



## TEENAGER RESTORES BIKES FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN



St, Ambrose College GCSE student Dónal Parker has spent his hard earned paper round money on restoring two bikes he rode as a young boy to donate to refugee children in Salford.

Dónal, 15, from Altrincham was so moved by the school visit of husband and wife Mostaffa and Nadin and their son Him, who had fled Syria as the bombs dropped around them, that he wanted to do something genuinely practical to help.

So of his own volition he has had his two bikes repaired so the six year-old Him and another child currently living in Salford can start to enjoy a more normal childhood.

Dónal said: “We are definitely not doing enough as a country to help the refugee crisis. I was brought up to care for and welcome others. I think the government could be doing more and it is also up to individuals to support the refugees. They’ve done nothing wrong, their lives have been destroyed by war, I wanted to do something positive, help them to make a new start and live a normal life in this country”.

St. Ambrose College sixth formers are currently working with refugees on developing their language skills and helping them integrate into British life, spending Wednesday afternoons at the Christian Brothers’ Revive Centre in Salford, while younger children at St Ambrose College are helping to write a book recording their experiences back in the Middle East and now living in Salford.

St. Ambrose College senior teacher Dale Krause, who is helping to coordinate the school’s refugee support activities, said: “Our young men respond wonderfully to a wide range of local, national and international causes and are always keen to help anyone you ask them to help. I was very moved by Dónal’s story: he spent his paper round money on restoring these bikes. It certainly restores your faith in humanity and makes you feel that the world might be in better hands when the next generation is making the decisions.”