

Saint Ambrose College

Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you and your families had a wonderful Easter break. For the Year 13 our time is soon coming to an end. It reminds me when breaking up with a girlfriend how desolate or relieved one feels when the occasion occurs. In the departure of our current Year 13 the former rather than the latter pertains.

On the 7th May we will start our celebrations with a breakfast in school. Boys are to enter via the lecture theatre entrance and are NOT permitted in any other part of the school. The breakfast will be followed by an assembly in which an array of activities/speeches will occur. Thereafter we will depart to Holy Angels for our celebration mass, which will begin at 11.00 am and to which Year 13 Parent / Carers are invited to join us. After which the boys are free to begin their study leave. Please can I remind you to speak to your son about our expectations regarding behaviour, 'high jinks' will not be tolerated.

In games on Wednesday, we enjoyed a knockout football tournament in which I treated the victors to a celebratory ice cream. Ted G has written the following account:

YEAR 13 - KNOCK OUT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - By Ted G

Wednesday afternoon's Year 13 formed a football tournament which provided fine opportunity for the boys to perform on the hallowed astroturf for one final time. Organised by Benedict M, the tournament consisted of 3 group games followed by 2 knockout games, and after an hour of intense battle, it was Mr Gunning's 13C who eventually came out victorious.

The side were given an inspiring team talk by Mr Gunning in form time that morning, and they didn't disappoint on the pitch. A 1-0 win against 13E was followed by a 0-0 stalemate against 13G despite multiple chances, although it was the third game that really set them on their way. Despite a shortened 5-minute game, the side came out 3-0 winners, topped off with the organiser's 'Goal of the Tournament', a sumptuous Matthew L goal kick finished on the volley by Ted G.

The semi-final followed similar fashion, a 3-0 win against 13E (again) which set up a final against 13D, a strong side that had progressed to the final via the unorthodox yet time-efficient method of rock-paper-scissors, after a draw in their semi-final.

The final was a cagey affair, with neither side wanting to make a mistake, although with just a minute remaining Jacob L went through on goal, squaring it for Ted G to tap into an empty net. The final whistle blew, crowning 13C champions, a thoroughly deserved title having not conceded a goal, highlighting the valiant team effort from all 7 members, all of which were outstanding throughout.

It would not be a true tournament without a prize, and the side were treated to an ice cream by Mr Brady as a reward. Overall, it was a truly enjoyable afternoon for the whole year group, brilliantly organised and competed in great spirit, which is testament to the strong relationships throughout the year as we approach our final 2 weeks together.



Even though the Rugby season is over with regards to school it's great to see our boys excel at club level. This account from Theo L highlights that though the weather suggests we should be adorning the whites our boys are still battling with the oval ball.

RUGBY SUCCESS OUTSIDE SCHOOL – BY Theo Leyden

It was the turn of Heaton Moor Rugby Club to host the four matches that make up the Lancashire Colts Cup Finals 2026. It is always a privilege to host such an event, but with the Heaton Moor Colts competing in the big match against Wigan and the sun shining, it promised to be an extra special occasion.

Heaton Moor Colts include no less than six Ambrosian Year 12's- Captain Aidan B, Vice Captain Theo L, Lorenz D'A, Jack H, Mickey B and Tommy B. An old boy was even included in one of the staff running the event! Together with a fantastic squad the boys pulled off a convincing win against a strong Wigan side 46-17.

Individuals can get you to finals, with significant pieces of brilliance tipping the scale, but it takes a team to win one. The stars aligned perfectly and set up a performance that was the culmination of a hard season and significant player development- outstanding scrummaging, composed line-outs, unstoppable mauls and constant brutal running and defending.

The referee took the time to speak to all players and coaches to praise the team ethos and the attitude of all involved. A fantastic day!



Congratulations to our boys who have represented Sale in a replica premierships bout. Finn G has written the following assessment. Unfortunately, Joseph E has been injured. I am sure he will make his return to the Sharks next year.

Sale replica premierships By; Finn G

Over the past 4 weeks, 6 Saint Ambrose students have represented Sale Sharks over multiple games. Finn G, Jack H, Gabriel McG, Lorenz D'A, Joseph E and Austin N have all played minutes for the academy.

The boys have played against prestigious academies such as Leicester Tigers and Bath. Fixtures have taken place across the country with games being played at venues such as Loughborough University and Denstone College.

There have been multiple individual successes for the boys. Lorenz has been privileged enough to make an England u17s camp following his performances and the others aim to follow him to future camps. Austin N has made his debut versus Yorkshire Academy and has been selected to come off the bench vs Newcastle this weekend where we will play at the official Newcastle Stadium in Kingston Park.

Finn G was selected to captain the Academy against Tigers in a game in which he scored from Jack H's clever inside pass. Both Gabriel and Jack have made huge impacts off the bench with important moments including a try from Jack against Bath, this has earned the boys a starting spot against Newcastle which is a great achievement for both.

This weekend the boys hope to round off a successful block with an important game against Newcastle before they begin to prepare for a hugely important Academy League Season. Finn, Jack and Gabriel all start with Austin hoping to make an impact off the bench.

It has been a very enjoyable block for all of us as we all hope to carry on our journey at Sale.



Over the holidays we must give special thanks to all the staff who provided extra lessons and support for the boys. The school was opened for the boys in the first week. It was super to see so many avail themselves of the opportunity to undertake their endeavours under our supervision/tutelage.

On Saturday I will be greeting the first of our summer camps for next years year 7. It truly is the circle of life as your boys leave the new cohort arrives and thus the cycle begins. I will have a former student's grandchild (not from SAC but from a former school whose son has recently moved to the area) entering Year 7. I now feel very ancient!

Mrs Scott launched the UCAS personal statement sessions with our Year 12 and gave them a timeline of expectations. We will have a UCAS parents evening in the not-so-distant future for Year12.

We also have an Oxbridge event next week at AGSB. We are grateful to AGSB for inviting us and we look forward to hearing from the eminent professors and admissions officers. Our Year 12 examinations will take place after half term, and we hope that your sons realise how important they are as a springboard into Year 13.

We also have the EPQ deadlines fast approaching and we expect your sons to be working steadfastly to those deadlines.

We wish you all a very pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady
Assistant Principal / Director of Sixth Form