

Saint Ambrose College



Principal's Weekly Newsletter
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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents

As we move into Advent we prepare for the end of term, last week saw the successful Christmas Fair, which once again raised valuable funds to support the College.

This week we have 5th year Mock Exams and on Friday we celebrate the Feast of St Ambrose. This will take the form of Mass in the morning and students will go home at lunchtime.

The actual feast day is the 7th of December and is very apt at this time of Advent as we await Jesus' arrival with meticulous preparation. St Ambrose was hurled unwittingly into Priesthood and in fact became chosen as Bishop of Milan before he was even baptised.

As educators we are driven by the need to prepare for what is coming next and I ask that you use Advent to instil this message into your sons, with regard to all aspects of their lives.

Congratulations to last week's Principal's stars and to all those involved in this weekend's clean sweep of Merchant Taylor's at Rugby.

'God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one. Since he is good, and especially to those who are faithful to him, let us hold fast to him with all our soul, our heart, our strength, and so enjoy his light and see his glory and possess the grace of supernatural joy.'

St Ambrose

Principal's Awards-

Thomas Taylor - (Newman) Work with History Society

Luke McMurray (Ignatius) - Supporting Senior Leadership in presenting to parents

Issac Hall (Augustine) - Leader House Points Total

Jamie Foster-Graime (Augustine) - Supporting Senior Leadership in presenting to parents

Christopher Carey (Aquinas) - Work with History Society

Stars of the Week

Augustine

James Grainger – Helping with the Christmas fair

Ben Liversage & Joseph Lalley – For being an outstanding Ambrosian, in supporting an unwell student.

Aquinas

Oliver Bell & Niall Davis – Helping with the Christmas Fair

Ignatius

Timi Patani – Outstanding attitude and effort in rugby

Newman

Fintan O'Malley – Helping with the Christmas Fair



Notices

General Notices:-

Website: www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

5th Year Mock Exams Info: <http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/1119/parent/exams/>

Carols Service Holy Angels 7pm 19 December 2016 with refreshments at the College. All Welcome

School early closures:-

St Ambrose Feast Day 9 December 2016 @ 12.30 pm (see bus availability via the website)

End of Term 21 December 2016 @ 12.30 pm (bus availability coming soon)

Pastoral concerns email: pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Sport Fixtures/Scores: <http://www.schoolssports.com/School/?id=332>

Twitter: @StAmbroseColl

Rugby Twitter: @StAmbroseRugby

SAPA Twitter: @StAmbrosePA

SAPA website: <http://www.sapa.org.uk/>

SAPA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/>

Parents' Evenings (4.30 pm - 7.00 pm)

5th Year: 19/01/2017

Upper Sixth: 07/02/2017

2nd Year Options Evening: 22/02/2017 (7.00 pm - 8.30 pm) (date to be revised)

2nd Year: 28/02/2017

3rd Year: 15/03/2017

1st Year: 20/04/2017

4th Year: 02/05/2017

Christmas Fair Update

Thank You!

The Saint Ambrose Parents' Association would like to extend its thanks to everyone for the extremely successful Christmas Fair last weekend.

