



Dear Parents/Guardian

Last week was a busy yet very rewarding week. On Wednesday night the summer concert took place in school and I would like to thank and congratulate all who put the evening together and took part. The performances were excellent and showcased the wide range of musical talent within the college, well done.

On Friday the school sponsored walk took place, with the goal of raising money for the drilling of a borehole for our partner school, St Ambrose Academy, in Sierra Leone. Considering the recent weather we fared very well with only a brief spell of drizzle and most boys completed the 11.1km walk. Can I request support in collecting the sponsor money as this will make a huge difference to the lives of the students at the Academy.

Saturday saw a very busy and successful Open Day again blessed by sunny weather. Thank you to all the students involved in supporting the day, I received many comments on what excellent, hosts, guides and parking attendants they made and can I also thank those parents who helped facilitate the whole process by encouraging and supporting their sons to attend.

Thanks for your support

J M Keulemans
Principal

Proverbs 25, 25 'Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country'



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PMX

We have transferred to the new updated ParentMail system called 'PMX'. Please ensure that you verify your account on the link provided to you via email or mobile. Once you have verified, please note the new login link:

<https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk/#core/login>

[Email queries: pmx.migration@parentmail.co.uk](mailto:pmx.migration@parentmail.co.uk)

Calendar Items

French Theme Day 4/7/16 (students)

1-4 year full reports to be posted by 6/7/16

End of Term 8/7/16 2016 12.30 pm

Pastoral concerns email: pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Sport Fixtures/Scores: <http://www.schoolssports.com/School/?id=332>

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PRESS IN THE NEWS



Pictured behind bugler Lucas Patterson-Gutierrez, Joe Ronan, Nick Royle, Christopher Carey and Freddie Gent.

St. Ambrose College's young historians honoured the fallen with a great debate on the legacy of General Haig on the anniversary of the first day of the Somme. The battle saw 20,000 British soldiers die on the first day, 60,000 from all nationalities and was the start of a six month battle of attrition that resulted in one million deaths, yet only a few miles of flanders' fields were captured.

The day of remembrance saw boys listen to St. Ambrose's RADA actor Jonah Rzeskiewicz read some poignant war poetry and young bugler Lucas Paterson-Gutierrez play the last post on a bugle donated for the day by the Burgess family.

St. Ambrose College Head of History Geraldine Scott said: "It is important especially at this point in our history to remember another period in history and take account of just what Europeans were capable of doing to each other.. It was a moving day and this generation certainly appreciates the immense sacrifices of a previous generation of young men."





Edmund Rice International – Presentation by Max Ashton and George Pitt

This Wednesday's dinnertime saw a presentation by Max Ashton and George Pitt to fellow St Ambrose College students about their experiences at the Edmund Rice International Secondary Schools' Conference in Birkenhead last week.

The St Ambrose College students present at the talk were particularly interested to hear about Caritas's 'HAART for Children' campaign that the St Ambrose College ERI group will be supporting next year; indeed Lower Sixth student Shane Fox poignantly expressed his thoughts that the support of such an important campaign "perfectly encapsulates".

Blessed Edmund Rice's instruction to his followers to "give to the poor in handfuls". Every one of the seven Edmund Rice secondary schools in England has an ERI group in their 6th Forms and have recently appointed Youth Ambassadors to promote advocacy campaigns within their respective schools. The ERI groups across the schools are encouraged to identify social justice issues in their local areas or in the wider global sphere and respond to them in creative, hard-hitting ways in order to promote lasting change. This week's presentation was very well attended by St Ambrose College students and a sign that a keen interest in helping others less fortunate than themselves continues to be the hallmark of many of our boys.

