

Saint Ambrose College



Principal's Weekly Newsletter
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Message from the Principal



Dear Parents

As I write this we are finally in the grip of winter weather. I hope that you have not been and will not be too disrupted by the conditions. Upper Sixth have been taking mocks this week and I thank them for their attitude and staff for their support in making the process a smooth one.

5th year mock results day took place this week and as expected there were a range of emotions from those receiving their results.

Please support your sons over the coming months in focussing on achieving outcomes which will enable them to proceed smoothly into the next part of their educational lives and use where necessary your child's planner to communicate with College.

Over the next twelve months one of our key areas of development will be around resilience and the aspects of emotional intelligence, self-reliance and resourcefulness that are needed to succeed and thrive and I hope you will join us in taking opportunities to promote this with our boys.

*'All of us need to begin to think in terms of our own inner strengths,
our resilience and resourcefulness, our capacity to adapt.'*

Stephen Pressfield

House Award - Stars of the Week

Aquinas - Joseph Blakemore - success in representing St Ambrose College in cross-country

Augustine - Matthew Ho - Swimming Gala for School and House Competitions

Ignatius - James Kelly - success in representing St Ambrose College in cross-country

Newman - Alfie Pickles - one of only 5 boys in Newman House to have surpassed 25 House Points so far this academic year



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 Information - Dates for your diary:-

3rd February - Fashion Show & 13th May - Summer Ball - Tickets on Sale with PM.

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

Careers Convention Evening

Tuesday March 21 at St Ambrose College 6pm – 8pm

Dear Parents

We are holding a Careers Convention at the College on the evening of Tuesday March 21st. Parents and students from Years 8,9,10 and 11 are invited to attend. I would be grateful if you could put this date in your diary and I will be in touch with more information at a later date.

The aim of the evening is to introduce the boys to a wide variety of careers and to inspire them to explore industry sectors and the opportunities available to them. There will be various industry representatives from different careers and professional advice available on apprenticeships and careers throughout the course of the evening.

I am writing now to ask if you would be interested in taking part in this event by representing the career/company/industry that you work for. If you are, I would really appreciate if you could email my assistant at mrsebigley@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

I hope that you are able to contribute to this event and look forward to hearing from you.

Mr P M Groves
Assistant Principal



Visit by Father Tony McGrath

At 9am on Wednesday 22nd February Father Tony McGrath will be speaking to the entire 4th Year in the Lecture Theatre about his life journey thus far. Father Tony was a classmate of Mr Roche and was ordained in 2014 by Bishop Mark+ of Shrewsbury at St Joseph's in Sale; he is currently Assistant Priest at the parish of Our Lady's and St Christopher's in Romiley.

Father Tony is our most recent vocation to the priesthood and we are grateful for his offer to visit St Ambrose College.

Pictured above is Father Tony with Bishop Mark+ on the day of his ordination.

Old Boys' Association: Father Terence Hegarty

Earlier this week we were touched to receive a letter from Father Terence Hegarty who is an Old Boy of St Ambrose College - he was St Ambrose College's first Old Boy to be ordained a Priest. Father Terence was also a classmate of Bernard Stafford, a key figure in the St Ambrose College Old Boys' Association; he joined St Ambrose College in 1943 and left for Ushaw College Seminary in 1950. Father Terence is now based in a small town in Australia, called Esk. In his letter Father Terence wished all at St Ambrose College a "Joy filled New Year, full of love, health and happiness".

It is always great to hear from Old Boys like Father Terence and for any former St Ambrose College pupils (of any age!) who are interested in joining the Old Boys' Association please visit:

<http://www.saoba.org/>

Mr D Krause & Mr P Howarth



Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

Latest News

Many thanks to all those who attended the first SAPA meeting of 2017 - It was great to see many new faces and we managed to get lots done. Many important issues were debated and decisions made. We'll keep you updated on the issues discussed as we get the information.

As a parent or carer of a boy at St Ambrose, you are automatically a member of SAPA, so please do come along and take part in our monthly meetings. The next meeting is on **Monday 20th February at 7pm**. We usually manage to discuss and make decisions in just over an hour - so please come along and take part! - You will be made very welcome!

Dates for your diary:-

Fashion Show - 3rd February 7pm

May Ball - 13th May - Full details coming soon!

Saint Ambrose Parents' Association Proudly Presents the 2017 Fashion Show

Our 'Fashion Show' night is back by popular demand! It will be held at Saint Ambrose College on Friday 3rd February doors open at 7.00pm with the modelling and presentations starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at just £5 and can be purchased via parentmail or from the College reception.

As many of you have already experienced, we have lots of bargains to be had on the night. High street and designer brands will be available to buy at up to 75% off the recommended retail price! In the past we have had clothes from Top Shop, Monsoon, River Island, Phase 8, Marks and Spencer and Ralph Lauren to name but a few. All garments are brand new and normally available in sizes 8-20. You can pay by cash, debit card and credit card and changing rooms are available to try on your clothing choices.

