

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

15th September 2017



Message from the Principal

Firstly, thank you to all parents who supported the 5th year evening this week. It has been great to speak to so many students with such a positive attitude to drive forward this year in the light of the information given. A similar evening for 3rd and 4th years will take place next week.

Well done to all those involved in fixtures last weekend and on the Performing Arts trip to London. There is never much time for the grass to grow under an Ambrosian's feet.

Now that college is back in full swing I would like to ask that you remind boys of the necessity for their good behaviour and attitude in college to be extended to the buses and that they should extend the courtesy and respect shown to all that they encounter to and from college.

Congratulations to Ciaran Booth, John Farrington, John Harrison, Joshua Jorritsma and Finn Turton for being the first recipients of the Principal's award this academic year, well done! I look forward to celebrating with many more boys during this year.

'We must use time wisely and forever realise that the time is always ripe to do right'
Nelson Mandela

Please sign up to Parentmail PMX to receive communication from school. If you have already registered please ensure all personal information is accurate.
<https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk/#core/login>

J M Keulemans

Troy goes wild!

Troy Wood won a competition over the summer holidays to spend 24 hours in the wild with presenter Steve Backshall and his Olympian wife, Helen Glover. The competition was open to Scouts from all over Great Britain and Troy was one of twenty Scouts to be selected.

They began their challenge at Great Tower Scout Camp near Windermere where they had to map read, kayak across Windermere to their camping location, skin rabbits for their evening meal, build shelters to sleep in and light fires. The following day they scaled The Old Man of Conistion.

Troy said, 'It was a fantastic experience. I met some amazing people including Steve and Helen, who mucked in with everything. Even though there was a huge downpour during the night nothing could dampen our spirits and everyone worked as a team to get the jobs done. Both Steve and Helen are brilliant Scout ambassadors and I have some incredible memories of my time spent with them.'



Dates for the diary

19th September
L6th form
induction evening

20th September
3rd & 4th year
parents' information evening
4th Year—7pm—8pm
3rd Year—8pm—9pm

21st September
1st year meet &
greet evening

23rd September
Entrance examination

St Ambrose Old Boys Pilgrimage- July 2017



On 27th July 2017, 49 Ambrosians old and new set off on the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. We were accompanied by our chaplain Father Simon O'Connor who is also an Old Boy of the College. This pilgrimage was a special one and marked the 30th year of the St Ambrose Old Boys pilgrimage to Lourdes as part of the Shrewsbury Diocese. Whilst in Lourdes the boys assisted elderly and disabled pilgrims (who are referred to as VIP's) by taking them to services, attending to their needs on the hospital wards and generally being available for a chat. We also made time as a group in our nightly reflections to pray for all members of the school community and beyond.

The group managed to get a rare night off shift to celebrate the 30th Anniversary with a wonderful meal at the Hotel des Pays Bas in Lourdes. The pilgrimage and meal was made even more special with the attendance of Mr Roche who has led the old boys' pilgrimage for over a decade. The Ambrose group continue to make a positive contribution to the Shrewsbury Pilgrimage due to their willingness and eagerness to help whenever needed and we look forward to continuing this tradition. We also had 8 members of the group receive their Hospitality Medals this year for three years' service in Lourdes. Next year's pilgrimage dates are Thursday 26th July- Friday 3rd August 2018. The Pilgrimage is open to all 6th form students and Old Boys of the College. There will be a meeting within the next few weeks for anyone who is interested.

Miss McCrory

Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

A big thank you to everyone who came to our meeting on Monday. We had a fantastic turnout, including parents who have been attending for years, plus lots of mums and dads whose sons have just started at the College.

Plans for a Scalextric Race Night on Saturday 7th October are well underway. Tickets are on sale now, and can be bought via Parentmail. There will be a limited number of places so you need to buy your ticket quickly to get your race seat. Tickets are open to everyone – boys, and their dads, mums, brothers and sisters. Spectators can watch for only £1 - get your tickets on Parentmail too. Look out for more information on Facebook, Twitter and the SAPA website.

Our next second-hand uniform sale will be on Thursday 21st September between 7.30 and 8.30pm in the College.

If you have any questions, please contact: chair18@sapa.org.uk

Keep up with SAPA on:'

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/>

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

Website - www.sapa.org.uk

SAPA Chair



Are you interested in joining the St Ambrose Student Council? Application forms are available from Mrs Hart.

Enthusiastic?

Committed?

Want to make a difference?

APPLY NOW



St Ambrose College Macmillan afternoon tea

Every year in our area 13,645 people are given the unfortunate news that they have cancer. Shockingly, by 2030 it is estimated there will be more than 150,700 people living with cancer in Greater Manchester. Following on from the success of the Macmillan coffee afternoon last year, we would like to continue our efforts to raise awareness and fundraise for this invaluable cause.

On Friday 6th October 2017 St Ambrose will be hosting an afternoon tea in aid of Macmillan's Biggest Coffee Morning! Between 14:00 and 15:30 you are invited to join us for a cup of tea and a slice of cake to support this wonderful cause.

