

Saint Ambrose College

Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am filled with a sense of melancholy as today we undertook our official end of Sixth Form photographs for our Year 13. We now officially have 20 school days remaining until the actual leaving day.

Next week will be an eventful time as we celebrate Easter with liturgical services in the atrium, the school sponsored walk, rewards evening and the 'Old Boys' Rugby Match.

Charlie C has given us an account of his experience at the Nordic Championships in Germany in which Great Britain achieved a bronze medal.

Nordic water polo league Germany- By Charlie C

Over last weekend I was allowed the opportunity to play in the Nordic league in Germany with city of Manchester Water polo Club.

The Nordic league is a collection of the best teams in Europe who then go on to play each other in competitive matches. Some of these teams were also from England like London penguins and Cheltenham. All games were played in Düsseldorf apart from the first which was played an hour and a half away from all other games.

This was actually the second round of the league and would be the final decider for the table standings. A poor first round had left us in 7th place. Due to this we were under pressure to win all matches. With the first match being Vilnius (a strong Lithuanian team with many national team players), we were expecting a strong and physical match ahead of us but due to determination, skill and teamwork we were able to come away with a narrow 10-9 win. After a well-earned rest, we faced club rivals London penguins which made this match extremely tense but due to prior experience we knew how to breakdown their defence and sabotage their attack. Despite this it was still another close match, but he managed to win 13-10.

Due to needing to play in a national rugby sevens tournament for the 1st team I had to leave a day early trusting my teammates would be able to control the rest of the matches. My trust was well founded as they went on to win 12-11 in their 3rd game and defeating another English team Cheltenham in the 3rd place game 12-9 securing the bronze medal. Making not only the best English team in Europe but also the 3rd best team in Europe. Players were Charlie Ch, Andrew S, Caelan M, and Jude E.

The success was driven by our extraordinary St Ambrose boys. Charlie jetted from Germany to travel to London to compete in the World-famous Rosslyn Parks Sevens. The boys enjoyed great success and were pipped at the post by RGS Worcester in the last match of the first day that was televised and viewed by me and Matthew L in the Sixth Form office. (link [Monday-RE1](#) should you wish to watch the action). Joseph M has provided us with his penultimate sports report of the year. His last report will be the 'Old Boys' game.

RUGBY SEVENS – ROSSLYN PARK BY : Joseph M

The famous Rosslyn Park National Sevens tournament once again delivered a brilliant few days of rugby, played in great conditions down in London. The team arrived with a clear goal of trying to reach the second day.

After a quiet night in their hotel in Epsom, the boys came out sharp. We started strongly in our first group game against John Fisher School, bouncing back from conceding an early try to secure a convincing win and set the tone for the day.

Next came a tight contest with known opponent Leeds Grammar. With the scores close throughout, we edged ahead late on but were reduced to six men after a yellow card. A tense final two minutes followed, but a huge defensive effort saw us hold on for a hard-fought five-point victory.

Confidence was high going into the final group game, and the boys delivered in style. A dominant Ambrose performance saw us score over 50 points against Watford Grammar and top the group, with plenty of names on the final scoreboard.

This set up an eliminator on Pitch 1 against a strong RGS Worcester side. In an end-to-end game, and despite a big effort, the team fell just short. We didn't capitalise on our opportunities and lost concentration in defence at certain points.

While we missed out on day two, the squad can be proud, topping a tough group and showing real quality throughout the tournament. All focus is now on the old boy's game on Wednesday 1st April, of which is bound to be a thrilling game of rugby union.

As much as we celebrate our wonderful sportsmen our musicians continue to lead locally and internationally. Casey M is a stalwart of the world famous Halle. His account of his recent performances fills us with great pride.

REPORT ON THE HALLE YOUTH CHOIR By Casey M

The choir is recognised as one of the country's leading mixed-voice youth choirs and was established in 2003. It is made up of young people aged between 13 and 19, with membership supported through voluntary donations.

Miss Yates encouraged me to consider auditioning for the choir. I decided to try out and was delighted to be offered a place. I only joined in September 2025, and at first I was unsure whether it would be for me. However, I have met so many amazing people and have truly loved being part of it.

The choir rehearses every Sunday in Manchester for two hours, and it has already given me some unforgettable experiences. So far, I have performed twice at the Bridgewater Hall. The first occasion was during the Christmas Carol Services, when all three Hallé choirs came together. It was an incredible experience and one I will always remember.

My most recent concert was performed solely by the youth choir at the Bridgewater Hall. The music was incredible — so haunting and powerful to sing — and the acoustics of the building made the sound even more impressive.

I would wholeheartedly encourage anyone to come and watch a performance, or even better, to consider auditioning and joining the choir themselves.

After my Saturday (28th March 2026) detention Mr Bancroft and I will be running a history revision session for the boys in the Campion Classroom this will commence at 11am and finish at 3 pm. Please be mindful of the extra sessions throughout the school day and after school for our Year 13 students

Over the Easter holidays the SLT will be opening the school to encourage boys who struggle to revise from home to attend the school. Devices are permitted. Please fill in the relevant document sent or from Mrs Burke and the school office. Supervision will be from Tuesday 7th of April to Monday 13th April. Excluding the weekend.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Stephen Brady
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