

# Saint Ambrose College

## Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

What glorious weather we are having and I was reminded of the words by William Wordsworth:

### **I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud**

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:  
A poet could not but be gay,  
In such a jocund company:  
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.

We have several reports today from our Year 12 and Year 13 boys. The first is from Joseph M with regards to our performance at the Stonyhurst Sevens. The seniors have done really well this season, but the sevens plaudits go to our younger teams who have won a 'treasure trove' of accolades. I think we can be assured that the future of rugby looks bright.

### **REPORT ON STONYHURST SEVERNS - by Joseph M**

**On the hottest day of the year so far, the 1st VII made the long journey north to compete at the Stonyhurst 7s tournament. Drawn into a challenging six-team group, the stage was set for a demanding day of fast-paced rugby.**

**The tournament began on a positive note with a convincing 43–5 victory over Ermystead. While the performance didn't quite hit top gear, it provided a solid foundation and confidence moving forward.**

**Next came old rivals Cheadle. After a tightly contested first half, the side found another level in attack, pulling away to secure a strong 21–5 win and maintain momentum.**

**The third fixture against King's Macclesfield proved to be the toughest of the group. A bright start saw the team race into a two-score lead, but an injury left the squad a man down, shifting the balance. Momentum slipped away in the second half as King's fought back, eventually taking the lead and handing us a disappointing 10-point defeat.**

**In the final group game, the team responded well, producing a dominant display to beat Birkenhead comfortably and finish the group stage on a high.**

**Despite strong performances and three wins from four, it wasn't enough to progress as the best second-placed team, meaning we lost a place in the knockout stages.**

**While the day ended in frustration, there were plenty of positives to build on—setting the squad up well for the challenge of Rosslyn Park next week.**

We have got the most amazing news from the poolside (unfortunately not ours) but from Northamptonshire. Our boys travelled down and recorded a victory in the U18 Water Polo plate final against the London Oratory School. Our thanks to our amazing Coaches James and Mrs Chandler who continue to produce such talented young sportsmen.

Charlie C travels to Germany for the European Internationals this weekend we wish him every success. He will report on the U18's Victory next week when he returns from Germany.

In addition, we have a report from Tate M who is one of the young men who have been selected to travel to Africa next February half term.

### **SIERRA LEONE IMMERSION TRIP 2027 - By Tate M**

**We are pleased to announce that the group of Sixth Form students have been selected to take part in the college's annual Sierra Leone Immersion Trip to our sister school, Saint Ambrose Academy.**

**This opportunity invites us to reflect upon something far beyond travel. It offers the group a chance to experience a starkly contrasting way of life. It is an invitation to live out our faith in a meaningful way, reaching beyond and encountering the realities behind the narrative. This journey, from the initial fundraising to the final day of the trip, closely reflect our moral duty to serve one another, not from a position of authority or disdain, but through mutuality.**

These ideas are ingrained within the charism of Edmund Rice and the eight essentials, particularly “compassion for those in need” and “building a Christian community”.

St Ambrose Academy itself is a school of some 650 students. While instability in the educational infrastructure has been a historical issue, our sister school is now the second best in the entire country. More important than its academic achievement, though, is its core ethos and the community that has been fostered through years of shared values. There is already a strong sense of anticipation and excitement within our group, accompanied by an awareness of the commitment required. We are eager to embrace each stage of immersion, recognising the journey is just as meaningful as the destination.

In the coming months, students will be undertaking a range of fundraising initiatives to support the trip. These events and activities designed will provide an opportunity for the involvement of the wider school community, and your support will be invaluable in making this experience possible.

I thoroughly enjoy celebrating the success of all our boys and was delighted to see that boys who recently joined the Sixth Form receiving awards from their former schools at their celebration evenings.

#### **REPORT RE CELEBRATING SUCCESS By Harry B**

"Despite not direct action from the school, me and fellow externals from BTH attended GCSE Certificate and awards evening. Celebrating successes in History, Business, Maths, Design and Technology, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, receiving awards for the highest results in the class of 2025 in those subjects.

**An amazing night full of successes for new Ambrose boys"**

May I please remind parents about the lates and attendance. Year 12 have been very poor in recent weeks, and many are in Thursday/Saturday detentions. This is unacceptable and failure to abide by our timings will result in punitive sanctions.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Stephen Brady  
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