



Young Teachers on African Mission

Two young teachers from St. Ambrose College are to fly out to Zambia to learn just how vital a good education can be to children in the developing world.

Over Easter P.E. Teacher Alex Evans and Behaviour Mentor Heather Burton will fly the 4,000 miles to Zambia to work with the Christian Brothers Mission.



Alex and Heather are pictured with some of the St. Ambrose College stationery collection

The pair are going on a programme developed by Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders which works to maintain the principles of Christian Brothers founder Edmund Rice and it is hoped they will be the first of many St Ambrose teachers in the future. The pair are now busy collecting stationery to give to schools in the central African state where the sort of basics we take for granted are treasured.

Alex, a former county swimmer, has also set up a sponsored school swim in which boys will complete some 309,000 lengths of the school pool to help raise £5000 so the mission in Lusaka can continue its pioneering work.

Alex said: "St Ambrose is part of a worldwide network of schools founded with an evangelical zeal to provide caring, compassionate education which strives for excellence for all regardless of circumstances and as a young teacher I am looking forward to a life changing experience which can be a platform for the rest of my career."

Heather added: "The response from the school community has been fantastic and pupils, parents and colleagues alike have inundated the appeal with stationery, while it seems certain we will complete the 309,000 lengths for the sponsored swim before we fly out to Lusaka."

Alex and Heather will join young teachers from around the world at the Christian Brothers Mission in Lusaka and will attend lectures, work in African schools and share ideas and experiences with their counterparts.

Roisin Maguire, Director of Education for the Edmund Rice Schools Office based in Hale Barns, who won an MBE for Services to Education in the New Year's Honour List, said: "It was a life changing experience when I went in my first year of headship and helped shape my philosophy and approach and I know Alex and Heather will grasp the opportunity to enrich their own teaching."