

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

17th March 2017



Message from the Principal



As well as Friday 17th March being St Patrick's Day, it also marks the first day this year when we reach the magic 12 hours of daylight. Days are now longer than nights and spring is truly beginning. At this time of year it is key that we offer ourselves as the light in other's lives. We help to outshine the darkness, through our actions and sacrifices spreading the good news that lies ahead at the end of the Easter period.

This weekend we look forward to England possibly breaking the All Black record of consecutive wins, never easy to do in Ireland on St Patrick's weekend!

This week I had the privilege of appointing my new Senior Prefects, Deputy Head Boys and Head Boy for next year and I congratulate all of them and look forward to working closely with them over the next 18 months.

Mr J M Keulemans

Introducing the newly appointed Head boy and Deputy Head Boys

Head Boy Sam Nanda,
Deputy Head boys
Ciaran Booth,
Marcus Roberts and
Oliver Summerell joined
Mr Keulemans and
Mrs Ridgway for a
photograph.



Congratulations to
Felix Blake, Tom Hughes,
Patrick Kearns and
Luke Stone who have
been selected as Senior
Prefects.

News from Sierra Leone

During the February half term, Mrs McClements and I travelled to Sierra Leone to prepare for the proposed 6th Form immersion programme in February 2018. It was a pleasure to meet the ten girls whose school fees we sponsor, seven of the girls were orphaned by the Ebola virus.

15 year old Susan told us how the doctor treating her father, in turn succumbed to the virus, this is her motivation for becoming a doctor herself. The girls asked us to relay their heartfelt thanks for the support we provide them and the warmly received gifts at Christmas. St Ambrose Academy enjoys an excellent reputation locally. The children are nurtured and cared for, and a strong sense of community is evident when you enter the school. We look forward to our return visit.



Mr M. O'Neill

Dates for the diary

21st March — Careers Evening

27th March — Speech night

28th March — Inset Day

20th April — 1st Year Parents' Evening

27th April — Golf day

2nd May — 4th Year Parents' Evening

13th May — SAPA Ball

For more information on the new government GCSE grading system please refer to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Coca Cola Business Studies Trip

This week St Ambrose Business Studies Department took a group of A-Level students to the Coke Factory in Wakefield. The group enjoyed a tailored presentation in a classroom environment, together with a tour of the working factory. The visit was curriculum-linked and gave the Sixth Form students a chance to see inside a state-of-the-art manufacturing site. We met staff from a range of areas including; Human Resources, Finance, Research and Development, IT, Operations and Marketing. The Education Centre gave students the unique opportunity to develop their knowledge of the world of work and make connections between what they learnt in the classroom and the operations that are integral to one of the world's leading brands.



UCAS Convention

Mrs McClements

All Lower 6th students visited the UCAS Convention on Tuesday 14th March, at the MCCC in Manchester. It was a great opportunity for the students to speak to multiple universities in a short space of time, therefore giving them a better idea of potential opportunities without having to tour the country to visit each university individually. In addition to the Universities, there were also employers and apprenticeship providers present. Mrs E Bigley

Careers Evening

Students and Parents
from 2nd to 5th year are invited to
attend our
Careers event
on
21st March from 6pm until 8pm



ERI Youth Ambassadors

Earlier this week Youth Ambassadors' Shane and Max delivered an informative and thought-provoking presentation to fellow students and staff about



ERI Car Wash

To highlight the plight of refugees in the North West, the Edmund Rice International group at St Ambrose College is involved in publishing a book. To raise money to cover the publishing costs we have held a Donut Sale and a Games Tournament earlier this year. The final pennies were raised this week with a Sponsored Car Wash - the Principal and a number of teachers paid £5 each to have their cars washed by the Lower Sixth contingent of the Edmund Rice International group - it must be said that they did a sterling job, led ably by recently appointed Deputy Head Boy, Marcus Roberts and assisted by Miss Waters and her Edmund Rice group from St Ambrose Preparatory School. D. Krause

CONFERENCE
Arranged by St Agnes, West Kirby, Justice and Peace Group

What Can We Do?

Some practical responses
to the refugee crisis

Speakers include:
Mary Kilcoyne - Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury
Sean Ryan - Caritas Diocese of Salford

Saturday 25 March 2017

10:30 am - 2:00 pm
(Mass at 10am)

St Agnes, Darmonds Green, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 5DU

FREE REGISTRATION: mjmaccook@aol.com or 0151 625 6512

Tea and coffee provided but please bring packed lunch.
Any donations will go to a refugee charity.



