

# Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

6th October 2017



## Message from the Principal

Thank you for your support with the changes we have now put in place this term, regarding the monitoring of homework and the use of mobile phones in college. We welcome feedback on all aspects of what we are doing at school and the impact to your son's learning.

Well done to all those involved in either our coffee morning or our afternoon tea, your support of our charity work is invaluable.

As well as the fund raising itself it is essential that support our boys to advocate for those in need and any encouragement of this is welcome.

*The ones who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless.* Oscar Romero

*J M Keulemans*

### Macmillan Afternoon Tea

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan afternoon tea this afternoon. It was a delight to see so many people supporting such a worthy charity.

S. McCrory



### Congratulations Oliver

We are delighted to share 5th year student Oliver Lee's most recent achievements. Cpl Oliver was the first cadet in Greater Manchester, possibly in the RAFAC to achieve an advanced marksman award on the L98 A2 with the Air Cadets.

In addition Ollie was selected and played for the Lancashire Lacrosse team last weekend against favourites to win, Cheshire. He played brilliantly and contributed to the teams efforts to win convincingly. Oliver will travel to Maryland with the England Lacrosse Academy in October half term.

P. Groves



Oliver with his advanced marksman award



Oliver with the Lancashire Lacrosse Team

### Dates for the diary

7th October

Scalextric Race Night

W/C 9th October

1st Year retreat to Castlerigg

13th October

North West Ambulance—Re-Start A Heart

20th October

Break up at 3.35pm for half term holiday

30th October

Return to School

2nd November

1st Year Parents' Evening

11th November

Old Boys' Dinner

12th November

Remembrance Sunday

16th November

6th Form only—Drive safe training

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

# SAPA News

## Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

### Scalextric Race Night—Saturday 7th October

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets. We hope it will be a really fun event, and a great chance to meet other mums and dads. Please remember to get there early, before your race is due to start (either 6.30pm or 8pm) - doors will be open from 4.30pm. You will also have the opportunity to buy hot food (hot dogs, burgers, fries, etc.), Krispy Kreme doughnuts, sweets from the Penny Pit Stop, soft drinks, beer, cider and wine throughout the event, but please don't take it near the race track.

### Next SAPA Meeting

During our next meeting on Monday 9th October at St Ambrose College starting at 7pm, we will start to make preparations for the Christmas Fair, which will take place on Sunday 26th November. The Christmas Fair is one of our key fundraising events, there is a lot to organise! If you are able to spare any time, before or during the fair it would be very much appreciated. We will also review the Scalextric Race Night event. We welcome your comments, both positive and negative so please send your comments to [chair18@sapa.org.uk](mailto:chair18@sapa.org.uk) or, even better, come along to the meeting.

Before the meeting starts, we will be selling second-hand school uniform from 6.30pm until 7.00pm in the College. We have a very large stock of school trousers, and will be having a clearance sale. All trousers only £1 each - come and grab a bargain. Many of the trousers are from Next or Marks & Spencer!

### Keep up with SAPA on:

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/](http://www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/)

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

Website - [www.sapa.org.uk](http://www.sapa.org.uk)

SAPA Chair

## SAPA Second-hand Uniform Sale

Monday 9th October  
Between 6.30pm  
& 7.30pm

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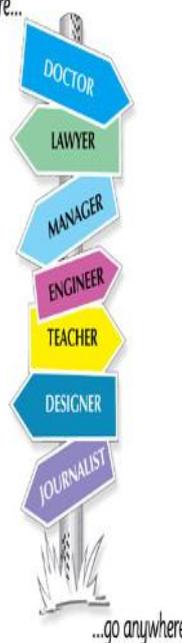
At

7pm

At

Saint Ambrose College  
(everyone welcome!)

start here...



## Careers Advice Clinic

All students are invited to drop into see Mrs Woods in the careers room from 1pm every Tuesday.

