

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

2nd February 2018



Message from the Principal

We have enjoyed another busy week in College with students participating in multiple extra curriculum activities. Congratulations to Mr Phillips and the Junior Choir who participated in the Bowdon Youth Festival this week and won the Senior Choir cup.

Upper Sixth Parents' evening took place on Thursday, it is evident that students are realising that their St Ambrose journey is drawing to an end and that A levels examinations are imminent! We encourage all students to take advantage of the experience and expertise of staff in order to help them fulfil their ambitions.

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Benjamin Franklin

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." H. Jackson Brown Jr.

J. M. Keulemans

Unique hat trick county cup winners

The under-16s, under-14s and under-12s have all won their respective Cheshire cups in what is widely recognised as one of the most competitive school sports arenas nationwide.

The under-16s, which boasts four Sale Sharks academy recruits, beat Wirral 42 -19 in a one-sided final, with electric performances in both the backs and forwards.

The moment of the game, indeed one of the most memorable moves of their unbeaten season, was a length of the pitch run for home from live-wire, full-back Joshua Durkin, whose fabulous feet danced past the opposition five metres out from his own line, before dashing home for an 80 metre dart to the line.

The under-14s beat Caldys Grange 19 - 0 courtesy of a dazzling side step from centre Joshua Whittle, to leave the opposition cover dazed on the half way line. Fly half, Will Riley, also completed a beautifully executed chip and charge to ease past a strong, physical Merseyside team.

The mighty minis in the under-12s are not officially allowed to keep score, but they went unbeaten in their county tournament and were presented with the trophy with power house Henry Ashby, a true titan in the forwards, and the lightning quick Daniel Green, with Aaron Matthewson dazzling in the back line. Teacher of Physical Education and Rugby coach, Mr Howarth, who took the under-16s said: "No one can remember another school scooping three county titles. When you consider Cheshire has a number of old traditional rugby schools

it is a remarkable achievement and promises much for the years ahead."

S. Carter



Pictured with the cups are U14s Captain, Seyi Olofintila, U12s Captain Daniel Green and U16's Captain Alastair Merrill

Dates for the diary

6th February

2nd year parents' evening

9th February

Inset day

12th—16th February

Half term holiday

19th February

Return to school

22nd February

2nd year options evening

23rd February

Deadline for Headboy application

6th March

4th year parents' evening

Congratulations to 2nd year student Matthew McCabe, who hosted a cake sale during break on Monday to raise charitable funds for Cornerstone.



Student diplomats attend Model United Nations Conference

St. Ambrose College's young diplomats are setting up their own United Nations debating forum, after playing a key role in the North-West's Model United Nations Conference held at Manchester High School for Girls last weekend. Over 300 delegates from schools across the Northwest, with special guests from Iran and Latvia, attended the conference to get a deeper insight into the complexity of global politics.

Each team was given a country to represent, which involved researching and then presenting that nation's position throughout the day across a series of special committees of issues including defence, human rights, ecology and economic growth.

The St. Ambrose team were given Egypt's case to argue and Eamonn Gilmore, 16, who has ambitions to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxbridge and who was given a commendation for the quality of his argument, said: "I was asked to speak on Egypt's response to the growing threat of technological warfare and found myself adopting an increasingly aggressive, militaristic stance, demanding support with missile defence systems because of the ever present threat in the Middle East."

Matthew Doyle also aged 16, was given a special mention for his contribution; he talked on the Human Rights agenda debating the future of indigenous people in Egypt and matters including LGBT issues in a Muslim country.

Matthew, who wants to be a diplomat said: "I had to complete research on the life of the nomadic tribes in sub-Saharan Egypt and the Nubian peoples, finding out about the life of peoples that frankly, I had not heard of before and working out their special needs. It was the sort of educational experience we don't get in normal classes and I think will be advantageous when applying to university."

Franek Bednarski, 16, who wants to be a lawyer said: "We see the world through the prism of British interests and don't understand the complexity of other nations' needs or the range of work conducted by the U.N. Britain has a declining influence in the world but could take the lead in increasingly important concerns such as gender politics and feminism."

