



ENRICHMENT WEEK REPORT

St. Ambrose College pupils learned what life was like in the trenches as part of a new enrichment week designed to refresh the parts normal education cannot reach.

The Quantum Theatre Group's harrowing portrayal of the battle of the Somme and analysis of the political incompetence that led to the mass slaughter was just one of scores original activities designed to engage and enthuse the young men before the summer break.



Pictured with Quantum Theatre players Jason Unthank and Elliot Lloyd are St. Ambrose College Year 7 pupils Jamie Cook and Harvey Richardson

Organised by St. Ambrose College's Achievement Mentor Alison Hart, the week featured trips to Chester Zoo, Old Trafford Stadium, and Manley Mere, as well as performances including avant-garde 20th Century German playwright Bertold Brecht in the College's main atrium.

The challenges could not have been more many and varied: There was a work experience day for Year 10 and Year 12 students with students encouraged to find about the realities of the working world at a family member's or friends work place, a religious retreat with a missionary group from Ohio and a day of army manoeuvres with the military taking the boys through a series of team and individual challenges.

With the normally strict dress code relaxed to give the boys responsibility of maintaining their own dress code, the week also featured a traditional Sports Day,, a session for sixth formers to concentrate on the UCAS applications with guest experts detailing what and what not to include and special design, music, art and cookery challenges.

Mrs Hart said: "It's important we give our young men a well rounded educational experience and with public and school exams now finished there is room in the time table to try something completely different."

Assistant Head Patrick Groves added: "It's been an amazing week with a variety of practical and intellectual challenges allowing boys and staff to work together in a wholly new way and develop further their partnership and respect for one another."