

Saint Ambrose College



Principal's Weekly Newsletter
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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents

Well done to our 5th year students, for the attitude and effort demonstrated during their exam period. It has been great to see any opportunity for revision being taken and students actively seeking advice. The focus in the exam room itself was excellent and should act as a stepping stone for success in the summer.

Today (Friday) we belatedly celebrate the feast day of St Ambrose and I hope that the messages that St Ambrose embodied shine through in the boys over the rest of the coming year.

I hope that your advent so far has been filled with the anticipation of what is to come and that you have found time in the busy, hectic lives we lead to contemplate and prepare for Christmas, which is now only 15 days away.

'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



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

Creative Arts Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Creative-Arts-at-SAC-381192952213268/>

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

Ebola Orphans Christmas Appeal

As the season of Christmas draws near and we start to think of our own families please spare a thought for the 10 girls at St Ambrose Academy in Sierra Leone who were orphaned through the Ebola Epidemic. Mrs Alford is again organising a collection in school to pay for gifts for these children which will be sent by air freight to reach them in time for Christmas. If you would like to contribute please send an envelope into the school office marked Ebola Orphans Christmas Appeal, alternatively your son can hand a contribution to his House Tutor.

Last year we took a collection after the Carol Concert which has gone into a fund for the education of these girls and we will be doing the same again this year on 19th December. The girls range in age from 11-15 and they are all doing well and seven of the girls were promoted to a new class this year which is excellent news. Sadly 2 of the girls have been ill and one was hospitalised.

We ask that you keep Hasantu, Susan, Fatmata, Isatu, Sadikatu, Mariama B, Must, Mariama F, Hawanatu and Karimatu in your prayers.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Alford

Drama Sponsorship

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
mrsmbull@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk



Creative Arts Facebook Launch

Please follow the link:-

Creative Arts Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/Creative-Arts-at-SAC-381192952213268/)

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Please like and share the page to keep up-to-date with all the events happening in the Creative Arts Faculty.



Appeal for Creative Arts

Do You Have any Old Metal Coat Hangers or Tassels or Fringing?

We need them to make props for our Hunting of the Snark Drama Production

Please send items in the office

St Ambrose College Creative Arts

Save the Children Appeal

Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 20th December

£1 donation

(to your House Tutor)



#christmasjumperday

Saint Ambrose College

State-funded Independent Catholic Grammar School
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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon Roderick".

Simon Roderick
Faculty Head Creative Arts

Website Link for Entry Details:

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

ST AMBROSE FEAST DAY 7 DECEMBER

Saint Ambrose, also known as Aurelius Ambrosius, is one of the four original doctors of the Church. He was the Bishop of Milan and became one of the most important theological figures of the 4th century.

Ambrose was born around 340 AD to a Roman Christian family. He grew up with his siblings, Satyrus and Marcellina, in Trier, Belgic Gaul (present-day Germany). It is believed by many that when Ambrose was just an infant, a swarm of bees landed on his face and left behind a drop of honey. To his father, this was a sign that Ambrose would become someone great with a wonderful sense for speaking.

After Ambrose's father passed away, he was educated in Rome, where he studied law, literature and rhetoric. Ambrose received a place on the council, like his father, and was made consular prefect, or the Governor, of Liguria and Emilia around 372. Ambrose's headquarters were in Milan, the then second capital of Italy.

Ambrose remained Governor until 374 when he became the Bishop of Milan. After the former Bishop of Milan died, Ambrose attended the election to prevent any uproars between the Nicene Church and the Arians. While giving an address, the assembly began calling for him to become the next bishop.

Within a week's time, Ambrose was baptized, ordained and duly consecrated bishop of Milan on December 7, 374.

As bishop, he donated all of his land and gave his money to the poor. This made him widely popular and often times more politically powerful than even the emperor.

St. Ambrose is the Confessor and Doctor of the Church. He is the patron saint of bee keepers, beggars, learning and Milan, and his feast day is celebrated on December 7.

Prayer of Saint Ambrose



Lord teach me to seek Thee
And reveal Thyself to me
When I seek Thee

For I cannot seek Thee
Unless Thou teach me,
Not find Thee except
Thou reveal thyself

Let me seek Thee in longing,
Let me long for Thee in seeking;
Let me find Thee in love,
and love Thee in finding.



**Invitation to the
St Ambrose College Carols Service
Monday 19 December 2016 @ 7.00 pm
Holy Angel's Church, Hale Barns
(refreshments to follow at the College)**