

Saint Ambrose College



Principal's Weekly Newsletter
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Message from the Principal



Once again on a Friday morning my mind is torn between the day to day workings of the College and the seismic changes that are going on in the world. Today is the inauguration ceremony for the US President, earlier this week Theresa May outlined her plans for Brexit. In these times of change it becomes even more important that as organisations, schools provide stability and develop the individuals within them to be resilient and able to embrace effectively their futures. This is very much what we as a College strive to achieve and I am sure you support this goal.

Thank you to all of you who attended the 5th Parents' Evening this week, I hoped it proved informative and supported your son going forward.

Since Christmas there have been a small number of issues on the buses. Could I ask that you remind the boys, as we regularly do in College, that the expectations for their behaviour are the same on the bus as they are in College and that if behaviour is inappropriate they risk being banned from using the school buses. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

My choices, including those related to the day-to-day aspects of life, like the use of a modest car, are related to a spiritual discernment that responds to a need that arises from looking at things, at people and from reading the signs of the times. Discernment in the Lord guides me in my way of governing.

Pope Francis



Notices

General Notices:-

Website: www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Homework Link:-<http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/1265/info/homework-this-week/>

Speech Night - 27 March 2017 @ 7.00 pm Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

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)

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

Mathematics Visit

Fifty members of the 6th Form and staff braved an early start and the snow to visit Bletchley Park near Milton Keynes, to find out about the secretive work that took place there during the 2nd World War. As well as finding out about the history of Alan Turing and his team cracking the codes behind the German Enigma Machine, the trip also included a session where students used their A-Level Statistics to calculate the number of possible combinations for the Enigma Machine and had a go at using the same machine that was used by Benedict Cumberbatch in the film 'The Imitation Game'. Despite the weather everyone returned in one piece and had an excellent time.



Edmund Rice & Thursday Mass

Edmund Rice International & Dónal Parker

Earlier this week our Edmund Rice International Group took receipt of two high quality children's bikes – these were kindly donated by Dónal Parker of Ignatius House and his Mother and we are very grateful for this. Very touchingly, Dónal spent his paper round money on getting the bikes spruced up at 'Hale Cycle Works' last weekend. We have decided to give the smaller bike to a young boy called Him, the son of Syrian Refugees, Mostaffa and Nadin, who recently visited the College for lunch. They are pictured below. The Edmund Rice International Group have been in contact with Brother Martin O'Flaherty of the Christian Brothers' Salford Community this week; Brother Martin is now in the process of identifying a fitting recipient for the second bike. We will provide a further update once the bikes have been given to their new owners.

Thank you for being so thoughtful, Dónal



Thursday Mass

On Thursday morning, Canon John Rafferty kindly travelled to St Ambrose College where he offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for Miss McLoughlin's private intentions. A total of 51 teachers and pupils joined Canon John in our chapel; Joshua served the altar perfectly and Mrs Whittle's form read beautifully. In his homily at the Mass, Canon John reminded us how it is only with the grace of God that we love our neighbour as ourselves and that by living every day with Jesus, we can help make the world a better place, even in just a small way. He left us with the challenge: live each day this week in such a way that we are both salt and light for our school community.

Thank you, Canon John.



Latest News

With half term only a few weeks away SAPA is concentrating its efforts on the upcoming Fashion Show - A great night out for anyone - Bargain clothing and a few drinks with friends... what's not to like! If you haven't got your tickets yet, please get them soon! More details below. Our next SAPA meeting is on the 20th February at 7pm at the College - please come along and join in!

Volunteer Appeal

St Ambrose Creative Arts Department are looking for volunteers to help during the dress rehearsal & production nights for The Hunting of the Snark drama production. The dates are 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th January and help is needed at various times from 2:40pm - 7:30pm. Your help would be appreciated with selling tickets at the door/raffle tickets - front of house, and back stage helping with costumes, make up and general supervision. email Mrs Bigley at the College at mrsebigley@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk with the times that you are available to help. Please sign up if you can help even if its just for an hour or two - it would be very much appreciated.

