

# Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

8th September 2017



## Message from the Principal

Welcome Back! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer.

Welcome to our new 1<sup>st</sup> year students and their families, although only in their first week they are settling in really well. We wish all our new families a special St Ambrose welcome, and we hope they and you will enjoy their time at the college.

We look forward to working with you.

I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

It is lovely to see so many children returning to school, looking so smart in their school uniform.

Can you ensure, that, as parents and carers you put a great value on school and education? Explain to your child that treating everyone with respect, being on time and in school every day, wearing the correct uniform and working hard in school is important to you and them. These are also important life skills. The value you place on these will be the value your child holds.

We are all busy people, but could I ask you to encourage the boys with their home learning – homework, reading etc... Reading from real books (not electronic) is important for children to develop a love of books.

Our children are our most important gift from God, treasure them, help them, guide them and support them – this time in their lives is crucial, whatever stage of their educational journey they are on. Encourage them to start this new term with this commitment

We in school will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. Please contact the school if you have concerns or need any support, help or advice.

*“The chief beauty about time is that you cannot waste it in advance.*

*The next year, the next day, the next hour are lying ready for you,*

*as perfect, as unspoiled, as if you had never wasted or misapplied a single moment in all your life.*

*You can turn over a new leaf every hour if you choose.”*

*Arnold Bennett*

Have an enjoyable and successful year.

*J M Keulemans*



Pictured above: Newly appointed Vice Principal; Mr Rainey, all new members of staff and of course our new 1st year students.

### Dates for the diary

**13th September**  
5th year parents' information evening

**19th September**  
L6th form induction evening

**20th September**  
3rd & 4th year parents' information evening  
4th Year—7pm—8pm  
3rd Year—8pm—9pm

**21st September**  
1st year meet & greet evening

## Summer 2017 examination results

Congratulations to all our students who received their GCSE and AS results during the summer. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the process.

### A level results

Congratulations to all our Upper Sixth leavers who contributed to our results being amongst the highest nationwide, with 75% of grades at A\* to B and an exceptional 47.5% at A\* to A. Three young men have met their Oxbridge offers and a magnificent seven are going on to read Medicine at some of the country's leading medical colleges.

Freddie Gent, achieved three A\*s and will read English Language and Literature. Freddie wants to become a journalist. Nicholas Royle, achieved an A\* and two A grades and is going to read English Literature at Lincoln Oxford and wants to be a novelist and accomplished pianist William Staunton, who got three A\*s is going to read Materials Science at St. Catherine's Oxford.

Principal, Mr Keulemans said: "I am thrilled with the outstanding results and delighted that so many of our young men worked so hard and will now progress to the university of their first choice to read challenging subjects which are in demand by the wider society.

"Although it does appear that this new examination system does tend to play to boys' strengths and that for the first time in 17 years boys have marginally out performed girls, I cannot stress highly enough that it is not a competition between genders, as teachers we want all our young people to flourish. One of the many qualities I admire about this generation is their much greater awareness of gender equality."

Pictured are just some of the students who got an A\* and two A grades or better. Standing from the back are: Tom Dillon who will read Civil and Structural Engineering at Leeds; Alex Briscall Bowker who will read Management Science at University College London; Issey Keogh who will read Maths with Economics at the LSE; Dominic Wardell who is going to Sheffield to read Medicine; Sean Parker who will read Computer Science at Manchester; Harry Brown who will read Computer Science at Nottingham; George Pitt who will read Medicine at East Anglia; Jake Stewart who will read Computer Science at Birmingham; Michael Coppin who will read Mining Engineering at Exeter and Nicholas Royle who will read English at Lincoln College Oxford.

Sitting on the back row are Sean Donnelly who will read Medicine at Leeds and Rory McNicholas who will also read Medicine at Leeds.

On the next row down are Freddie Gent who will read English Literature and Language at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford; Sean Henry who will read Medicine at Edinburgh and Madu Gadzama who will read Physics at Durham.