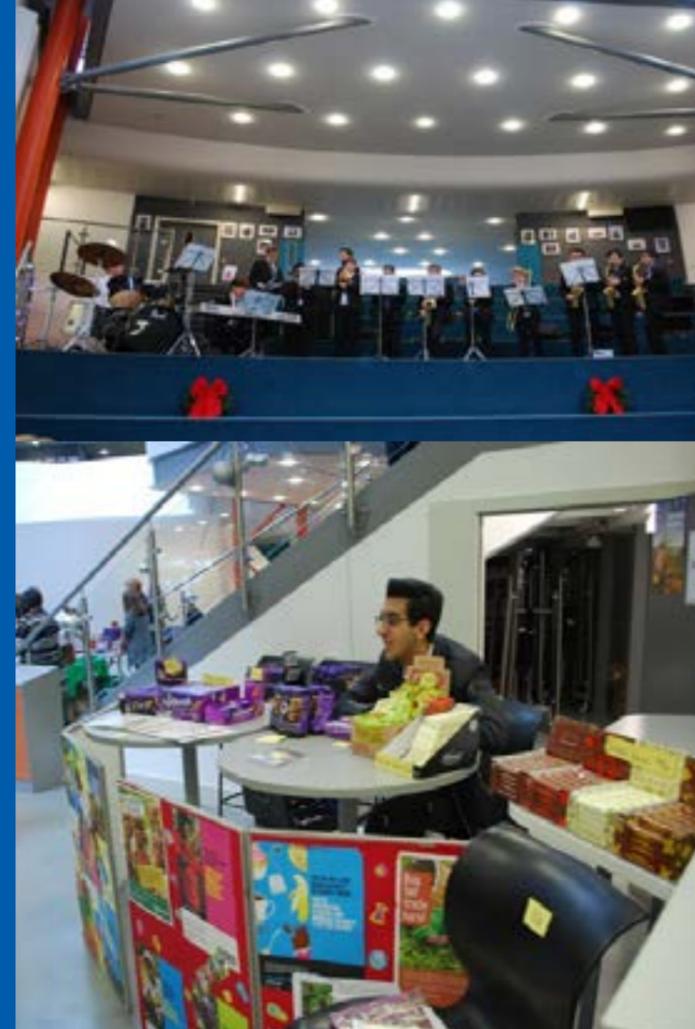
We had an amazing day with games, stalls, raffles, tombolas, entertainment from the boys and some delicious Christmas refreshments. In all we raised a tidy sum of over £4,200-00, nearly £1,000 more than last year.

Lots of prizes were won, most notably the Raffle Draw was won by Jackie Kinsella, The Hamper by Mrs McLoughlin and the Donations Draw was won by Andrew Stephenson - Congratulations to all the prize winners

As equipment is acquired and projects started we'll keep you posted where your money goes to, so keep an eye out for us in newsletters and online at SAPA website: <http://www.sapa.org.uk/> to keep up with our news.

The event could not happen without the support of our amazing St Ambrose Family; the donations from households, the volunteers, the boys, staff and Headmasters. Thank you all for your contributions.

SAPA



Rugby Team of the Week

Save the Children Appeal

TEAM OF THE WEEK
v Sandbach

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- 1 Greenlees (u12s)
- 2 Gadzama (u12s)
- 3 Welby (u12s)
- 4 Patani (u12s)
- 5 Higson (2nd XV)
- 6 Lavorini (u12s)
- 7 Smyth (u12s)
- 8 Connolly (u12s)
- 9 Sullivan (2nd XV)
- 10 Grieves (2nd XV)
- 11 Armstrong (u12s)
- 12 Tomlinson (u12s)
- 13 Twomey (2nd XV)
- 14 Rodrigues (u12s)
- 15 McGoff (u12s)

Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 20th December

£1 donation

(to your House Tutor)

Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

#christmasjumperday

Drama Performance and Workshop at Gorseley Bank Primary School

This week, five performers from the cast of 'The Hunting of the Snark' went with Mrs Bull and Mrs Hart to Gorseley Bank Primary in Wilmslow.



The students performed an extract of this year's production to the sixty Year 5 pupils. This was followed by a workshop about the comical characters and mysterious monsters that inhabit the world of the play.



The children at Gorseley Bank were completely enthralled with the event and are all excited about coming to watch the exclusive primary school showing on Tuesday 24th January at 4pm.



The St Ambrose students (right to left) William Fountain, Bruno Rojel, Joseph Nobel, Domini Boggiano and Adam Cook, were all fantastic ambassadors for the school. They were confident and very encouraging with the children. A huge well done to them all.

