

Saint Ambrose College



Happy New Year
Principal's Weekly Newsletter
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Message from the Principal



Dear Parents

On the Feast of the Epiphany, I wish you all a warm welcome to the start of the new term and the New Year.

For many students the start of the New Year gives an opportunity to reflect on past successes and struggles and to begin refreshed and anew the onward path to exams and achievements that lie ahead.

This half term, Fifth Year will receive their mock results and Sixth Form will undertake their mocks. I wish them best wishes in both cases.

'The epiphany was simply tucked away for consideration after we were back on campus. Sometimes a revelation comes with a flash of heavenly light and a booming voice - and sometimes it is jotted in a sun-bleached spiral notebook.'

Jeffrey A. Lockwood



Notices

General Notices:-

Website: www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Sixth Form Mock Exams Info: <http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/1406/parent/exams/sixth-form-exams/>

SAPA Meeting: 9 January 2017 at 7.00 at the College - All Welcome.

Dates for your diary:-

3rd February - Fashion Show & 13th May - Summer Ball

Change of Date:-

2nd Year Options' Evening changed from 22 Feb to 23rd Feb @ 7.00 pm.

Absence Notification/Requests:

Email: attendance@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Tel: 0161 980 2711 (option: 1)

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

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

Twitter: @StAmbroseColl

Rugby Twitter: @StAmbroseRugby

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

SAPA Twitter: www.twitter.com/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: 23/02/2017 (7.00 pm - 8.30 pm)

2nd Year: 28/02/2017

3rd Year: 15/03/2017

1st Year: 20/04/2017

4th Year: 02/05/2017

Vacancies for September 2017 (closing date 20 Jan 2017)

Link: <http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/1126/info/vacancies/>

Teacher of English

Teacher of Physics/Chemistry

Winning draws for October – December.

December Super-Draw winners who each collect £1,160

C Hadden / J Cooper / NT Gonzalez

Previous winners:

November: MC Fitzsimon / S Kenyon

October: P Joy / DJ &CA Carr

September: R Walsh / C Pitt

August: M Charles / C Shellien

July: B Francesco / Harper & Stone

June: AM&O Ball / J Festus

January – May:

- Mr. Aldcroft
- AJ Cartlidge
- ATM Dempsey
- K Devlin
- PJ & SM Duffy
- PH Garnett
- D&M McMurray
- E&B Salmo
- S Savage
- Adrian Smith

Happy New Year

Cathy Roberts
Treasurer – SAC Sports Committee



Newman B

In late November, Mr Lindsay and George Walker (House Captain of Newman B) were having an enthusiastic discussion in House Tutor Time regarding which of them would win in an indoor rowing competition.

Subsequently, as part of the Advent Fundraising efforts of Newman House, Mr Lindsay decided that he would time himself on an indoor rower in our Fitness Suite and then invite pupils of all years to attempt to beat his time. Pupils of all years made numerous visits to the Fitness Suite for a 'pop at the champ' – in the process a wonderful £45 was raised for charity.

Film Club

Prior to the Christmas holiday, we held another successful Film Club showing – this time it was 'Home Alone' – a classic Christmas flick featuring the mischievous Macaulay Culkin. The showing raised an impressive £92 which went directly to the Sierra Leone Ebola Orphans' Appeal that Mrs Alford co-ordinated. Many thanks to all pupils and staff who support the Film Club on a regular basis. If you've never been before, why not pop in one week?

Mrs Barlow



St. Ambrose College staff and pupils were hitting the heights of festive fashion with a charity Christmas jumper day for Save the Children.

Organised by Science teacher Mr Allen's Year 7 class, the appeal saw every pupil in the school contribute as they raised nearly £1000.

Callum Timmons, aged 11, said: "I thought there were some pretty outrageous jumpers, especially from the staff, but my favourite was my own "Too Cool for Yule."

He added: "It wasn't difficult to raise the money as everyone wanted to donate their pound."

