



MOBILE PHONE BAN HELPS AMBROSE RAISE £4,000 FOR LENT APPEAL

Mobile phones were switched off for the day at St. Ambrose College as hi tech pupils went cold turkey. As part of the Hale Barns Catholic grammar school's Lent appeal one Year Eight class vowed not to touch their phones for a full 24 hours.



Pictured at the back are Patrick Lewis, Joseph Oates and Edward Maddocks Sills and at the front Ronan McAuliffe and James McEntee.

However, as Ronan McAuliffe said: "I actually did 48 hours, but never again; I hated being out of the loop."

The boys said they missed their games, Instagram, Snapchat and even knowing the time but were pleased to have shown some will power. Patrick Lewis said: "It just wasn't that easy. I missed the distractions at lunchtime the most."

Their form teacher Harry Fitzwilliam Pipe said: "It was a group idea and between the 30 boys they raised a stunning £417, so I suppose their friends, parents and relatives knew the severity of the task."

St. Ambrose College's Lent Appeal raised over £4,000 this year in aid of 10 Charities, many of them cancer related or with personal links to boys in the school. The charities were: Alex Hulme Foundation, Children with Cancer UK, Macmillan, Mind, Mary's Meals, Dementia UK, The Teenage Cancer Trust, Cancer Research and Pignatious named after Ignatious House sponsorship of a Pig farm in Africa.

St. Ambrose College Charities Coordinator Sam Alford said: "As a community we have held cake sales, sporting challenges, Easter Egg hunts and raffles, paper plane and Fifa contests, car washes and a sponsored silence. One sixth form group even purchased a goat and chicken."