The team are also visiting St Ambrose Prep and Our Lady's of Lourdes Catholic Primary.

We have five schools booked in to attend the performance. If you know a primary school who would like to attend the free showing, please contact mrsebigley@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk for more information.

St. Ambrose College swimmers completed a superb hat trick in Trafford School Sports Partnership's Years 7 and 8 swimming championships with their top three teams taking all the podium places.

Competing against teams from Sale Grammar, Altrincham Girls, Ashton on Mersey, Flixton Girls and Wellington, Ambrose completed a clean sweep with their A team in first place, their C team second and their B team in third.

St. Ambrose College swimming coach Paula Chandler said: "Our new 25 metre pool does give us a distinct advantage. The boys train in Physical Education lessons and twice a week with our swimming club.

"We also have a particularly strong group of young swimmers who are all members of outstanding local teams including Trafford Swimming Club, Altrincham Swimming Club, Wilmslow Scorpions, Stockport Metro, City of Manchester, Dane Valley and Manchester Tribe."

The boys will complete 2000 metre sessions in each of their training sessions just in lunch times and love the challenge. Vice Team Captain Andreas Reyes said: "Everyone wants to swim; we had a D team and could have gone through the alphabet."

Pictured from left to right on the front row are: Andreas Reyes, Matthew Ho, James Goodwin, Joseph Mortlock, Oliver Mortlock and William Wedgwood. On the back row are Peter Barnard, Thomas Wildman, James Pennington, Ehi Itua, Jamie Foster Grimes and Paula Chandler. Also in the teams were Tom Middleton and Callum Weir.



Do you run a local business?

Would you like your business promoted to the 1000 families of St Ambrose College?

Then please donate a raffle prize for our annual college drama production.

Soon, we will be advertising tickets for the raffle via Parentmail, listing the prizes and companies that have donated. Please be one of those companies!

With our catchment spread across Hale, Altrincham, Sale, Timperley, Wilmslow, Cheadle and beyond, it is a great way to spread the word about your business.

All money raised goes to the production, which is self-funded. This pays for things such as scripts, licenses, props, set items etc.

Thanks in advance for your support –

Mrs M Bull
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Principal: J M Keulemans BSc (Hons) NPQH



November 2016

Dear Students, Parents, Governors and Staff,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to enter the **2nd Annual Photography Competition**.

There were many exceptional photographs submitted last year and choosing the winners was a difficult task. The students and staff alike have enjoyed viewing the top 100 pictures which were framed and exhibited around the College building.

Please read the rules and entry details carefully. I'm certain that most of you, whether you are keen photographers or simply snap things of interest on your phones, have pictures we would love to see. Creative photography and editing is by no means discouraged. I have also included the **2015 Photography Competition Catalogue** for your perusal.

Many thanks in advance to everyone for their participation and support.

Kind regards,

Simon Roderick
Faculty Head Creative Arts

Website Link for Entry Details:

<http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/1149/parent/school-competitions/>

Holy Angels

Mass for the Holy Souls

We were deeply saddened to learn this week of the loss of Old Boy, Joe Kaczmarczyk. May he rest in peace. On Thursday morning, our Chaplain, Father Martin Onuoha, offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for Joe, in the Chapel at St Ambrose College.

The Mass was well attended by boys and staff alike; Dr Gardener's pupils kindly read and served the altar. Father Martin also prayed for all the names entered into the Book of Remembrance in our Chapel during the month of November. In his homily at the Mass, Father Martin told us about his days as a young curate in Nigeria and the lessons for life that he learnt back then; he reminded us of how love for one another must take precedence during our life here on earth.

Father Martin - Holidays

Father Martin is going home to Nigeria in January for a month. He has three empty suitcases which he normally fills with gifts. He would be happy to accept things like summer clothes and shoes for adults and children, used mobile phones or laptops and watches. If you can help it would be most appreciated; please drop any donations off at Holy Angels' presbytery.

Thank you.