Our Conversation Matters'

A new course for adults at St Sebastian's
Community Centre, Salford, M6 6ES

At 7.15pm—8.45pm

20th, 27th March, 3rd April

All sessions will have a mixture of input, sharing and reflection. All that is required is an openness to listen and a willingness to share. More information available from Brother Martin O'Flaherty.

msof@eircom.net

Blessed John Henry Newman
A truly beautiful Catholic Church

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
Sunday: 9am & 11am
Thursday: 7pm

Knutsford Road, Warrington WA4 1JE

Sports News

This week has seen many successes for College sports teams. In Rugby Sevens the College Under 15 team won the Myles Marshall King's Macclesfield Sevens, continuing their success at Audenshaw. They made this a hatrick of successes on Wednesday with victory in the County Sevens. The margin of victory in the final against King's Macclesfield was indicative of their dominance in the tournament.

The Under 14 team won their first tournament at Wirral G.S defeating a strong London Oratory team in the final but winning matches against strong County sides. Our Under 13 Sevens team travelled down to a Berkhamsted Waterfall tournament and returned with medals winning 4 out of their six fixtures in a tournament of over 100 school teams from all over Great Britain. They will be returning to London this weekend for a similar event at Rosslyn Park. To date SAC teams have won 6 major Sevens tournaments which surpasses any previous season. Congratulations to all involved.

Our final fixtures in the 15 a side games were played against Newcastle Under Lyme the 1st XV lost 19-38, Under 14s won 30-10, Under 13 B team lost 20-25 to the Newcastle A side, whilst our Under 12's won 20-10.



Thank you to parents who have contributed Sainsburys vouchers for Sport. A collection box is available outside the PE reception. Thank you.
N. Handy
Director of Sport

Sport Fixtures/Scores

www.schoolssport.com/School??id=332

Rugby Twitter

@StAmbroseRugby



Swimming

The Swimming season is also drawing to a close but school teams are still enjoying success in the water. On Tuesday the Senior teams and Intermediates competed in the Sutton Trophy against 12 of the North's top schools. The teams made every 'A' final and finished runners up to a strong Canon Slade School.

Next week the Water Polo and swimming teams will represent Trafford in the GM Games. We wish them every success in the conclusion of another excellent year.

Rowing

In the Greater Manchester Championships every age group apart from 2nd years medalled and improved times were achieved by all teams. The competition attracted hundreds of children from all over the Borough so achieving such success was commendable.

In 1st year the side finished 2nd, 2nd years 4th, 3rd and 5th Years 1st.

In individual races Daniel Akindrewo was third in the Year 7 race, Callum O'Neill and Patrick Brogan 2nd in Year 9 and 11 races respectively.

Mr N. Handy

ST AMBROSE GOLF DAY HOSTED AT
RINGWAY GOLF CLUB
27TH APRIL 2017

FUND RAISER FOR AUSTRALIA RUGBY TOUR

TEA/COFFEE ON ARRIVAL AT 1PM
2PM SHOT GUN START

3 COURSE MEAL AFTERWARDS (SMART CASUAL/NO JEANS)

Maximum of 21 Teams
£320 per team. £80 deposit required at Booking payable to School

Contact Sam Dell to book a team Slot
Samantha.Dell@sinn.co.uk



The U15 Water Polo Team made it to the English Schools Plate Final and on Monday the 6th March we travelled down to Northampton at 7am. We were up against strong opposition that normally make the cup final. Our first game was against City of London who were a very mature looking U15 team losing 6-1 who were the overall winners. Our next game against Queen Elizabeth's from Barnet was a tough draw for our 2nd game and we lost 5-11. We knew our next 2 games were beatable and with some position changes with Tom Nanda dropping back in straight defence and Ciaron Byrne now in attack the goals come thick and fast and Bedford School were pushed back into defence as the Ambrose boys continued to attack with some outstanding goals from Nicholas Hoekstra, Tomaz Infante Addie, Tom Nanda and Ciaron Byrne the final score was 13-1. Our final game against Birkdale was the decider for a bronze medal place. With a win in the earlier stages of the tournament against them, we knew we could come home with a medal. Patrick Brooke's Maher calmed all nerves with a fabulous half way shot finding the back of the net. Matthew Dillon, Nick Hoekstra, and 5 goals from Ciaron Byrne and some outstanding play from Connor Healy, Ben Hounsham, Stephen Hill, Chris Sutton, John Bolton Joshua Jorritsma and Matthew Martin made the final score 11-4 to St Ambrose. It was a very long day but with bronze medals hanging around their necks it helped make the long journey back home in the new minibus so much more enjoyable.