Every pound we raise will help make sure that no one has to face cancer alone in Greater Manchester and across the UK.

If you would like to attend could you please RSVP to: office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk by **Wednesday 3rd October** so we can make sure there are enough refreshments to go round!

We will be relying on donations of cakes from the school community so please get involved and support this wonderful cause.

Miss McCrory



St Ambrose Rugby Twitter Account;
[@StAmbroseRugby](https://twitter.com/StAmbroseRugby)

Whether you are new to the college or returning after yet another successful year, welcome to the start of the 2017/2018 rugby season. Any new parents will soon realise that we have a very hectic fixture list as we try to provide the boys with as much rugby as we possibly can.

Over the past few years we have used a specific St Ambrose Rugby Twitter account to increase the communication between staff and parents. For example, we use the account to provide live updates for arrival times differing from the ETA after matches, meeting times for Saturday fixtures, cup kick off times etc.

The account has been extremely useful the past few years for confirming arrival times, team news, results and future fixtures. However, we need more boys and parents to follow the account so all can be kept up to date with the latest information.

To follow the account you either need to set up an account of your own and 'follow' our page or just visit www.twitter.com/StAmbroseRugby. Twitter is very easy to set up, and very easy to use, with an app for anyone with a Smart Phone.

If you want to follow us our Twitter name is [@StAmbroseRugby](https://twitter.com/StAmbroseRugby). I am sure the boys will be able to assist you if there is any confusion.

Mr Howarth



Sports News

Saturday 9th September

Our first matches took place on Saturday against Wilmslow High School. We also invited our new 1st years to play in a friendly match against Under 13 B and C teams. Our 1st XV suffered the only defeat in the Block fixture losing by one score in a 7-12 reversal. At 2nd XV we won 50-5, Under 15; 33-15 at Under 14; 45-5, 13 A 50-0 and 13 B 50-5.

The teams played with considerable skill in conditions which weren't really conducive to flowing rugby.

On Saturday we play against Hutton Grammar School at 1st, 2nd Under 15, 14 and 13 A and B level with our Under 15 B. Under 13 C teams playing at home against Knutsford.

On Wednesday 20th September we play our first midweek fixture against Altrincham Grammar School. Our 1st years will be playing their first competitive fixture at A and B team. We hope they will start as well as all other Junior sides and wish them well as they begin their competitive season. All support as ever is much appreciated as is help with refreshments at all weekend fixtures.

We have had considerable success in recent years with many former Old Boys playing a high standard of Senior Rugby. Last Saturday on the opening day of the season we had brothers Charlie and Fergus Mulchrone in action at Twickenham in front of 80000 spectators for their respective Harlequins and London Irish whilst in BT Sports Friday night fixture at Kingsholm Mark Atkinson starred in a Gloucester win over Premiership champions Exeter. Ciaran Parker made his debut for Munster. We wish all our Old Boys a successful season.

In the next generation of former and current younger students Conor Doherty, Tom Walsh, Ciaran Booth, Raphael Quirke and Kieran Dunne all have represented England and Ireland respectively in recent tournaments in Under 19, 18 and 16 festivals. In a Sevens tournament in Germany Kieran Dunne's Ireland side won the overall championship Connor Doherty had to settle for 3rd place for the England side. Both are pictured with their respective trophies.



On Friday the OPRO dentist was in school to take impressions for gumshields for the new season. These will be delivered to school in the next two weeks and boys should collect from the PE reception when delivered.

School Sports Website

All fixtures for 2017/8 season have been uploaded onto the Schools sports web page. Please make sure your son is available for fixtures and aware of meet times. As for this season we will be setting up a Twitter account to inform about cancellations and meet times etc.



Helpful links:

School office: office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Pastoral concerns e-mail: Pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Twitter: [@StAmbroseColl](https://twitter.com/StAmbroseColl)

Other Sports

Basketball training began this week along with Badminton, Weight Training and Table Tennis. Hockey practices for Under 16 age group and Under 14 begins on Monday 18th September with Under 12 players on Friday 22nd September.

Trials for the school swimming team took place on Monday, we look forward to competing in events this year. Boys may be unsure in the early weeks about timetables and training days but once a routine is established they are expected to keep a note of fixtures in their planner (meet times etc). The School website does list all fixtures and is regularly updated, along with a sports twitter feed. We will try and give students and parents as much information as possible should venues change or get added or removed because of poor weather etc. Please try and support our efforts by checking those sites regularly and making the necessary arrangements for your son.

N Handy

Director of Sport

e-mail: mrnhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk



AWAY

Saturday 16th September

U 18's

1st & 2nd team

Hutton Grammar School
V's
St Ambrose College

10am Kick off at Hutton Grammar School, PR4 5SN
(Students selected will have been advised of meet times)





HOME

Saturday 16th September

U15A, U14A, U13A, U13B

St Ambrose College
V's
Hutton Grammar School

10am Kick off
(Students selected will have been advised of meet times)





HOME

Saturday 16th September

U15B, U13C

St Ambrose College
V's
Knutsford High School

10am Kick off
(Students selected will have been advised of meet times)



**No dogs permitted
on school
premises**