Sitting on the front row are: John McDonald who will read Medicine at Bristol; Shane Fox who will read Law at Leeds and Pio Monaghan who will read Medicine at Manchester.



### GCSE results



Staff and students were on cloud nine with GCSE results. Taking into account the new numerical grading for Maths, English Language and English Literature, 85% of all grades were at A\* to B with the boys recording a stunning 49 nines, the new top grade in those core subjects.

Principal, Mr Keulemans said: "We are delighted with this year's results in light of the changes to GCSE's. This is testament to the hard work of students and staff and shows that this generation can rise easily to new challenges."

Pictured reaching for the stars are from left to right: Joseph Glare, from Heaton Moor, who got a 9, an 8 and eight A\*s; Theo McCarthy, from Warrington, who achieved two 9s, an 8, five A\*s and three A grades; Thomas McCann, from Hale Barns, who got two 9s an 8 and eight A\*s and says he was helped by "revision and prayer." Connor Mitchell, from Firwood who achieved one 9, two 8s, seven A\*s and an A; Anthony Tanner, from Timperley, who got one 9, a 7, a 6, six A\*s and two As and wants to be a software engineer; James Bennett, from Didsbury, who got two 9s, an 8, eight A\*s and one A and is "thinking about Medicine"; Conrad Stack, from Timperley, who got two 9s, an 8, six A\*s and two As and wants to be an engineer; Maxwell Savage, from Heaton Moor, who got a 9, an 8, a 7, seven A\*s and an A and wants to be a lawyer; James Hickman, from Didsbury, who got two 9s, an 8, seven A\*s and the top A hat in Further Maths and wants to be an economist; Harry Backhouse, from Hale, who got two 9s, an 8, and nine A\*s and combines work with a love of computer gaming; Toby Leigh, from Sale, who got two 9s, one 7, seven A\*s and one A and wants to be a dentist; Sean Wynn, from Sale, who was one of only 2,000 students nationwide to get three 9s plus seven A\*s and says he was helped to relax by his dog. Sean wants to be a doctor and finally Omari Thompson-Edwards, who got two 9s, an eight, six A\*s and two A grades and wants to be a games developer.

### AS results

Congratulations to all students, who are now in Upper Sixth, who achieved success with their AS examinations. We hope the experience will motivate and encourage success for next year.

## The New Academic Year

As we embark on the new academic year, which will be filled with new experiences and challenges. please note that your son will have the opportunity to communicate, seek advice and guidance from students who have been selected to support students throughout the year.



Pictured with Principal Mr Keulemans and Assistant Principal/ Director of Sixth Form Mrs Ridgway are: Head Boy Sam Nanda and Deputy Head Boys Ciaran Booth, Marcus Roberts and Oliver Summerell.

In addition to the Senior Prefect team, students from their respective House Tutor groups voted for the following students to be elected as House Captain and Vice House Captain.

Augustine House  
House Leader  
Mr Aspinwall

House Captain;  
Aldon Braganca  
Vice House Captain;  
Matthew Aitken



Aquinas House  
House Leader  
Mr Rush

House Captain;  
Ben Harper Stone  
Vice House Captain;  
Kevin Joby



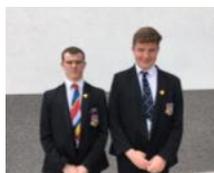
Ignatius House  
House Leader  
Mr Cutting

House Captain;  
Joshua Lavorini.  
Vice House Captain;  
Luke Keegan.



Newman House  
House Leader  
Mr Krause

House Captain;  
Luke Stone.  
Vice House Captain;  
Nicolas Tumelty.



# SAPA News

## Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

Welcome to all the new parents' of St Ambrose College students. We look forward to meeting you during our first SAPA meeting of the new school year on Monday 11th September at 7.00pm in the College. We have lots to organise, including a new Scalextric event that is planned for Saturday 7th October 2017. If you would like to support the Parent's Association and are available this evening, please join us. New volunteers are always welcome. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and support the College and Preparatory School.