We will be running a bar on the night so why not get a group of friends together, grab some bargains and make a night of it?



Saint Ambrose Parents' Association
Proudly Presents



FASHION SHOW

Friday 3rd February 7.00pm

at Saint Ambrose College, Hale Barns



the
fashion show
& sale company

Shop2Drop Ltd

up to

75% off

High Street Brands like:

Oasis - River Island - Miss Selfridge
CC - Evans - Next - Wallis - Top Shop
M&S - Debenhams - New Look

Sizes

8 - 20

Tickets Only

£5

**Tickets available
on Parentmail and from
College and Prep School
Receptions**

Any enquiries to secretary@sapa.org.uk

Come and Grab a Bargain!

ALL proceeds from the fashion show go to the College and the Prep School and are used to support the boys in the furthering of their academic, spiritual and physical education.

There is a very interesting video about the Christian Brothers' mission in Peru shown via the link below for any pupils or parents who may be interested in learning about the work of the Brothers in South America.

D Krause

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaHBSOy9_xU



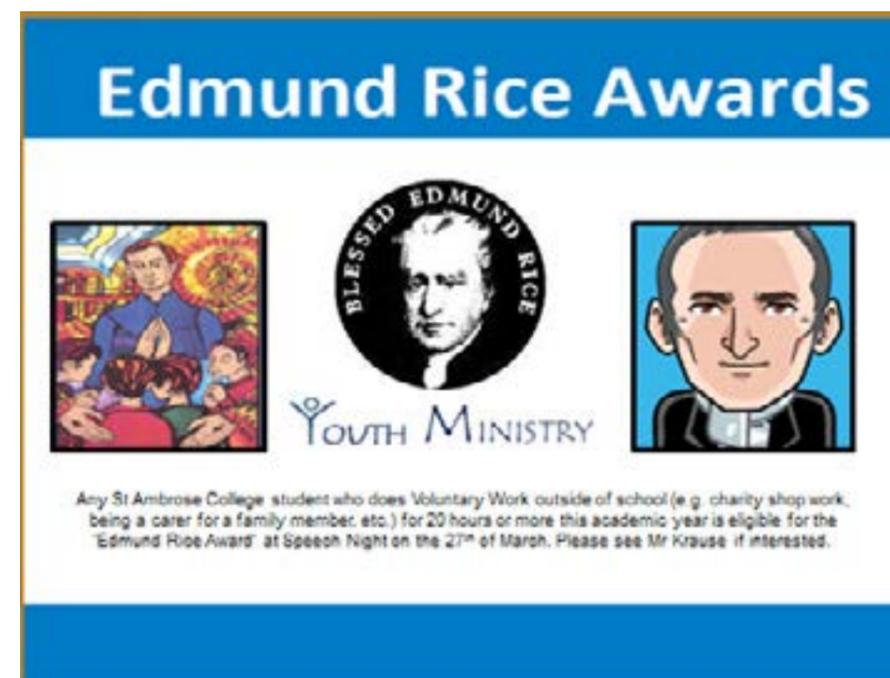
Hunting of the Snark visit to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School in Partington

Following kind permission from Mr Keulemans our Principal, on the afternoon of Monday of 19th December six GCSE Drama students were taken to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School in Partington. The purpose of the visit was for our GCSE Drama students to give a presentation on the upcoming 'Hunting of the Snark' production; the GCSE Drama students attended in full costume and not only gave the Year 5 pupils of Our Lady's a sneak preview of the play and its plot but also engaged them in various exciting drama activities.

It must be said that the pupils of Our Lady's were impeccably behaved and that our GCSE Drama students were a real credit to St Ambrose College. The Year 5 pupils of Our Lady's are now very excited about attending the full performance of 'The Hunting of the Snark' at St Ambrose College later this month.

Mrs M Bull & Mr D Krause

Speech Night & Edmund Rice Award



Any St Ambrose College Student who does Voluntary work outside of school (eg charity shop work, being a carer for a family member etc) for 20 hours or more this academic year is eligible for the 'Edmund Rice Award' at Speech Night on 27th March 2017, 7.00 pm Bridgewater Hall, Manchester. All Parents and Students are invited to the awards evening. Please see Mr Krause if you qualify for this award.

Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration

<https://www.fspa.org/prayer-request.php>

In 1878 this order of nuns discovered what would become their most famous calling: Perpetual Adoration of the Eucharist. They committed themselves to having at least two sisters praying before the Eucharist 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. No matter what. Indefinitely.

The nuns started praying at exactly 11am on August 1, 1878 – and they haven't stopped since!

They have a particular focus on praying for the sick and suffering and estimate that they've prayed for 150,000 people in the last decade alone. If you have something or someone that needs prayer you can fill out the nun's online form (link above) and they'll add it to their prayer list. They also post out a nice little card as an acknowledgement.

