



HOUSE NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2025

Stradbroke House



House Master's update



This half-term has flown by or at least it feels that way! The days are getting (slightly) longer, and the boys are staying busy, settling further into the rhythm of the term. We are right in the middle of the Hockey and Rugby 7s season, and there is a real buzz in the House with all the matches going on. Meanwhile, we continue to emphasise the importance of good habits, particularly tidiness and punctuality, and slowly but surely we are seeing improvements. Michaela provides daily reports on the state of the dorms and after some persistent chasing of the culprits, we are finally seeing positive changes

On the note of punctuality, we are reinforcing the importance of **an 8:15 start for roll call, with all boys prepared and ready for the day ahead**. In case of lateness, we encourage them to text the House phone or send a quick email to inform us of any delays or potential absences. Additionally, any late arrivals must register with either the House staff or reception.



The new Xbox has been a big hit, bringing boys from all year groups (and even from other Houses) together to socialise in our common room. Table tennis remains as popular as ever, while chess is steadily gaining more and more fans, with a few boys already starting to learn how to play.

In the second week, our Stradbroke boys took part in the second round of the **House Quiz Competition**. It was great fun and, as always, we participated with enthusiasm and flair. Let's just say that despite not coming first, we certainly had a great time!

On a more academic note, after the half-term break, it will be the Year 13s turn to face their Mock exams. It will give them a taste of what awaits in the Summer Term—a mix of sitting exams, revising, and squeezing in some relaxation while waiting for the next one. It's exhausting, but once those are done, it will be time to digest the feedback from their teachers and start preparing for what's next. Keep it up, boys! Y13s What time is it? Revision time! Let's go!

House Quiz



Head of House



It has been another very eventful half term as we near a well-deserved break. During this time we have had Junior House Hockey, where the Juniors were able to achieve a very impressive victory, and it is good to see the amount of sporting talent we have in Stradbroke as almost everyone is representing the school across all of the hockey teams. Our Year 11s have also done very well, recently completing their mock exams. I hope that these went well for all and good luck to the year 13s who are straight into it when we get back after half term.

Michaela, Jean, Mr. Weal and Mr. Henriques have also been busy throughout the term, with the Tuck Shop being a great success as well as the treats provided by Michaela and Jean at breaks being appreciated by everyone.

Although it has been a difficult half-term for all, with many illnesses and dark evenings, it is good to know that the worst part is out of the way as the evenings become lighter and the weather is gradually getting warmer.

I hope that everyone has a restful break and comes back prepared for the second half of term, warmer days lie ahead!

The Scholar's Concert

On Friday, 7th February, the College held another edition of the Scholars' Concert—an amazing event where we witnessed fantastic performances from our students. Once again, our very own Sebby performed superbly on his guitar, opening the event on a high note. We are looking forward to Cabaret Night on March 19th, 20th, and 21st, where we will have the chance to experience more fantastic performances from our pupils. Book your tickets as soon as possible—it's worth it!



Hockey Photos - Stradbroke boys in action!



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