

# Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

1st December 2017



## Message from the Principal

Thank you to all those involved in the preparation and delivery of last Sunday's Christmas Fair. I am sure that you would agree that a good deal of fun was had and will be pleased to hear that a lot of money was raised.

I am sure those of you who had the pleasure of listening to the pipe band truly feel like the festivities have already begun.

Well done to the fifth year for their excellent attitude towards their mock examinations this week. This should provide a solid foundation on which to build the rest of such an important year.

Thanks must also go to the parents who supported the college by invigilating exams this week. The generous gift of their time is greatly appreciated and is very beneficial to the college.

"You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time, Want us to wait. For the right time in which to discover Who we are, where we are to go, Who will be with us, and what we must do. So thank you ... for the waiting time."

John Bell

J. M. Keulemans

### Dates for the diary

**5th December**  
L6th Parents' Evening

**7th December**  
Feast of Saint Ambrose

**8th December**  
12.30pm closure to celebrate  
Feast of Saint Ambrose

**12th December**  
Senior citizens Christmas party

**14th December**  
St Ambrose Christmas Quiz Night

**18th December**  
Carol Service at Holy Angels, followed by  
refreshments at the College

**20th December**  
End of Term—12.30pm closure

**Thursday 4th January 2018**  
Return to School

### St Ambrose Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas fair with your kind donations and attendance. The event was a huge success.

Thank you to SAPA for their continued support. Pictures below are the House team stalls, Aquinas, Augustine, Ignatius and Newman in addition to other photographs captured during the event.



**St Ambrose  
Christmas quiz  
14th December**  
(Please see the last  
page of the  
newsletter for further  
details)



#christmasjumperday

**Christmas Jumper  
Day 2017**  
Tuesday 19th December

**£1 donation**  
(to your house tutor)

...and you can wear a Christmas jumper with your uniform to raise money for a great cause!

## Operation Wallacea

St. Ambrose biologists are to embark on a once in lifetime research expedition to work in Indonesia's rain forests and coral reefs as part of a turn-key conservation project.

This July when many teenagers will be flying off to Mediterranean beaches, 16 young scientists led by Miss Drogan and Mr Allen, will fly over 8,000 miles to Sulawesi for a two week working expedition.

They will be the hands and eyes of Operation Wallacea, gathering ecological data to be used by some of the world's leading conservationists to monitor the potential deterioration of this isolated region's unique flora and fauna. Miss Drogan said: "Separated from other landmasses by deep ocean channels, this area has a high percentage of endemic species. There are 127 mammal species of which 62% are endemic, 700 bird species of which 32% are endemic and 74 species of herpetofauna of which 38% are endemic. Yet despite such rich and diverse conditions, this area remains one of the least biologically studied areas in the world and one of the most likely places to discover vertebrate species."

During the first week, the party will be based in the tropical rainforest in Buton carrying out their data collection as well as learning jungle survival skills. In the second week they will focus on marine research, working among the coral reefs recently seen on David Attenborough's Blue Planet and gaining their PADI open water level qualification to work underwater.

Alex Dobson pictured below on the right, who wants to study Medicine said: "Having watched The Blue Planet, I can't wait to be working among the same coral reefs. Like many of my generation, I am appalled by the disparity in resources across the world and how the First World continues to deprive the Third World. We waste so much while they starve and I feel privileged to be part of an important conservation mission."

Matthew Booth added: "This is a once in a life time opportunity to see the type of flora and fauna we never see in the United Kingdom and I'd take this chance in favour of any Mediterranean beach." He added: "I want to study civil engineering and I feel this will give me a much deeper understanding of the measures the construction industry must take to preserve the environment during important capital projects."

Each pupil will need to raise £2,700 to fund their own trip and led by one of Ambrose's leading young fundraisers Hannan Sarwar, the team are already making inroads into a total cost nearing £50,000 to fund their work.

Hannan said: "We have written to a range of major local businesses detailing our work and asking for sponsorship, while in school and the wider community we are setting up stalls and providing services to raise extra money."

Hannan, who also wants to be a doctor concluded, poignantly: "I have always had a deep gut instinct to help people and improve society. For me this is a vital part of my education, helping me to see exactly what we need to do to conserve vital ecological domains. In helping me to become a much more rounded person, I feel I will learn more than I could ever possibly give."

S. Carter



Hale Barns Events Presents

# Hale Barns CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A spectacular festive concert performing the nations most loved Carols and Christmas No.1 Classics Live!

**17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**  
Staged in the Beautiful Holy Angels Church  
CONCERT STARTS AT 7PM

**JONA LEWIE**  
Performing all his hits including 'Always in the Kitchen at Parties' & the huge Christmas No.1 hit 'Stop The Cavalry'

**SCARLETT QUIGLEY**  
Teen Soprano Sensation returns to Hale Barns

**KALEIDOSCOPE** The Big 20-piece Brass & Horn Jazz Band  
**DI VOCI** Outstanding Ladies Choir

ALSO FEATURING  
**THE FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA & ST AMBROSE CHOIR**

TICKETS £20 ADULTS (CHILDREN £10) AVAILABLE AT  
**HALEBARNSCARNIVAL.CO.UK**

Hale Barns Events Presents

# Hale Barns CHRISTMAS

**12-7PM**  
**17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

OVER 30 GIFT & CRAFT STALLS  
ARTISAN FOOD & DRINK  
VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS  
CHILDRENS RIDES & ACTIVITIES  
FIREWORK DISPLAY  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**12-7PM**  
At: Holy Angels Car Park  
Wicker lane, WA15 0HF.

