

# Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

22nd June 2018



## Message from the Principal

So football begins, as examination season draws to a close; the hot spell which appeared to be dwindling away looks to have made a welcome return. Staff and students are making final preparations for activities week, which we hope will give students opportunities and experiences they will thoroughly enjoy.

Please can I ask that you stress to your children the importance of maintaining their focus from now until the end of term, with the increased content of all parts of the curriculum, this means that every minute counts.

5th year students and their parents were invited to attend a Thanksgiving assembly last Friday to celebrate the boys' achievements and bid them a fond farewell for the summer. In contrast, on Tuesday, we welcomed all our new 1st year students who will be joining us in September.

*'Learn to enjoy every minute of your life. Be happy now. Don't wait for something outside of yourself to make you happy in the future. Think how really precious is the time you have to spend, whether it's at work or with your family. Every minute should be enjoyed and savoured.'*  
Earl Nightingale

J. M. Keulemans



### Expansion of Existing Grammar Schools

Deputy Head Boy, Matthew Leigh, quizzed old boy - and now Secretary of State for Education, Damian Hinds, on the Government's commitment towards protecting Grammar Schools. Damian reiterated the Government's support to protecting existing Grammar Schools and highlighted the fund of £50 million that has been set aside for the expansion of existing Grammars. At the event in Urmston, Damian recognised his education at Saint Ambrose as being fundamental to his success in politics and a key factor of his appointment as Secretary of State for Education.

Damian praised the wider commitment of teachers, as well as the resounding success of local schools in Trafford. He also reiterated his commitment to reducing teacher's work loads.

Matthew said; "Damian is a prime example of how the values and traditions of St Ambrose, alongside hard work and continuing to strive for excellence, results in old pupils achieving remarkable things across society. His appointment as Secretary of State for Education is something that should be celebrated by all boys at the college, and hopefully he can continue to support his old school into the future."



### Dates for the diary

**28th June**

L6th UCAS day

**27th June**

KS3 & KS4 Evening of Celebration

**Saturday 30th June**

Open morning

**W/C 2nd July**

Activities week

Hale Barns  
Saint Ambrose College

**OPEN MORNING**

**Saturday 30th June**

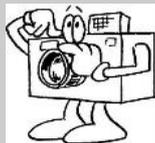
9.30am – 12.30pm

**0161 980 2711**

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## Whole School Photograph

The whole school photograph, taken in May 2018, is now available for viewing and on-line purchase.



Link: <https://www.gsimagebank.co.uk/stambrose/>

Login token: stambrose2018



## 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.**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Dominic Wathey who has been selected to join the North West Regional Orienteering Squad and attended his first training weekend this month. Dominic joined Manchester and District Orienteering Club 5 years ago and his skills have gone from strength to strength, having recently obtained his North West Orienteering Association Orange award and now competing in Light Green courses. The squad supports and trains promising young orienteers and prepares them for international competition with the GB squad in the future.



## Congratulations

from the  
Drama Department  
to

## Lorcan Cronin

for achieving a Distinction in his Grade 5  
LAMDA acting performance.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to L6th student, Hannan Sarwar who after a vigorous selection process has been selected to become the Young Enterprise Youth Representative for Greater Manchester. He will represent over 65 schools in Greater Manchester, and will work towards advocating students' needs and interests. Young Enterprise is an establishment which works with students of all age groups, and aims to provide the necessary life skills in terms of business and finance. It provides students with the support and experience needed as the enter adulthood. We will keep you updated as Hannan undertakes this roles and aims to make a difference in his local community and as well as continuing his active roles within the college.



Hannan is pictured with Stuart Carthy – Chair of Greater Manchester Young Enterprise Board.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at St Vincent's Church

Would you like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic?

You may have a Catholic partner, children at a Catholic school, or friends who are Catholics, and want to understand their faith/religion better, or you may be a returning Catholic wanting to re-discover your faith.

If yes, please come along to a 'taster session' taking place at Westleigh (Behind St Vincent de Paul's Church, entrance off Groby Road) at 8pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Before then, if you have any questions please contact Father John ([0161 928 1689](tel:01619281689)) or Deacon John ([07973 375422](tel:07973375422)).

