

Saint Ambrose College

Sixth Form Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It has been a wonderful couple of days seeing the return of the Year 12 (now Year 13) and our former Year 11 (now Year 12). May I congratulate the Year 12 on their excellent GCSE results and remind the current Year 13 that they are now the vanguard of the College.

We had exceptional results from our Year 13 with 80% A* - B and nearly 50% A* – A. Sixteen pupils placed in medical school, 6 students at Oxford/Cambridge and 3 students have gone to the United States of America. I am delighted with the boys who have achieved extremely prestigious apprenticeships and wish everyone the very best for the future. We are exceptionally proud of all their achievements and look forward to hearing about their future success.

I would like to extend a personal welcome to the 16 external students (as well as their parents and carers) who came from schools from around the area. They are very welcome and we hope that any initial trepidations are beginning to dissolve.

We have already enjoyed some sporting and academic success, and the term has barely commenced. Edmund H received this communication from St Hughs Oxford:

"We are pleased to let you know that the History Tutors at St Hugh's were impressed with your essay, and have awarded you a commendation – congratulations!. In recognition of your achievement, you are invited to join us for afternoon tea at St Hugh's Oxford"

Simultaneously we received a similar notification from Gonville & Caius College Cambridge. Oliver T submitted an essay on the Environment, law and Economics which was proclaimed as a great success. The Director of studies stated the following:

"An outstanding essay with its central argument clearly stated, rigorously evidenced and consistently pursued throughout. The disruption-to-routine thesis, the congestion charge reversal evidence, and the digital twin extension are analytically sophisticated in a way that goes well beyond what most pre-university students could produce. Excellently done!"

Oliver has been invited for the day and to have lunch at the College.

Bravo to both Oliver and Edmund. In these exceptionally competitive essay competitions.

In water polo we are celebrating the success of Andrew S.

"Andrew has been selected for the final 14-player Great Britain U18 squad travelling to Barcelona this September to compete in the Next Gen Cup, where the GB team will play against U19 teams from across Europe.

It's a fantastic achievement and a real testament to the hard work and dedication Andrew has shown to water polo over many years while at St Ambrose. He has regularly played above his own age group throughout that time, which has helped him progress to this level.

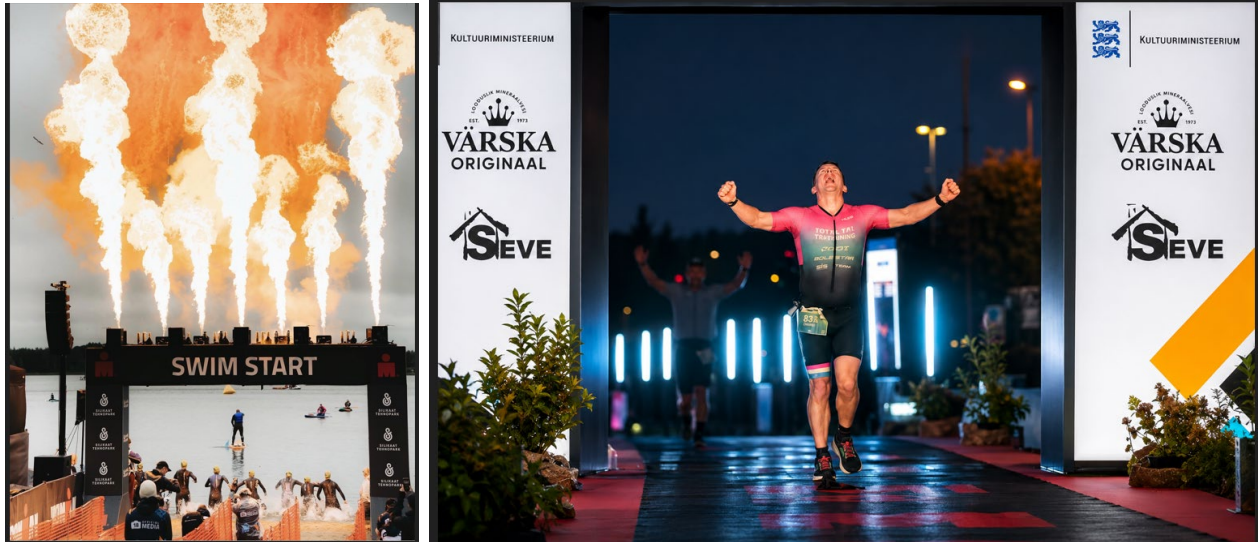
St Ambrose is so incredibly proud that he will now represent Great Britain at an international tournament."

On the rugby pitch we would like to congratulate Finn G, Lorenze D, Jack H, Joseph E, and Gabriel Mc, for representing Sale Shirts in the summer academy tests. This is an outstanding achievement, and we are

delighted that they are doing so well. Sale lost narrowly against Gloucester, suffered and a significantly different loss against versus Harlequins but ended the summer with an excellent victory over Exeter.

Congratulations to Finn who has been awarded the Captaincy for the 2026/27 season and to Lorenze who has been appointed as Vice Captain. With the strength and depth that we have this season this is the year we are hoping to enjoy great success both locally and nationally.

Our very own Dr Sate endured/enjoyed an amazing triumph in Estonia over the summer conquering the Iron Man event in the city of Tallin. Congratulations Dr Sate you're a great example to us all.



Race report: by Dr Sate

“A torrid morning in Tallinn, with thick fog hanging over the lake and the start of Ironman Estonia delayed by an hour.

Eventually, the 2.4-mile swim got underway and, as the fog lifted, conditions improved for most of the 112-mile bike course.

Then, with around three miles of the bike remaining, the inevitable storm arrived.

What followed was a full 26.2-mile marathon in unpleasant conditions, with heavy rain, winds of up to 38 mph and sections of the course covered in ankle-deep water. For me that's up to my knees. Running a marathon at the end of an Ironman is hard enough without adding an extended swim section.

Still, a very memorable day out and a finish time of 12:23:50 — 12 minutes and 47 seconds faster than any of my previous Ironman races (although, in the interests of honesty, this course was considerably flatter than the others!).

They say that if you don't like the weather in Estonia, just wait five minutes. Very true.

I'm still trying to dry out and avoid eating another energy gel for the foreseeable future.

On to the next one!”

Have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady
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Director of Sixth Form