Dates for your diary

Fashion Show - 3rd February 7pm

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

Keep up with SAPA on:

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

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

Website - www.sapa.org.uk

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.

Mr Handy

A busy sporting fortnight concluded with victories for Under 16 and Under 12 basketball teams against North Cestrian. Both teams now progress to the semi finals of the Schools league as runners up and winners of their respective age groups. The Under 14 hockey team played against Lymm HS in their first competitive fixture of the year losing 1-4 but with a scoreline that really didn't reflect the team's performance. The Under 18s football team defeated King's Chester 4-1 and the Under 12 and 13s swimming team won a very competitive gala against Cheadle Hulme.

Rugby results against King's Macclesfield saw 5 victories and 4 defeats and at Under 15s the side against Sedbergh lost a very closely fought contest, 3-17. At half time the score was only 3-5 and for a long period in the second half the team stayed in touch with their opponents, just running out of steam in the last 10 minutes. This was a last 16 match in the Nat West Cup so a second trip to Twickenham was not achieved. This was however, still a fantastic achievement in Rugby's premier schoolboy competition. At 1st X1 the Senior football squad drew 1-1 against Ashton on Mersey whilst the school swimming team recorded a clean sweep at all ages against St Nicholas, Hartford. The under 16 hockey team lost against Lymm and in basketball our Under 14s won 22-7 against Sale High School.

This weekend we have fixtures against Audenshaw H.S. The 1st, 2nd and U-12 A and B teams are away, the Under 15s, 14s and 13 sides at home. All matches kick off at 10 a.m. Your support and help with refreshments as always is much appreciated.

Cancellations of fixtures will now be sent through ParentMail for Saturday fixtures only. As usual updated results and progress of teams can be found on the Schools Sports website.

N Handy
Director of Sport

Team of the Week



1	Davies (u13s)
2	Brodigan (u13s)
3	Cecil (u13s)
4	Greenlees (u12s)
5	Boyle (u12s)
6	Webb (u13s)
7	Oakes (u14s)
8	Garforth (u14s)
9	Blakemore (u12s)
10	Hope (u13s)
11	Ball (u12s)
12	Irving (u13s)
13	Whittle (u13s)
14	Blissett (u13s)
15	Atkinson (u12s)

Notice for Year 9/10 Students

The Send My Friend to School campaign is looking for 20 young people to join our brand new Campaign Champions programme.

2017 is going to be a key year in the fight to ensure that every child across the world gets a quality education. And so we want to find 20 inspiring young people to help champion the campaign in this important year.

These 20 young people, from either Year 9 or 10, will learn everything they need to know about campaigning and global education through an exclusive free 2-day residential training in March. They will then go on to take action throughout the year, supported by us.

From running events within their school, talking to local media, writing letters to MPs and speaking at conferences, they will go the extra mile to help ensure children get a quality education.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, make a real difference and have lots of fun doing it – to top it off they will be invited to attend an event at the Houses of Parliament in June.

Each school is allowed to put forward 2 students to participate in this programme. If you are interested please speak to Miss Mc Crory. There may be a letter of application required.



