

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

3rd November 2017



Message from the Principal

As we move into the month of November (Month of the Holy Souls), we have opened a book of remembrance in the chapel for students to place the names of significant people to them and their families who have died, to be remembered in the masses during November.

Take the opportunity to remember this month and honour those who have left us by remembering and talking about special moments shared.

As part of the month of Holy Souls, All Saint's day was remembered in form time on Wednesday and mass took place on All Soul's day, Thursday in the usual pattern.

Once again can I remind you that Thursdays at 9am, there is a voluntary mass in College led by Father Martin from Holy Angels and all students are welcome to attend.

Please take care this weekend as Bonfire Night is celebrated and I hope any of you attending events remain safe and dry.

Almighty and Everlasting God,
who dost enkindle the flame of Thy love in the hearts of the saints,
grant unto us the same faith and power of love;
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs
we may profit by their examples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Being a saint is not a privilege of the few, like someone getting a large inheritance. All of us have inherited through baptism the ability to become saints,"... "not superheroes, nor were they born perfect. They are like us, each one of us."
Pope Francis

J M Keulemans

Dates for the diary

11th November
Old Boys' Dinner

12th November
Remembrance Sunday

16th November
6th Form only—Drive safe training

21st November
Sixth Form Open Evening

26th November
Christmas Fair

W/C 27th November
5th Year Mock Examinations

5th December
L6th Parents' Evening

7th December
Feast of Saint Ambrose

8th December
12.30pm closure to celebrate
Feast of Saint Ambrose

18th December
Carol Service at Holy Angels

20th December
End of Term—12.30pm closure

Thursday 4th January 2018
Return to School



Hale Barrs
Saint Ambrose College

Sixth Form
OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 21st November

7.00pm – 9.00pm

0161 980 2711

www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

The Royal British Legion are asking for donations of 'old' pound coins in support of their 2017 Poppy appeal.



#PoppyPound



The Paper Birds Theatre Company Workshop

A-level Drama & Theatre students were treated to a 3 hour coursework support session with industry expert Kylie Perry; Creative Learning Director of The Paper Birds Theatre Company. The company have just finished a 7 month tour of the UK and Europe, including performing at Manchester's contemporary theatre venue HOME theatre.

The students have to create their own devised piece in the style of a prescribed practitioner, and document the process in detail for their A-level coursework. Perry used the students' own research and chosen topics to expertly layer and develop their performance ideas; exploring physical theatre, verbatim and choral work. It has been a fantastic opportunity to work with such an inspiring and creative expert and the students have learnt so much from the experience. There will be a public performance of the Year 13 devised pieces in December. Follow the Creative Arts on

Facebook:

[Creative Arts at St Ambrose College](#)

Twitter: @arts_sac



Operation Christmas Child



We are delighted to be involved with this year's Operation Christmas Child appeal and we would like to ask parents, family and friends to help us support the appeal.

We would like to fill 150 shoeboxes, with the aim being that each House Tutor group will collectively fill four boxes.

Since 1990, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from *Operation Christmas Child*.



Please can all kindly donated items be available before Friday 17th November and where possible a contribution towards the £5. postage needed per shoebox.

Gift Suggestions

Please fill your box with a selection from the following or similar items. All items should be new.

TOYS Include a toy that a child can love like a doll or a cuddly toy, toy truck, skipping rope, yoyo, ball, small puzzle, musical instrument etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES Pens, colouring pencils, sharpener & eraser, crayons, felt pens, stamp & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks and paper, colouring & picture books, solar calculators etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS Toothbrush, toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, flannel, comb & brush etc.

OTHER ITEMS Hat, cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses (with UV rating), hair accessories, wind-up torch, jewellery set, sweets (with best before date of at least March the following year).

DO NOT INCLUDE used or damaged items; clothing other than that listed above; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food items; lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; hand-made stuffed toys; playing cards of the 4 suit variety; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp or fragile items; books with mainly words.

Arts Day 2018 Needs You!

We are excited to announce that this academic year's Arts Day is on **Monday 22 January** and we are looking for professionals from the creative industries to come and speak to students about their careers.

Arts Day is an opportunity for students studying Art, Drama and Music at GCSE and A-level to learn about the industry that contributes nearly £90bn net to the UK's GDP. In previous years, parents, 'old boys' and friends of St Ambrose have given short talks to students explaining their current occupations and how they got into those careers. We've had sessions from TV producers, musicians, artists, football commentators and set designers to name but a few.

If you, or someone you know, would be willing to give a 15 minutes talk to students on Monday 22 January please get in touch: mrsbull@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk More information on the creative industries and the roles that we are looking for can be found here: www.thecreativeindustries.co.uk/industries

There is always an enormous buzz around the college in the lead-up to Arts Day as it is one of the highlights of the school calendar. Please encourage anyone you know in the creative arts industries to get in touch and help us make this year's event an enormous success.

HOME

Saturday 4th November

U15A, U14B, U13A, U13B

St Ambrose College
Vs
Wirral Grammar School for Boys

10am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)



Christmas Fair Sunday 26 November 11am – 2pm

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help at the Christmas Fair, to set up or tidy away after. We still need more help, so if you can spare a few hours we would be very grateful.

Stalls at the fair

Hot food.

At the Christmas Fair, we serve christmas lunch in a barn, cheeseburgers, burgers and fries. We already have lots of helpers to serve food, but we need someone who is interested in learning how to lead the team in the kitchen this year, in readiness for next year's Fair. Are you that special person? Do you have experience in catering for large groups, or do you want to learn how?

Games stalls.

Do you have a fun idea for a games stall? Please let us know your ideas. Would you help us run the stall, or provide the equipment?

Santa's Grotto.

Would you be able to help decorate the grotto? Do you have that creative flair to conjure up a magical place for our younger boys to meet Santa? We already have some decorations but we need someone to look through what we have and maybe suggest some new ones. Are you available on Friday 24 November after College finishes to set it up in time for Santa?

Raffle

Are you able to donate something for our raffle? Do you work for, or have, a business that you'd like to advertise? Donations to our raffle give you a free mention in the Christmas Fair Guide and again during the raffle draw. In addition, a limited number of stalls are available to parents for promoting and selling.

Collecting donations

Are you free for half an hour on the morning of Monday 20 November, Tuesday 21 November or Wednesday 22 November between 8.30am and 9am? Or in the afternoons of the same days between 3pm and 3.30pm? We need people to wait in the reception area at the College to take in donations of gifts for the Christmas Fair, and then pop them in our cupboard for storage.

If you can help in any way, please get in touch with us as soon as possible at chair18@sapa.org.uk. We don't have long now....just over 3 weeks to go.

Keep up with SAPA on:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/StAmbrosePA>

Website - www.sapa.org.uk

AWAY

Saturday 4th November

U18A, U18B, U12A, U12B

Wirral Grammar School for Boys
match to be held at Wirral Rugby Club
Vs
St Ambrose College

10am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)



Please help!

If you are available to help with refreshments during Saturday home fixtures, please e-mail: mrnhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

No dogs permitted on school premises



Reverse Advent Calendar

From 30th October to 1st December we are asking if one member from each form could please bring an item of food on a rota basis to support the Reverse Advent appeal.

Our aim is to support asylum seekers linked to the Christian Brothers' SERVE initiative in Salford and the Wythenshawe Food Bank by each student donating one item to support the charitable work.
Thank you for your continued support.

Helpful links:

School office: office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Pastoral concerns e-mail: Pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Twitter: [@StAmbroseColl](https://twitter.com/StAmbroseColl)

