

OA Super Saturday 21st March 2026 : A Celebration of Sport and Reunions

The annual OA Super Saturday once again united past and present athletes in a vibrant celebration of sport, camaraderie, and competitive spirit. From the rugby field and hockey pitch to the netball court, golf and cross-country course, the day delivered a series of exhilarating fixtures that highlighted the skill and determination of both the College's current teams and the returning OA's and parents. The whole school turned out in full voice, creating an atmosphere as energetic as the action on the pitch and with the benefit of glorious sunshine it felt almost felt like cricket should have been on the agenda!



Special thanks to George Birkett (J24) for rallying the troops together.

Rugby: OA Experience Triumphs Over Youth - It was a well fought OA victory on the esteemed Dallaglio pitch that kept the dream of winning the prized, gleaming trophy alive. As was noted in The Windmill that no expense was spared with the silverware!

Man of the match was Ben Bridgeman (D/O24) and Runner up Finn McCarthy (H24)



Netball: - On the netball court, the College's 1st VII emerged victorious in a tightly fought contest. Both sides displayed excellent skill and teamwork, but the current students managed to edge out the OA team in the final moments. **The Players of**

the Match were Isabelle Mayer (M20) and Emma Craig Head of Development both for delivering standout performances for the OA squad and boosting morale.



Rock, paper, scissors!

Hockey: Dominant Displays from the 1st XI Sides - The current 1st XI hockey teams also put on impressive performances, securing victories in both the girls' and boys' matches and killing the OA's dream of an overall victory.

- **Girls' 1st XI:** The College's girls' 1st XI delivered a clinical attacking performance, securing a 5-2 win. Their efficiency in the final third proved too much for the OA team, even when boosted by Isabelle Mayer's sterling performance who swore she would not be playing! Player of the Match for the college was Molly , while **Ruby Pettifer (M23)** earned the honour for the OA side.





- **Boys' 1st XI:** The boys' fixture was an intense, high-speed encounter, with end-to-end hockey keeping spectators on the edge of their seats. The OA team defended brilliantly, with current College student on loan to the OAs, in goal producing a stellar performance between the posts. However, the skill and precision of the 1st XI boys proved decisive, securing a 5-3 victory. The **Players of the Match were Oliver C for the College and Archie Lyness (H24) for the Old Amplefordians.**





Cross Country: OA Runners Claim Victory on the Famous Course see below for your remembrance - The cross-country race saw the OA Team take a well-earned victory, winning with a first and third place from **Will Lyon Tupman (D14)** and **Alex Deedes (T15)** on the challenging Senior A course (8km), featuring the iconic Park House Hill, provided a true test of endurance for all runners on such a sunny day and the main concern for true cross country runners was that there was not enough mud!



Man of the match Will and Runner up Alex

Ampleforth College
Cross Country Match Route
(Senior A)

4.37 miles or 7km

353 feet or 108m of climb

Open gate 



Golf: OA's Cruises to Victory Over College- The College team put on a valiant performance on the golf course against a full-strength experienced OA side. Hugh Ainscough (H09) received the illustrious trophy on behalf of the team after setting the

tone for the OA's commanding win. **Man of the Match Ed Robinson (O12)** and **Runner up was Christian Minchella (H94)**



Football: Old Amplefordians lose in thrilling 4-3 nail bitter!

Entertaining Clash - The Old Amplefordians secured their first win in three attempts last year and the College team were determined to restore order! It was a close fought contest, and the standout performance was James Jenkinson and Tim.



The overall score was 3- 4 to College. There's absolutely no doubt that the Old Amplefordian's will be back in 2027 for a rematch fixture and will once again enjoy retiring to The Windmill for post-match pints! We are hoping to make this event even bigger next year, so watch out for our Save the Date and updates coming soon.

David Laventure with the "honour" of receiving the illustrious trophy on behalf of the College!



Thank you for all your support. Here's to 2027!