**FREE ENTRY**  
TO ALL OUTDOOR EVENTS

National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain

## BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE BARTOK

Friday 5 January 2018, 7.30pm  
The Bridgewater Hall

Journey into the mystical, the magical and the weird with the world's greatest orchestra of teenagers. Hear it if you dare.

'A five-star feast of energy and talent!'

**£7 for UNDER 25's**

CLASSIC FM



## Christmas Carols on the Green



We are delighted to once again support 'Carols on the Green'. Members of the choir and Jazz Band will be supporting breast cancer charities at this local community event.

Your support would be most welcome.

On  
Saturday 16th December 2017

At  
11am  
At

Hale Village Bowling Green



## Fairtrade Store Team

The Fairtrade store is currently open every Tuesday and Thursday, allowing students to purchase various fairtrade products (chocolates, cookies). The team is currently looking for student volunteers, who would be willing to help. The experience will encourage students to build their confidence and management skills.



Miss McCrory

# SAPA News

## Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

Last Sunday we held our Christmas Fair in the College, it was a really wonderful day, despite the cold and rain outside. The College was full of people having fun, enjoying the festive music, poster artwork and tasty treats. Early calculations show that we made an amazing profit of about £4600, up a little from last year. We also had lots of winners! So, if you haven't yet collected your prize, please contact [chair18@sapa.org.uk](mailto:chair18@sapa.org.uk) as soon as you can.

### Grand Raffle

1. Nintendo Switch - Oliver Davies (Year 8 College)
2. £100 Wahaca Voucher – Josef Williamson (College)
3. £50 Amazon Voucher – Patrick Brooks-Maher (College)
4. Scalextrix set – Neil Priestner (SAPA)
5. Total Fitness Gym Pass Family of 4 x2 – Piero Gallucci (Prep)
6. Golf Lesson at Ringway Golf Club – Dermot Welch (2nd year)
7. Total Fitness Adult Day Pass x4 – Dominic Brooks-Maher (College)
8. £20 Laughing Elephant Voucher – Tracy Martin
9. United Junior Football Kit - Stephen
10. Everton Football and Junior Football Kit – Martin Blythe
11. Bottle of Monopole Heidsieck Champagne – Sam West (College)
12. Beauty Voucher – Jacob Kelly (Prep)
13. Scentsy Bundle – Joe Meek (College)
14. Luxury Slate Cheeseboard and Knife Set – Donal Parker
15. Hair Straighteners – A Howard (College)
16. Elemis Spa Bath and Body Oil Set – Nicola Dodd
17. Screwdrivers and Tool Set – P Smith
18. Champneys Spa Gift Set – Neil Priestner
19. Stella and Dot Gift – David Hampton
20. Bayliss and Harding Gift Set – Matthew Horsfield (College)
21. Bottle of Prosecco – Christopher Potts (College)
22. White Company Candle – George Heeds (College)
23. Sarah Jane King Photography Voucher – Israel Ariyo (College)
24. Sarah Jane King Photography Voucher – Reese Khan (College)
25. 4-Ball at Northenden Golf Club – Oliver West (College)

### Hamper Raffle

1st Prize – Richard Laming

2nd Prize – Con O'Neill

The most amazing and most rewarding achievement was the support and the people who made it happen—thank you! Everyone from the Prep and College got involved; boys and their families, teachers and staff from every department all co-ordinated by a very dedicated and hard-working SAPA team. You were all incredible, so thank you for giving up your precious time, energy and money to support our wonderful schools. We also want to mention Liam Devlin who was one of the boys running the Aquinas stall. He made a very accurate and detailed summary of money taken on his stall, and made the SAPA treasurer's job much easier. Thank you Liam.

Check out photos of the Christmas Fair on:

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

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

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

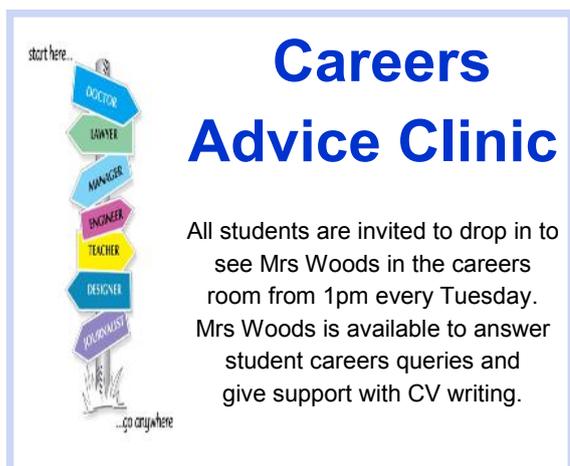
Thank you everyone.

