

# Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

19th January 2018



## Message from the Principal

In a week that saw Pope Francis marry a couple on board a flight to Chile, in an impromptu ceremony, the death of one of my favourite singers Dolores O'Riordan and the collapse of Carillion, leaving a huge number of people in limbo over the security of their jobs, it is clear that we need to consider those around us and their individual need, sadness and situation. We should support everyone we can, in ways we are best able. Our friends, anyone we meet, or work with may just be in need of our concern and emotional support at any time; sometimes we can make a crucial difference.

College has been very busy with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students particularly making every minute count in preparation for upcoming exams.

Today the college is hosting the leaders of the congregation of Christian Brothers who are based in Rome, a number of students are involved; I pass on my thanks to them and those of you who have made their attendance possible.

On Thursday morning the chapel was busy for voluntary mass, a large number of students chose to attend confession afterwards. Please encourage your sons to attend as this is a wonderful part of the college week.

*'We've always had each other's backs in and out of competition. We support each other the most because we're the only ones that know what it's like to go through what we do, and so we can't be more thankful for each other.'*  
Simone Biles



### 'The Dog Ate My Homework'

Congratulations to 1st year student Joseph Riley who was selected out of 300 applicants to be a team captain on CBBC's 'The Dog Ate My Homework'.

**The episode will be screened on CBBC tonight at 5.30pm.**

Joseph, who is a member of Stagecoach, auditioned through the agency at the BBC studio in Glasgow, the episode will be available on iPlayer after the episode is aired.

### St Ambrose College Sport

Please use the following link to join our teamer account:

<http://tinyurl.com/y934ghdh>

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/](http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/)

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](mailto:pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)

### Dates for the diary

**22nd January**

6th form application deadline

**1st February**

U6th parents' evening

**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

**6th March**

4th year parents' evening

## Old Boy Paul Maynard MP

A second former St. Ambrose College student has been promoted by Theresa May, Paul Maynard earning his promotion from Under Secretary for Transport to the Whip's Office.

Paul attended St. Ambrose and went on to study at Oxford, achieving a first class honours degree, which he attributes to "the careful teaching at Ambrose."

He added: "I contested Twickenham in 2005 against Vince Cable before being selected a year later for Blackpool North and Cleveleys in 2006, winning it from Labour in 2010 and increasing my majority to 3,340 in 2015 and winning again last year."

Paul, who also manages the medical condition cerebral palsy, only the second MP with the condition, said: "After a few years as a Parliamentary Private Secretary to Oliver Letwin followed later by Amber Rudd, I was appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, responsible for light rail and trams. My new role is a wonderful challenge at a key time for the Government."



Damian Hinds MP with Paul Maynard MP

Paul, who went to St. Ambrose from 1986 to 1993, said: "St Ambrose for me, will always be a place that gave me opportunity, and encouraged me to aim high. It was never less than stimulating, and my memories will always be fond ones, not least of the staff."

St Ambrose College's Principal Mr Keulemans said: "To have one government minister is wonderful, to have two is quite incredible and both Paul and Damian are moving rapidly up the ranks.

"We always follow with the greatest interest the careers of our Old Boys. Damian and Paul were outstanding students of the College and are an inspiration to today's young Ambrosians. We congratulate them on their promotions and wish them every success in the future."

Last week Damian Hinds, who also attended St. Ambrose, was promoted to Education Secretary.

S. Carter

Please note the Behaviour & Discipline policy

is available on the website:

<http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/>

### 5th year intervention clinics

Study clinics are available for students to attend to support their revision and learning. Mathematics and English clinics are currently available by invitation only.

**Design & Technology clinic**  
Every lunchtime and from 3.35pm on  
Wednesday & Thursday  
Coursework deadline Monday 19th February

**Spanish clinic**  
Monday during House tutor period  
Room 1403  
Invitation only initially

**Latin clinic**  
Wednesday @ 1pm in room 2405  
&  
Latin Verse Literature clinic - Week 2 Monday during  
House Tutor period in room 1403

**Physics clinic**  
Thursday @ 1pm  
Room 2202

**Computer Science clinic**  
Wednesday @ 12.50pm

**French speaking clinic**  
Tuesday @ 1pm  
Room 1405

**Chemistry clinic**  
Friday @ 1pm  
Room 2203

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## Careers Advice Clinic

All students are invited to drop in to see Mrs Woods in the careers room from 1pm every Tuesday.

