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HOUSE NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2024 Stradbroke House

Y13s with Mr Lebbon and Michaela

House Master's update



This term has been long and exciting! One highlight has been the introduction of our tuck shop, which the boys requested. Their feedback and suggestions have helped us make it better and better, and it has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm for improving it. House competitions have also been in full swing, with great participation and energy from everyone. A special mention goes to our House Dinner a few weeks ago— a wonderful evening celebrating the spirit and camaraderie of Stradbroke House.

Amidst all this excitement, the boys have stayed incredibly busy with lessons, prep, tests, and essays. Our Year 13s have been working hard finishing their UCAS applications, while our Year 11s are gearing up for their January mocks. To help everyone keep pace with the hustle and bustle of College life, we've introduced some well-deserved treats. Morning breaks have been

brightened with sandwiches and hot dogs and after a gruelling rugby practice in heavy rain, nothing beats a comforting hot chocolate with marshmallows.

Here's to a fantastic term filled with achievements, teamwork, and a little bit of indulgence! Time now for a deserved rest (and some revision) celebrating Christmas and getting ready for returning in January.

Tuck Shop's best-seller:



House Competitions

The second half of this term has been action-packed with House competitions continuing to bring out the best in everyone. In the House Shooting competition, the Stradbroke team, led by Oliver W, secured an impressive second place; a fantastic result. Well done, chaps!

In House Rugby, our Stradbroke seniors truly shone, winning every game and extending our streak to an incredible five consecutive victories in this cup. The effort and team coordination on display were nothing short of inspiring. Our junior boys gave it their all, but a series of unfortunate injuries meant we couldn't compete at full strength. We finished in fourth place but with a strong sense of determination to return stronger next year and ready to fight for the top spot.



Top row: Felix, Oliver, Basti Bottom row: Freddie, James and Harry



Stradbroke House Dinner

Our House Dinner was a truly memorable event where tutors, boys, and quests came together to enjoy a lovely evening in a beautifully decorated setting. A special mention goes to our hardworking Year 13s for their outstanding table decorations—they transformed the space into something truly special! We were honoured to have several distinguished guests join us: the Principal, Mrs North, and her husband, Dominic; Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet, parents of our Head of House, and our guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Paffett. The food was exceptional, and the atmosphere was vibrant with camaraderie and celebration. Oli set the tone for the evening with a heartfelt speech about the friendships he's made in Stradbroke, peppered with funny stories that had everyone laughing. Mr. Paffett followed with an inspirational talk, sharing his journey as a professional race car driver. He spoke about the critical choices, relentless effort, and hard work it took to pursue his dreams.







The night concluded in the dining hall with an entertaining quiz hosted by Freddie P and Ed S. It was a nail-biter to the very end, with Rikin and Mrs. North battling fiercely for victory until the final question! After bidding farewell to our guests, the boarders extended the festivities back in the House with snacks and a spirited karaoke session. The performances were full of effort, if not exactly quality—but that only added to the fun! It was a fantastic evening from start to finish.











On behalf of Stradbroke House, we wish you a restful holiday and a Happy New Year!