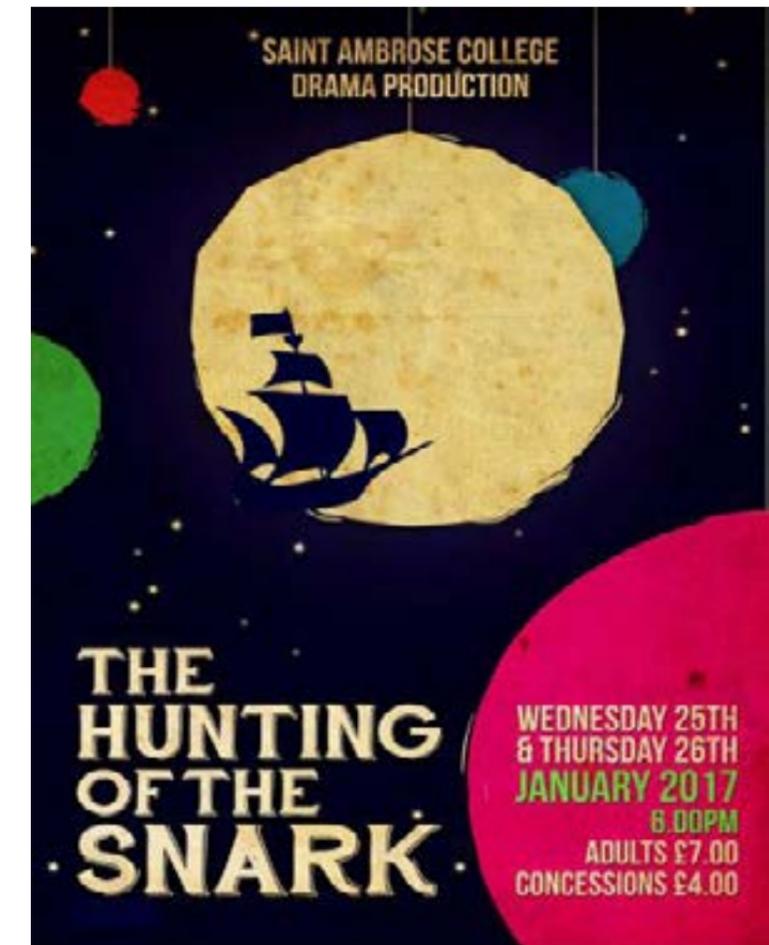
Hunting of the Snark

Message to Parents and Sixth Form:-

Can you assist on performance nights?
Wednesday & Thursday 5:30 – 8:30pm

Did you know you can purchase tickets and raffle tickets on ParentMail?

This is an amazing performance. Please book your tickets!



Notice for Lower Sixth - NCS

Spaces still available for L6th Students. BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Fancy a holiday with your friends in the February half term?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjoz1odx9CI>

Please see link and complete the application form to secure your place now!

We are delivering the NCS programme over 11 days throughout the February half term.

The programme is as follows:

Autumn programme: Sat 11th – Tues 14th February (Kingswood Colomendy, Colomendy, Mold).

Wed 15th – Fri 17th February (Business skills days, Manchester).

Sat 18th & Sun 19th February (Social action planning).

Sat 25th & Sun 26th February (Social action delivery).

If you have any specific questions at this stage please do not hesitate to contact Katy Robinson

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0161 787 3838 | 07984365351



Assembly & Edmund Rice Update

Special Assembly from Mr Groves and Thomas Diffley

During each House assembly this week Mr Groves and current student Thomas Diffley presented an uplifting and thought-provoking assembly on Mental Health issues. This assembly topic was quite topical as a mere ten days ago our Prime Minister Theresa May said that the UK Government will aim to provide more support to help young people who may be struggling with a mental health problem. In her speech Mrs May said she wanted to make sure that “children and teenagers get the help and support they need and deserve”. She said one of the ways she wanted to do this was by helping schools to support pupils who might be having problems like anxiety or depression.



Edmund Rice International Group working with the SVP

Our Edmund Rice International Group recently collected a large wooden cot kindly donated by friends of the College, Mr & Mrs Morgan. After reconditioning the cot in the D&T workshop the Edmund Rice International Group contacted Dave Cornwall of the SVP group in Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Partington – Dave has kindly arranged for the cot to be given to a young family in the local area this weekend.

The St Vincent de Paul Society (the SVP) is an international Catholic voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to those in need – irrespective of background. The SVP has been active in England since 1844; placed under the Patronage of St Vincent de Paul, it is inspired by his thinking and works. The SVP seeks, in the spirit of justice and charity, to help those who are suffering poverty in whatever form. If you are interested in joining the SVP then please check their website or speak to your Parish Priest to see where your nearest group of SVP volunteers is based.