Mrs Woods is available to answer student careers queries and give support with CV writing.

Please book an appointment at the main school office.

### Success outside of school (SOS)



We are aware that many of our students achieve great success in their participation in a range of activities outside of their time at school. Furthermore, we are eager to share their success with the school community and would like to know what they are involved in. If you would like to share your son's achievements with us, you can email [behaviour@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:behaviour@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk).

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Cookery masterclass with Mr Singh

The ancient arts of traditional Indian cookery were revealed by Mr Singh, to his colleagues, during an after school staff enrichment project. A fourth generation British Indian, Mr Singh and his family have retained the traditions of their home city Amritsar, in the Punjab, and treat food as a daily celebration rather than a necessity. "We all eat together children, parents, grandparents and share our food, whether at home or at the Temple, and the art of spicing is learned from an early age," said the Maths teacher. Samantha Alford said: "It brings the team together and it is a lot of fun. Mr Singh added: "My favourite dish is a Shish kebab with Tandoori chicken cooked in a clay oven, but that's not really for beginners." During the evening he showed colleagues how to make quick and easy samosas and pakoras, balancing the spices to produce some tasty, nutritious and exciting Indian dishes. It certainly worked for the Head of Maths Mr Chapman, whose signature dish is, "beans on toast," who quickly added "I can't wait to show my wife some of my new tricks. I'm normally not allowed in the kitchen." Biology teacher, Miss Drogan, agreed: "I love slow cooking, putting on a chilli con carne in the morning and coming back from work to a lovely slow cooked meal, but Mr Singh's recipes were surprisingly easy and quick to prepare; the experience has certainly opened my eyes to a whole new cuisine." Mr Singh suggested the Indian cookery lesson in partnership with Cookery teacher Mrs Alford. They floated the idea with staff enrichment organisers Mrs Bull and Miss Drogan, adding to staff events which have also included sessions on mindfulness, a cycle ride and a staff book club.

S. Carter



## Alumni & Careers Co-ordinator

Having recently joined St Ambrose College, I would like to introduce myself, as Lianne Coultas, the new Careers and Alumni Co-ordinator for the college. I am very excited to join you all at St Ambrose College and look forward to meeting everyone as I settle into the role.



Along with co-ordinating the careers appointments and events, facilitating 4<sup>th</sup> Year and Lower 6<sup>th</sup> work experience and assisting generally in the office, I will be working on an exciting new opportunity for the college, the St. Ambrose Alumni network. An extensive Alumni network will be beneficial for the college in many ways:-

Our Alumni can champion the school; we are fortunate that many of our students have gone onto rewarding and successful careers, which highlights the outstanding reputation for which the school is renowned. As part of the Alumni, Ambrosians can continue to contribute to the school through donations, skill sharing, and volunteering; they can also form a very resourceful and useful network of professional contacts for our current students; and finally, offer students the opportunity to benefit from mentoring and career guidance across many diverse sectors.

Over the coming months, I will be engaging with our Alumni, old and new, to develop stronger links and more opportunities for the college, students, and Alumni alike. There will be upcoming Alumni events in the calendar soon and I would love to see many of you there!

In the meantime, I am based in the school office Wednesday to Friday or, alternatively, you can email me at [mrlcoultas@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:mrlcoultas@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk).

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Rest in peace Brother Noel Denis O'Halloran  
who passed away aged 94  
on 17th January 2018



## Forthcoming theatre trips to look out for

Please look out for Parentmail correspondence to book a place for the forthcoming exciting theatre trips.

**Metamorphosis** - Splendid theatre company comes to the college to perform their Epic and humorous version of Kafka's classic

**Brief Encounter** by Kneehigh Theatre Company at The Lowry – highly engaging theatre company famous for their music, physical theatre and puppets

**Police Cops in Space** Comedy at The Lowry, useful for GCSE & A-level devising units

**Sleeping Trees at the Movies** Comedy at The Lowry, useful for GCSE & A-level devising units

**Blood Brothers** Musical theatre comic-tragedy that is the set text for GCSE Drama

**War Horse** The National Theatre's record breaking production set in WWI at The Lowry – useful and engaging for all years

# Sports News

Our first rugby fixture of the New Year saw a traditional block against King's School Macclesfield. Traditionally, King's are one of our toughest opponents and in 10 fixtures we are usually delighted to get as many wins as losses. The strength in depth this year resulted in 7 College teams recording victory, and in losses 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and U15 A ran their opponent to within 2 scores.