### Arts Day 2018 Needs You!

We are excited to announce that this academic year's Arts Day is on **Monday 22 January** and we are looking for professionals from the creative industries to come and speak to students about their careers.

Arts Day is an opportunity for students studying Art, Drama and Music at GCSE and A-level to learn about the industry that contributes nearly £90bn net to the UK's GDP. In previous years, parents, 'old boys' and friends of St Ambrose have given short talks to students, explaining their current occupations and how they got into those careers. We've had sessions from TV producers, musicians, artists, football commentators and set designers to name but a few.

If you, or someone you know, would be willing to give a 15 minute talk to students on Monday 22 January please get in touch: [mrsmbull@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:mrsmbull@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk) More information on the creative industries and the roles that we are looking for can be found here: [www.thecreativeindustries.co.uk/industries](http://www.thecreativeindustries.co.uk/industries) There is always an enormous buzz around the college in the lead-up to Arts Day as it is one of the highlights of the school calendar. Please encourage anyone you know in the creative arts industries to get in touch and help us make this year's event an enormous success.



The graphic features a vertical stack of colorful arrows pointing downwards, each labeled with a profession: Doctor, Lawyer, Manager, Engineer, Teacher, Designer, and Politician. The text 'start here...' is at the top left and '...go anywhere' is at the bottom left.

## 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.

# Sports News



A mixture of results to report on this week. On Saturday, rain affected away fixtures with only 3 St Ambrose rugby teams playing at home. For the third successive week our teams were unbeaten winning all 3 games at Under 15, 13 A and 13 B against St Anselms College. Our Under 18s reached the last 8 of the Nat West Plate

with victory over R.G.S Lancaster. This sets up an away fixture against KES Birmingham for a place in the semi finals. This game is scheduled for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm kick off.

Our Under 14 and Under 16 hockey sides lost games against Altrincham G.S and Fallibroome HS, 2-6 and 0-3 respectively.

At Under 14s the College basketball team won comfortably against North Cestrian whilst at Under 12 the side narrowly lost a close match against Wellington HS. This was reversed on Tuesday when the side won their first fixture comfortably against Broadoak School. The Sports Committee had just paid for a new kit which the side is hoping will bring them similar successes in the remainder of the year. On Wednesday and Thursday evening College Under 14 and Under 16 sides won their respective league games against BTH placing them in the runners up place in the early league tables.

In the Trafford swimming championships College 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year sides competed with great credit. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> year teams finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with our 1<sup>st</sup> year team 4<sup>th</sup> in the overall championships. The College again hosted the event and similarly with the Badminton Championships are happy to support local events in our Sports Facility.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year athletes are competing on Friday in the Greater Manchester Championships at Sport City, whilst on Saturday we play Merchant Taylor's School in a block fixture. The Under 15s will be the only team with a free Saturday; their opponents are involved in a Nat West trophy Vase match. Individual success in sports away from curriculum are always pleasing to report on; Matthew Fazal has just been selected for the England Under 15 Lacrosse academy following a succession of trials. Matthew has played for the Timperley Lacrosse side for the past 7 years which is especially pleasing with our continued partnership with the club at hockey and cricket.

Matthew has been part of our hockey squad at Under 14 showing his versatility as a sportsman. We wish him every success in his future representative fixtures.

Director of Sport  
Nigel Handy

## Trafford swimming gala

St Ambrose hosted the Trafford School swimming gala this week. It was great to see so many Trafford swimmers competing to such a high standard. We were delighted to enter four teams into the competition who achieved 1st, 3rd, 4th and 7th place positions. Congratulations to all involved. We wish the 'A' team swimmers every success now they have progressed to the Greater Manchester Games.



P. Chandler  
Swimming coach

### HOME

Saturday 2nd December



U14A, U14B, U13A, U13B



St Ambrose College  
Vs  
Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby

10am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)

### AWAY

Saturday 2nd December



U18A, U18B  
U12A, U12B

Merchant Taylor's School,  
Crosby  
Vs  
St Ambrose College

10am Kick off

U18s will play @ Merchant Taylor's School, L23 0QW  
U12's will play @ Hall Road Playing Fields, L238TZ  
(Students selected have been advised of meet times)



**No dogs  
permitted on  
school  
premises**



### Please help!

If you are available to help with refreshments during Saturday home fixtures, please e-mail:  
mrnhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk



## 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)



St Ambrose College Presents

# The Christmas Quiz

**Thursday 14th December**

**Music from 6:30pm**

**Quiz - 7:00pm till 9:00pm**

❄️ tuck shop ❄️ mulled wine ❄️ mince pies ❄️  
❄️ musical performances by the students ❄️

Registration by  
Monday 11th December

6 people per team -  
mix of old and young  
£20 per team

£60 for  
winning  
team



Entry forms available from  
the office.

Return the completed  
entry forms  
to the finance office  
with the entry money



ALL MONEY RAISED WILL ASSIST BOYS' ADVOCACY WORK IN SIERRA LEONE,  
GENEVA AND THE WORK OF REVIVE IN SALFORD