



## STUDENTS TURN THE TABLES AT ST. AMBROSE BY TAKING UP TEACHING DUTIES



Student teachers James Bennett and Sam Nanda work with younger pupils at St. Ambrose.

Top students have turned the tables at St. Ambrose College by taking up teaching duties to help younger boys pass their exams with even better grades.

A new student mentoring programme has paired 50 high flying sixth formers with younger boys down the school trying to get to grips with the fundamentals.

Alison Hart St. Ambrose College's Achievement Mentor said: "The aim is identify boys who are on grade boundaries, those who might be working to C grade standard but could achieve B or those who might be B grade but could achieve an A and give them some extra one to one tuition."

"It helps the younger boys master difficult concepts and gives our sixth formers an opportunity to take some real responsibility, see how their efforts can bring rewards and help them become leaders and even more socially responsible young men aware of others' needs."

James Bennett, 16, from Didsbury, who got a stunning straight 11 A stars in this summer's GCSEs is helping younger boys with Mathematics.

James, who is studying Maths, Chemistry, Biology and History in the St. Ambrose Sixth Form and is contemplating reading Medicine at university, said: "I really enjoy the experience and volunteered for the role. It helps me consolidate my own knowledge and brings great rewards when you see how a younger student can develop their skills with some appropriate help. It' also teaches me about the process of teaching and how you have to keep reinforcing key messages and not answer the questions yourself but seek out the answers from your students."

The mentor programme runs right across the curriculum and on the morning James was working there were also extra lessons, in Physics, Chemistry, Spanish and Computing.