In contrast strong wins were achieved at U15B, U14A and B, U13A and B and U12 A and B where over 50 tries were scored by St Ambrose teams (an outstanding display of open attacking rugby to match). The College team of the week was very difficult to choose from some outstanding individual performances, but Rodney Rodriguez stole the show at U13 A team level, running in 5 tries in his sides victory. Harry Smithers on the opposite wing was said to be disappointed with his "meagre three scores"! I am not sure who went home with the match ball?

The College teams have been rewarded with similar success in County Competitions and are already County champions at U12; the U14 and U16 teams contesting County Cup finals on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> at Burnage rugby club. I hope many supporters will travel to Varley Park, Burnage to cheer both sides on. The U14 final kicks off at 11.45 am, the U16s at 2.30pm. We wish both sides well. A hat trick of successes would probably be the best any County schoolboy side has achieved, especially when you consider the strength of Cheshire schools.

Our Seniors are also one match away from a National Final, playing in the Nat West Vase semi final on the Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15pm, at home, against Trinity School Croydon. With so much to play for it is good to see so many boys training. With 7s rugby still to begin, the season has the potential to end as one of our best in recent times, so this commitment is necessary if we are to fulfil the early potential shown this season.

Success in the pool last week was achieved with U15, 14, 13 and 12 sides, all winning their respective galas against Cheadle Hulme School. Similarly, all sides were victorious against Manchester G.S on Tuesday. Well done to the five teams involved. Additionally the Senior and U15 water polo teams both won their respective league games and now progress to National finals. College water polo clubs and Junior trampolining Clubs are again attracting good numbers and we hope similar enthusiasm will be shown when Indoor cricket nets begin after Half term. Our 1<sup>st</sup> years are competing in the GM Schools Indoor athletics championships on Feb 2nd and Rowers will shortly be involved as Trafford's representatives in 4 age groups in North West finals.

Senior footballers were unlucky in losing a close game, 2-3, to King's Chester. They did avenge this with a 6-0 victory on Wednesday against Wellington School in the Trafford League Fixture.

Basketball sides did not enjoy the best of weeks. Our U16 side lost to Altrincham G.S and our Under 14s similarly failed to break down a zone defence operated by a strong Sale High School.

In House Championships, the Cross Country races were completed with some fine individual successes. Thomas Jackson was crowned 4<sup>th</sup> year winner; Luis Rojo, 3<sup>rd</sup> year; James Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup> year and Henry Ashby 1<sup>st</sup> year were also winners. Over 100 runners competed in each race. The House Championships have now been completed in Rugby and Football along with Basketball, Badminton, Table-Tennis, Rowing, Water Polo and Swimming.



## HOME

Saturday 20th January



1st XV - 10am Kick off  
U12A, U13A - 9.15/9.30am Kick off



St Ambrose College  
Vs  
Audenshaw School

(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](mailto:mrnhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)



Mr N. Handy  
Director of Sport

## AWAY

Saturday 20th January



U15B

Audenshaw School  
Vs  
St Ambrose College



10am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)

**No dogs permitted on school premises**



## 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)

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



# SAPA News

Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

**Tickets for the SAPA Fashion Show are now on sale!**

Please buy your ticket (only £5 per person) from the Parentmail Shop. Or if you prefer, buy your ticket from the College office. This is always a really enjoyable evening and you will be able to grab a bargain. Please tell all of your friends and family and bring them along. You will be able to buy drinks from a licensed bar and snacks, which you can enjoy while you watch the models show off the clothes!

**Exciting new date for your diary**

We are in the early stages of planning a new event for the summer. Please put Friday 15 June in your diaries now and watch out for more information coming soon.

SAPA Chair

**Keep up with SAPA on;**

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/](http://www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/)

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

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



**Saint Ambrose Parents' Association**  
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# 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**      **Tickets Only**  
**8 - 20**      **£5**

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

All enquiries via our website: [www.sapa.org.uk](http://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.