Mrs Woods is available to answer student queries with careers and support with CV writing.

## English Literature Society

Autumn 2017 marks the official re-launch of the English Literature Society. Each half-term the group of Sixth Formers (open to all, not just English Literature students) will meet to read an engaging piece of literature selected by the group themselves before meeting to discuss their thoughts and opinions as the half-term draws to a close. These meetings will be chaired by students and the next is to be held on the first week back after half-term. Our first chosen novel is Joseph Heller's iconic masterpiece 'Catch-22'. This satirical novel discusses themes of war and military madness and is widely considered to be one of the most significant novels of the twentieth century. We look forward to seeing you there...!

L. Robinson



St Ambrose Rugby  
Twitter Account;  
@StAmbroseRugby

# Sports News



On Saturday, rugby sides played local rivals Stockport Grammar School. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XV side lost 3-12 in a very closely contested fixture. Without some key players the side are struggling to capitalise on plenty of possession, losing to careless mistakes in key field positions in both attack and defence. This can't be said of other sides, in particular U15, U14 and U12 teams won by 50 plus point margins. The U12 game was especially pleasing to win all A, B and C team matches scoring over 30 tries collectively. The U14 team were unlucky to lose their game, despite scoring the same number of tries, poor kicking proving costly on the day. The U13 team lost heavily to Stockport's strongest age group side but recovered in a B team fixture to even up the scores.

## Refreshment Help

We are still very short of parent helpers on Saturday mornings. If your son is playing on a Saturday, please can you consider helping on an occasional Saturday to make coffee for parents on the touchline. If everyone offered just one Saturday, we would more than cover it.

## Other Sports

Our U16 cricket side enjoyed a day at Old Trafford last Friday, playing in a four way tournament against Denstone College, Bury Grammar School and Sale Grammar School. This was part of an invitation from our kit supplier Kukri who provided refreshments and use of the Indoor facilities as well as setting up a Question and Answer session with Lancashire Head Coach Glenn Chappell and former wicket keeper, Warren Hegg. The games were scheduled to be played on the 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Square but due to poor weather conditions, we were prevented from doing so. Our hosts have invited us to a similar event where they hope the main square will be used at the end of the 2018 season.

## Football result

Our U18 side exited the Greater Manchester Schools Cup to Wellington School. The squad is smaller than in previous years which has affected competition for places. Hopefully more 6th Formers will commit to the games on activity afternoons.

## Water Polo Success

We are delighted that two U16 players; Michael Itua and Ciaran Byrne have been invited to play with the City of Manchester Water Polo team, in a tournament for top European sides in Barcelona over the October half term. It is hoped that selection for national teams will follow if the boys perform well in their matches. The course offers advice on conditioning and diet and should prove invaluable as both boys look to progress in this sport.

## Cross Country

Teams took part in the first John Leigh Park meets on Saturday with mixed degrees of success. We hope that the boys used this run as a practice as they look to prepare for English Schools and later Trafford Championships. Training for all boys is on Monday and Wednesday lunchtime and more runners are needed if they are to challenge those currently in the school teams.

N Handy, Director of Sport, [mrnhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:mrnhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)



### HOME

**U15A, U15B,  
U14A, U14B**

St Ambrose College  
Vs  
The Grammar School at Leeds

**10.30am Kick off**  
(Students selected have been advised of meet times)





### AWAY

**U18A, U18B, U18C,  
U13A, U13B, U13C,  
U12A, U12B, U12C**

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**School Sports Website**

All fixtures for 2017/18 season have been uploaded onto the School sports web page. Please make sure your son is available for fixtures and aware of meet times. We will be setting up a Twitter account to inform about cancellations and meet times etc.

**No dogs  
permitted  
on school  
premises**





## Helpful links:

School office: [office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)  
Pastoral concerns e-mail: [Pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:Pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)  
Twitter: [@StAmbroseColl](https://twitter.com/StAmbroseColl)