

# Saint Ambrose College

## Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy Easter. As I write this, I am looking out at blue skies and a promise of Spring Blossom. The term finished with great gusto and for me the highlight was the music from our celebration evening and the wonderful rugby match against the 'Old Boys'. Sadly, Joseph M has written his last match report. We thank him for all his journalism over the year and celebrate his own personal sporting prowess which has seen exceptional service over the last seven years.

*The annual clash between the Old Boys and the current First XV more than lived up to its billing, with plenty of pre-match talk setting the tone for what would become a fiercely contested encounter. It's fair to say tensions were high before kick-off, and the Old Boys arrived clearly up for the challenge, determined to prove they hadn't lost their edge.*

*From the first whistle, the match sprang into life with a level of physicality that never let up. Big hits flew in from both sides, with neither team willing to take a backward step, and while the intensity bordered on brutal at times, it only added to the level of rugby played.*

*The game itself was played at a relentless pace, swinging end to end with both sides showing attacking intent. However, it quickly became apparent that the current First XV held the advantage in cohesion, with more smoother set plays.*

*While the Old Boys showed flashes of brilliance and reminded everyone of their quality, it was the First XV who proved more clinical when it mattered.*

*There were standout moments from both teams, including some excellent team tries, but two particularly memorable scores from Hope C and Ollie T highlighted the attacking quality on display. These moments helped push the First XV ahead in a game that remained competitive throughout.*

*In the end, it was a combination of superior fitness and a more clinical edge that secured a 34–22 victory for the current side. Despite the physical nature of the contest and the clear desire to win on both sides, the match concluded in good spirits. It was great to see the Old Boys back, share a fiercely fought game, and catch up afterwards—reminding everyone what this fixture is really about.*

The sponsored walk was a triumph however attendance from the Sixth Form was not as we would have hoped for. Please remember that the money raised was to help our kindred school in Africa who have nothing compared to our bounty. If your son hasn't been able to attend, please ensure that a donation has been made to those who truly are in need.

For our Year 13 to use the term Easter 'holiday' is oxymoronic as this is a grade changing period in your son's education and the term 'holiday' shouldn't be part of any narrative. If your boy is struggling with the self-discipline of independent study St Ambrose comes to the rescue. During the first week of the holidays the

school will be open (except Easter Monday) and is also open on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr Sweeney has sent communications to our parent body highlighting the arrangements and how to book on. My day is Thursday if any of our historians would like any additional help.

Thank you to all the boys who contributed to ensuring the awards evening went well. Photos of the evening and the 'Old Boys' game are all in the main newsletter.

I wish you and your family a wonderful Easter.

Kind regards,

*Stephen Brady*