

Saint Ambrose College

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Dear Parents/Guardian

Term is now in full swing the new first years have settled well and seem to be coping with the changes and challenges of secondary school. Exam classes in Key Stages 4 and 5 have got their heads down quickly to prepare themselves for the year ahead.

The warm weather in the past week has highlighted the need for the students to drink plenty of water, I ask that you take this opportunity to remind your son that drinks high in sugar and/or caffeine are unhealthy and inappropriate for school and do not assist with concentration levels. Thank you in advance for your support.

As I am sure you are aware this week, Grammar school and Catholic education have been high on the agenda of both the government and media. Rest assured that we will continue to strive to produce the best opportunities for your son and that any changes will be utilised to enhance the success of St Ambrose for the individuals who really matter, the students themselves.

Have an enjoyable and successful week ahead.

'How much better to get wisdom than gold!' Proverbs 16:16

If you have watched the recent coverage of the Paralympics the above quote is for us, the viewers.

God bless,

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PMX – communication system

Please ensure that you verify your account on the PMX system. Please also download the app to your mobile for convenience.

Student News

Well done Jack Heaney Sixth Form M (Augustine House) who has had his head shaven over the summer, raising £600 for pancreatic cancer research.

Calendar Items:-

16/9/16	Societies Fair (club taster sessions) revised schedule to be advertised next week
20/9/16 @ 6.00 pm	Oxbridge Talk for parents (Sixth Form)
22/9/16 @ 7.00 pm	1 st year Meet & Greet for Parents/Boys
24/9/16	Entrance Exam
28/9/16	Year 9 photographs
5/10/16	Year 11 photographs

Parents' Association dates:-

Car boot (to be confirmed) - Sunday 16 Oct 2017
Christmas Fair - Sunday 27th November
Fashion show - Friday 3rd February 2017

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

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

Twitter: @StAmbroseColl

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St Ambrose College Invitation to Macmillan Afternoon Tea

29 September 2016 from 2.00
Sports Entrance

**Thank you to those who have replied.
Parents, Family & Friends welcome.**

**If you cannot make it, your donations however small are
also welcome.**

**I shall also be making an appeal to the boys for parents
to supply cakes please.**

**If you would like to attend could you please RSVP to:
office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk**

Thank you – Miss McLoughlin





Hannan Sarwar – Newman House

Well done to Hannan Sarwar, who spent just over five weeks of his summer holiday working Monday to Friday for 'Beesley Corporate Solutions' in Handforth.

An aspiring barrister, Hannan arranged this work experience placement himself to gain useful skills and experience in a workplace environment. In our opinion Hannan displays all the key characteristics that a barrister would need: he is eloquent, hardworking, has strong social skills, and a keen desire to help others. This latter trait is represented in his regular charity work in and around school; he has been instrumental in helping to organise the forthcoming Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Ambrose College.

Mr D Krause



Edmund Rice International

Former student Nicholas Webster has just completed his internship at Edmund Rice International in Geneva and has kindly given an account of his time there. Nick became involved in a range of Edmund Rice ministries whilst at St Ambrose College and developed a particularly strong interest in human rights.

“My time at ERI has flown but the past three months has provided me with glimpse into the world of NGO advocacy at the UN and some of the great work done by some of the 4,000 NGOs accredited to the UN. It has also included lobbying Permanent Missions of UN member states as part of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), monitoring and reporting on some of the multitude of meetings that go on in the UN and even helping out with the ERI Human Rights and Advocacy training for members of the Edmund Rice global network.”

Outside ERI there was also so much going on that was interesting and enriching. I have had the chance to take part in public consultations on global health, contribute to an EU youth event which produced a paper sent to all delegations in Geneva and attend many public lectures on anything from the economy of Lebanon to corruption in Guatemala. It has also been a great opportunity to network with other interns and meet young people who are equally passionate about what goes on in Geneva and who may one day be running the place.

It has had its frustrations (day long meetings for working groups drafting documents which achieve disappointingly little and 25 minute meetings on disarmament which achieved even less) and I can definitely see some of the problems with the UN system. However on the whole it has been a very inspiring experience.

I have learnt so much and feel very grateful for the opportunity I have had. I would recommend it to anyone else passionate about advocacy and the work of ERI.”

Any Sixth Formers at St Ambrose College who would like to get involved in Edmund Rice International should see one of our Youth Ambassadors (Max Ashton & Shane Fox).

Mr D Krause

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Dear St Ambrose Parents

Old Boys' Dinner

The date for the 21st Annual SAOBA Dinner has now been confirmed as Saturday 19th November and is to be held at the College.

This year we will be celebrating the retirement of Frank Azzopardi after an incredible 31 years teaching at Saint Ambrose.

Tickets are limited. Further details and ticket information can be found here:-

<http://www.saoba.org/events/old-boys-dinners/2016-dinner/>

Best Regards

SAOBA Committee

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