The St. Ambrose College delegation was led by English teacher Mrs Corrigan, who said: "We hope to attend many more local, national and international conferences in the future. We were thrilled that Eamonn was recognised as best delegate in the technological warfare committee and Matt also received a special mention. By role-playing meetings like the Security Council and General Assembly, participants get a unique insight into how the United Nations works. They research, debate and try to solve some of the world's most pressing problems, just like the real thing."



Pictured with Mrs Corrigan are St. Ambrose College's U.N. Delegates Stephen Hill, Franek Bednarski, Eamonn Gilmore, Samuel Lopes and Matthew Doyle

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The Winner of Best Comedy Performance in a Youth Production



Congratulations to Niall Sheridan who has been awarded by Noda for the Best Comedy Performance in a Youth Production for his performance of Willy Russel's 'Our Day Out' with Urmston Musical Theatre. We wish Niall every success in his next production, Bugsy Malone in the summer.

M. Bull

noda
North West District #1

2017 Bolton & District Water Polo winners



Jack Johnson, Sean Gozem & Joe Kelly

Congratulations to 2nd year students Jack Johnson, Sean Gozem and Joe Kelly, who represent Stretford Water Polo club and received an award on Saturday, during their presentation evening for winning the 2017 Bolton & District league. We wish them the very best of luck in their next season.

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ALTRINCHAM GARRICK
WELCOMES BACK



TENOR MARTIN TOAL'S AN EVENING OF POPULAR CLASSICS

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2018
AT 7.30PM

Following last year's sell-out concert, Manchester tenor Martin Toal & guests are back to perform more of your favourite songs and music from the world of opera, musicals and pop, including a rousing Last Night of the Proms Finale. Martin, who has performed for Her Majesty the Queen and at all the major UK stadiums including Wembley, Twickenham, Old Trafford and The Etihad, is delighted to be back at the Garrick for what promises to be another memorable evening of music and song!

AN EVENING NOT TO BE MISSED

TICKETS: £16
CONCESSIONS: £14
MEMBERS £13

To book tickets, call 0161 928 1677
or email: boxoffice@altrinchamgarrick.co.uk

Sports News



Another successful weekend for College rugby sides. The Senior XV's, Under 13s and 12s made the long journey to Newport, Shropshire, to play Jeremy Corbyn's old school Haberdashers Adams G.S. The 1st XV won a close fought encounter 12-3. The Second XV and Under 16 were somewhat depleted, with many boys attending Liverpool University Applicant Offers Day, along with 17 injured players. The sides fought valiantly, but lost close matches. The Under 13 and 12 sides were comfortable 35-10 and 45-0 winners. In home fixtures, our Under 15s and under 14A and Bs all won their games, giving a good overall school performance against one of the few sides who can now field B teams at all age groups.

In a swimming gala at Sandbach on Tuesday, Under 15, 14 and 13 sides won their fixtures, with Seniors and Under 12s losing. The Sandbach Senior side, like ourselves, competed in the all England championships and their team finished 10th nationally, which is an outstanding achievement against schools who offer scholarships specifically for swimming. The competition does show how far we have come since the new school has been built, in developing swimmers to achieve such recognition nationally.

Additionally 1st, 2nd and 4th years completed their House swimming championships this week. All winners will receive medals in the end of year Sports Presentation.

Our only football fixture was against Stretford G.S at 1st X1 on Wednesday. Despite going in at half time 0-1 down, the team battled back to record an impressive 5-1 victory. There were no oranges at half time, so Mr Cutting is taking all the credit for his half time team talk inspiring the turnaround.

Our Under 12 athletes are competing in the Greater Manchester Indoor athletics championships at Sport City on Friday. We wish them every success in their first meet of the year.

Our Under 12 cricketers are now invited to indoor sessions every Tuesday lunchtime, with a view to take part in nets after half term. Our Middle age groups have similarly begun training on Tuesday evenings and all 2nd, 3rd and 4th year cricketers are welcome.

Two tough and talented St. Ambrose College swimmers are making waves on the national stage, thanks to years of hard work and dedication. On the left, Joseph Deighan, has won silver at the national championships in the 400 metres individual medley. This follows a series of gold medal winning performances at both IM and free style from 100 up to 1500 metres, at both county and regional level. Joseph trains for 16 hours each week, both in the St. Ambrose College pool and for Stockport Metro.