A massive well done boys.

Mrs P. Chandler

NAME OF CATHOLIC CHURCH	SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIMES	SUNDAY MASS TIMES
Holy Angels', Hale Barns	6:00pm	8:30am, 10:30am
St Vincent's, Altrincham	7:00pm	8:30am, 10:00am, 11:15am, 6:30pm
St Hugh & St John's, West Timperley	6:30pm	8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
St Ann's, Cheadle Hulme	5:30pm	10:30am, 11:30am
St Vincent's, Knutsford	n/a	9:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm
Sacred Heart & St Teresa, Wilmslow	6:30pm	9:00am, 10:30am
St Joseph's, Sale	6:00pm	9:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm
All Saints', Ashton-on-Mersey	n/a	9:30pm, 5:00pm
St Margaret Ward's, Sale	5:30pm	n/a
Holy Family, Sale Moor	n/a	10:00am
St Benedict's, Handforth	n/a	9:00am, 10:30am, 5:30pm
St Winefride's, Lymm	5:45pm	9:00am, 10:30am
Divine Mercy, Moss Side (Polish Mass)	7:00pm	10:00am, 12:00am, 7:00pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Moss Side	n/a	11:30am
St Hugh of Lincoln, Stretford	7:00pm	10:30am
St Ann's, Stretford	n/a	9:30am, 11:30am, 6:30pm
St Ambrose, Chorlton	n/a	10:00am
Our Lady & St John's, Chorlton	6:00pm	9:00am, 12:00pm
St Alphonsus, Old Trafford	n/a	10:30am
St Cuthbert's, Withington	6:00pm	10:00pm, 12:00pm, 5:30pm
St Catherine's, Didsbury	7:00pm	8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
St Bernard's, Burnage	n/a	10:00am, 6:00pm
Our Lady & the Apostles, Stockport	7:00pm	10:00am
St Joseph's, Reddish	5:00pm	9:00am
St Winifred's, Heaton Mersey	n/a	8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 6:30pm
St Peter's, Hazel Grove	n/a	8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 6:00pm
St Monica's, Flixton	5:30pm	10:00am
Our Lady & the English Martyrs, Urmston	6:30pm	9:30am, 11:30am
Our Lady of Lourdes, Partington	n/a	11:00am
St Hilda's, Northenden	n/a	10:00am
St Aidan's, Northern Moor	6:00pm	11:30am
St Luke's (CofE), Benchill	5:00pm	11:30am
St Elizabeth's, Peel Hall	n/a	11:30am
Sacred Heart & St Peter's, Baguley	n/a	9:00am, 11:30am, 5:30pm
St Anthony's, Woodhouse Park	6:30pm	10:00am
St Kentigem's, Fallowfield	6:30pm	9:00am, 11:00am, 6:30pm
Our Lady & St Christopher's, Romiley	6:30pm	9:00am, 11:00am
Holy Spirit, Marple	6:00pm	9:00am, 11:00am
St Joseph's, Longsight	6:30pm	11:00am
St Mary of the Angels & St Clare, Levenshulme	6:30pm	11:00am
St Richard's, Longsight	5:30pm	9:30am
St Chad's, Cheetham Hill (Latin Mass)	n/a	4:45pm
Christ Church, Heald Green	6:30pm	9:00am, 11:00am
St Mary's, Congleton	n/a	8:35am
St Monica's, Appleton	6:00pm	8:30am, 10:15am
St Dunstan's, Moston	n/a	9:30am, 11:30am
Christ the King, Newton Heath	n/a	9:00am, 11:00am
St Mary's, Marple Bridge	6:30pm	11:15am
St Lewis's, Croft	n/a	8:30am, 11:30am
St Oswald's, Padgate	n/a	8:30am, 10:00am
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St Chad's, Cheetham Hill	7:30pm	4:00pm
St Joseph's, Longsight	n/a	4:00pm

Helpful links

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SAPA website: www.sapa.org.uk/

For St. Ambrose current vacancies please visit <http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/1126/info/vacancies/>

