Form