**Note: For those who wish to continue this journey of exploration, the group will meet weekly, guided by the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Team. Topics such as the Bible, the Sacraments, the Mass, Prayer, and the life of the Church are explored with a brief introduction followed by questions and an open exchange. Every year, some enquirers decide they want to join, or become full members, of the Catholic Church.**

# SAPA News

## Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

### SAPA Privacy Policy

At recent SAPA meetings, we have been discussing the new general data protection regulations (GDPR) and what it means for SAPA in relation to information we hold about parents who help at SAPA events or come to meetings. We have decided that we will only store and use your information if you give us your explicit consent.

*How will this work?* If you come to a SAPA meeting or volunteer to help at an event, we will ask you to sign a consent form confirming that you agree to us keeping your personal information. You will be asked to provide an email address and/or a mobile phone number, but it's your decision what information you share with us. We will keep that information for no more than 5 years, or until your son leaves Saint Ambrose College. We won't share your personal information with other organisations; we only share it with other SAPA members to help us run events. If you change your mind, just let us know.

If you want to know more, please see our [Privacy Policy](#) and if you want to fill in a consent form now, we can send you one; just email [chair18@sapa.org.uk](mailto:chair18@sapa.org.uk).

### Job vacancy

SAPA webmaster – if you're interested, please contact Joanne to find out more ([chair18@sapa.org.uk](mailto:chair18@sapa.org.uk)).

### SAPA dates for your diary

#### Saturday 23rd June

Second-hand uniform sale @ 9am –10am  
(Sports entrance of the College)

#### Monday 10th September

SAPA meeting @ 7pm, SAC

### Summer Party

On Friday 15 June we had our Summer Party at Bowdon Rugby Club. Thank you to everyone who came and so kindly supported our fundraising efforts, and we hope you had a really lovely evening. We held our main raffle draw, which included all tickets bought before the party and on the night. Thank you so much to the people and businesses who donated these incredible prizes. Lucky winners are:

Four Sale Sharks tickets - Helen Wickham

£200 Nando's voucher - Mrs Ainscough

Warrington vs. Wolves tickets - Lynda N

4-ball at Styal Golf Club - Eamon

Footgolf for 5 people at Styal Golf Club - Paul Kelly

Everton shirt and boots from goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg - Martin Connolly

£40 Tru Ninja voucher - Lynda N

£25 Booths voucher plus one bottle of champagne - Caroline Tarpey

Meal for two at Toast restaurant - Sharon Dunne

Half a case of Prosecco - Helen Douglas

In the Treasure Map game, Dominic Ball found the £25 treasure, and kindly donated it to SAPA.

Joanne McEntee  
SAPA Chair

### Keep up with SAPA

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# Sports News

Open water swimming has played a key part at St Ambrose the past couple of weeks, with Head of Physical Education, Mr Fitzsimon, taking part in a very personal challenge and a lifelong ambition.

Mr Fitzsimon swam the Windermere two mile challenge, the largest open water swim worldwide, in memory of his dear friend Gavin Frogatt, who died last year after spending his last few days in the Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital.

Mr Fitzsimon is part of a group of 30 friends who have all been taking part in long distance athletic events, on the road and in the water, to raise money in Gavin's memory. The fundraising is to support robotic surgery at The Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital. If you would like to support this valuable cause, please visit the just giving page:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gedsheridan2018](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gedsheridan2018) .

The total is now approaching £4000.

Congratulations to Mr Fitzsimon for competing in the event and raising valuable



Students were invited to participate in a course of open water swimming training at Sale Water Park. The training organised by swimming coach Mrs Chandler, was a fantastic opportunity for students and staff to experience.



Mr N. Handy  
Director of Sport

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/)

## Holy Angels in Bloom

Holy Angels in Bloom Gardening Club is open to all, come along to the next date

on

Saturday 23rd June

& Thursday 5th July

at

10am.



If you require any more information or would like to donate plants or young trees or donate money to the HAiB budget please get in touch with either: Vic Leyden at [vicleyden@btinternet.com](mailto:vicleyden@btinternet.com) or phone me on 07808 772 646  
Or Sue Brown at [rhbrown@hotmail.com](mailto:rhbrown@hotmail.com) or phone her on 0161 980 8697

## Please help next season!

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)



**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)

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