He said: "It's not in the slightest bit boring. We do drills and races and the coaches keep it interesting. I'd do more if I could."

The hard-working young man added: "It's absolutely fantastic to have the 25 metre pool at St. Ambrose because I can do extra training at lunch time."

The same sentiment was echoed by 15-year-old Ciaron Byrne, (Pictured right) who has just been selected to represent Great Britain in a European tie against the Czech Republic in Prague in March, the first national honour for a young man who has been honing his skills for the last five years.

A powerful winger, with an eye for the accurate chance making pass, Ciaron said: "I also train for around 16 hours a week, both at St. Ambrose and for Manchester, and simply would never even have dreamed of playing water polo but for the pool at school. I just want to continue playing for GB through the age levels and do the best I can."

Swimming and Water Polo Coach Mrs Chandler said: "Joseph and Ciaron have always gone that extra mile beyond what is expected, even by the most demanding of coaches, and deserve every success. We are very proud of their achievements."

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HOME

Saturday 3rd February

Senior XV, U14A, U12B

St Ambrose College
Vs
Manchester Grammar School

10.00am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)



AWAY

Saturday 3rd February

U15A, U13B, U12A

St Ambrose College
Vs
Sale Grammar School
Metrovick Rugby Club, Finney Bank Road, M33 6LR

10.00am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)



Please help!

If you are available to help with refreshments during Saturday home fixtures, please e-mail:

mrnhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk



No dogs
permitted on
school
premises



St Ambrose College Sport

Please use the following link to join our teamer account:

<http://tinyurl.com/y934ghdh>



Helpful links:

School office: office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Pastoral concerns e-mail: Pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Twitter: [@StAmbroseColl](https://twitter.com/StAmbroseColl)



SAPA News

Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

We have exciting news this week. We have booked Bowdon Rugby Club to host our summer party. It's going to take place on the evening of Friday 15 June. The party will take place in the Marquee Room, which is indoors but has a built-in marquee and pretty lighting. It holds up to 200 people. At our next SAPA meeting on Monday 19 February, the day we all come back following the half-term break, we will be choosing menus, deciding on seating and table dressings, and also starting to think about how we can raise money on the night. We have already booked a DJ, but we need your ideas to make the evening really special. Please join us. If you can't, would you like to sponsor the evening - maybe the welcome drinks, or a table centrepiece - or donate a raffle prize? Please let us know at chair18@sapa.org.uk.

Our next second-hand uniform sale will be taking place in the College during the Second Year Options Evening on Thursday 22 February. We will be in attendance between 7pm and 9pm, and have lots of bargains. Blazers and rugby tops are £10, but everything else is £5 or less. We have lots of good quality jumpers and PE/sports kit. Please make sure you bring cash, as unfortunately we don't have a card machine. We always need donations, especially of PE/sports kit, which sell very quickly. Please drop it in to the College reception office and we'll pick it up from there.

Finally, please buy your tickets for the SAPA Fashion Show, either from the Parentmail shop or the College reception office. Bring all your friends and have a fabulous evening.

Please let us know if there is anything you want to discuss at the next SAPA meeting, and we'll add it to the agenda (chair18@sapa.org.uk)

SAPA Chair



SAPA Summer Party
Friday 15th June
At
Bowden Rugby Club
Timperley

For your information
If you have any confidential concerns you wish to pass onto the College, please use the following link; pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Keep up with SAPA on;

Facebook - www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/

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

Website - www.sapa.org.uk

SAPA dates for your diary

Monday 19 February
SAPA meeting 7pm

Thursday 22 February
Second-hand uniform sale 7pm

Friday 9 March
Fashion Show 7pm

Friday 15 June
Summer Party

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school. Please use the following link:
parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/



Saint Ambrose Parents' Association
Proudly Presents



FASHION SHOW

Friday 9th March 7.00pm

at Saint Ambrose College, Hale Barns, WA15 0HE



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

All enquiries via our website: www.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.