We will also be selling second-hand uniform from 6.30pm until 7.00pm in the College.

If you have any questions, please contact [chair18@sapa.org.uk](mailto:chair18@sapa.org.uk) <<mailto:chair18@sapa.org.uk>>

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday 11th September**  
**7pm**  
**St Ambrose College**

**Keep up with SAPA on:'**

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

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

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

SAPA Chair

# STUDENT COUNCIL

**SPEAK OUT BE HEARD MAKE A CHANGE**  
**WE MUST BECOME THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE**

Enthusiastic?



Are you interested in joining St Ambrose Student Council?

Further information will be available during assemblies next week.

Application forms will be available next week from Mrs Hart.

Committed?

Want to make a difference?

**DEADLINE - 20TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

# Sports News

Welcome back to all parents and students from an extended break. The Senior rugby team will be looking forward to a successful season, following their tour of Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore whilst our newest Ambrosians will be looking forward to putting on the school kit for the first time. Whether your son participates at House, School, County or International level I hope the term will be an enjoyable one for all.

## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Our first matches take place tomorrow against Wilmslow High School. The matches are for A team only, with the exception of Under 13s who will field two sides. SAC Under 12s will be asked to play in trial matches against SAC U13 C and D teams as a warm up at 9am. All boys involved in trials must arrive in kit as showering and changing facilities will be limited for teams playing against Wilmslow. The boys are then asked to watch the older age groups matches ready for a collection at 11.15 a.m.

The OPRO dentist team have been in school today for those students who booked impressions for gumshields to be taken. Once the gumshields are complete, they will be delivered to school, usually within two weeks. Boys will be notified and should collect from the PE reception.

## Other Sports

A sports facility timetable has been distributed to all boys and their parents for the first term. Please encourage your son to get involved in at least one activity. If your son is a non swimmer it is vital they attend beginner classes on Tuesday lunchtimes. On Wednesday and Thursday we have a county badminton coach taking sessions, and similarly in water polo, boys will have expert coaching by outside coaches.

## Refreshments

As always we try and offer visiting schools hot food after fixtures. As we play on a predominantly Independent School circuit boys are always well looked after when we visit other schools. In return we try and offer similar hospitality. We do only have however, one member of our canteen staff available every Saturday and rely on a Parents rota. Please join if you can and let us know what Saturdays you can help on. You can find your son's fixtures online and ideally offer help when he is playing at home. Please email me at school if you can help. It might not guarantee your son an A team place but your support is very much appreciated by staff who are refereeing, coaching and collecting balls and flags etc.

Mr N. Handy

Director of Sport

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We look forward to seeing you, at what promises to be an exciting rugby season.

Teams will face Wilmslow High School as their first challenge of the season.



St Ambrose  
V's  
Wilmslow High School



10am Kick off

U18A, U18B—away @ Wilmslow High School, SK9 1LZ  
U13A, U13B, U14A, U15A—Home

(Students selected will have been advised of meet times)

## **No dogs permitted on school premises**

Please can we remind all who attend sports fixtures, that in line with government policy, no dogs are permitted on school premises. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



## **School Sports Website**

All fixtures for 2017/8 season have been uploaded onto the Schools sports web page. Please make sure your son is available for fixtures and aware of meet times. As for this season we will be setting up a Twitter account to inform about cancellations and meet times etc.

## **200 Club**

Thank you to all new members for their Direct Debit forms. Thanks to your support we are now nearing a 300 strong membership. If this continues we will be able to offer more sports and equipment in future. New hockey goals have been ordered in addition to a new 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 football kit and rugby match balls. Thank you for your support. Travel costs to fixtures have similarly been covered by the proceeds from monthly draws. The Direct Debit form can be found on the School website for any further supporters wish to join us. Two lucky parents shared over £3000 in the last draw, so by supporting your son and other students with additional sporting equipment, you also have the opportunity to win a nice prize every month!

## **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)

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