Mr Allen said: "It's important for our boys to remember those less fortunate than themselves at this time of year and let's hope this becomes a Christmas tradition."

Pictured at the front from left to right are Rory Tomlinson, Adam Steadman-Byrne and on the back row Cian Woods, Barnaby Simpson, Nathaniel Stuart, Callum Timmons, Pearse Thorgaard and Mr Allen.



St. Ambrose College under-15 rugby players are looking forward to their biggest game of the season when they travel to Sedbergh in the New Year in the last 16 of the Nat West Bank National under-15 cup after qualifying courtesy of a hard fought 17 – 5 win against Cheadle Hulme at home on their fourth generation artificial turf pitch.

Cheshire team mates live wire centre John Bailey and flying winger Joshua Durkin combined for the first try when Bailey released Durkin with a pin point pass for the speed merchant to hurtle into the corner from the 22.

They extended their lead with a muscular charge from strong man prop Kellan Conway-Smith, before the win was sealed with a text book side step from twinkle-toed county fly half Conor Quah. Alongside Bailey, Durkin and Quah mobile hooker Oliver Higson and no nonsense second row Patrick Brooks-Maher have also won county honours in a superb season.

Captain John Bailey said: "Home advantage does count and our pitch is a big advantage as it allows us to develop a fast running game, but we won't be phased by our trip to Cumbria, we'll be ready for the challenge."



A new Christian Brothers' community in Salford

Mr Krause

At the end of August 2016 a new community of 4 Christian Brothers, Ger O'Connell, Jim Catterson, Tony Twomey and Martin O'Flaherty took up residence in St. Sebastian's Presbytery in Pendleton, Salford. This initiative followed on an initiative of 6 years previously when the Christian Brothers, at the invitation of the Spiritan Fathers, got involved with asylum seekers and refugees in Salford through the 'Revive' centre.

Earlier this year, because a major rationalisation of parishes was underway in the Salford Diocese, Bishop John Arnold encouraged the Brothers to look at vacant Church presbyteries to decide where they would like to base their new Christian Brothers' community. After viewing a number of properties and wanting to build on foundations already laid in the area, the Brothers opted for the vacant St. Sebastian's presbytery in Pendleton. This residence is conveniently within 15 minutes walking distance of the 'Revive' drop-in centre.

Bishop John Arnold joined the Brothers on Tuesday, 22nd of November for a pastoral visit which was a great success. On the ministry front, Brother Jim continues his involvement with the 'Revive' project on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Brother Ger is the contact person for a number of asylum seekers and refugees who, because of the trauma they suffered as they fled their own country, bear the marks, both physical and psychologically, of their ordeal and Ger visits them on a weekly basis. Wednesday is the day all four of the Brothers help out at the 'Revive' drop-in centre in Salford. Each week up to 60 asylum seekers and refugees come to this centre seeking help with a range of issues. Through this engagement the Brothers learn first-hand some of the awful stories of suffering and inhumanity that asylum seekers and refugees have had to endure. The 'Revive' drop-in centre is a place where you can see the Edmund Rice network at its very best. Each week members of the local network do trojan work for asylum seekers and refugees.

Shelagh Lochery of the Edmund Rice Office here at 'Woodeaves' dedicates each Wednesday to responding to all sorts of needs and problems at the drop-in centre and a number of our Sixth Form boys travel to 'Revive' each Wednesday to help teach English to the centre's users. If any Sixth Form boys aren't involved and would like to get involved, please speak to Mr Roche or Mr Krause at St Ambrose College. Equally if any Ambrosian parents or grandparents have any free time that they would like to give to the 'Revive' drop-in centre then please just similarly get in touch.

Pictured (from left to right) are Brothers Jim, Ger, Martin and Tony giving advice to users of the 'Revive' drop-in centre.



Charlie Brading - Year 7 Aquinas A

Charlie won an English competition to interview John Stones at Manchester City Football Club on 7th December. These are some of the photos from his visit. Well done Charlie.

