

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

15th December 2017



Message from the Principal

As this is the final newsletter of term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas. In the light of the weather conditions in recent days, please take great care that your Christmas holidays are a time of care and safety.

Thanks for all the support you have given both to College and your sons over the last term.

As we move towards our time of celebration and family togetherness, it is vital that we remember those less fortunate than ourselves. This week sees the 6 month remembrance of the terrible Grenfell Tower fire and we hold those who were affected in any way in our thoughts and prayers.

'Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfil. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfilment are all part of our Advent experience.

The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us, as one of us, gives us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.

May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfilment into the Advent of our lives.'

J. M. Keulemans

Reverse Advent

Thank you for your kind donations for the Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal. The St Ambrose community has shown great humility and compassion to support those in need in Manchester and Salford. The Revive team will distribute food parcels to families during the festive period.



Grenfell Tower

A memorial service was held at St Paul's Cathedral on Thursday morning to honour the 71 victims who died in the Grenfell Tower fire in West London. Six months on from the disaster, more than 1,500 people attended the service, including Prime Minister Theresa May and members of the Royal Family. Families of victims and survivors of the 14 June tragedy also attended the memorial alongside members of the wider community and first responders. Like us, many were unable to attend the service but took time to reflect on the tragic events of that night.

We look forward to seeing you at the Carol Service at Holy Angels on Monday 18th December at 7.45pm, and afterwards at the College for refreshments.

The College carpark will be open until 10pm.



Dates for the diary

18th December

Carol Service at Holy Angels, followed by refreshments at the College

19th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch available!

20th December

End of Term—12.30pm closure

Thursday 4th January 2018

Return to School

9th January

5th year parents' evening

#christmasjumperday

Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

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!

Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal

We are delighted to have collected over 100 boxes of food for those that need it the most at Christmas during the reverse Advent Calendar appeal.

The Religious Education Department asked boys to forgo their daily chocolate treat but instead bring in a non perishable food item every day in the lead up to Christmas.

Assistant Head of Theology and Religious Studies Mr Roche said: "It's been heart warming to see how the boys have engaged with this project and have really wanted to give something to those who are in much greater need; particularly the homeless and asylum seekers in Chorlton, South Trafford and Wythenshawe. Mr Roche continued: "We want them to look outside the College's boundaries to see how they might help in their own way, those who are suffering and struggling at this time of year. Our lesson to them is to look inside themselves to ask what they can do to help, rather than ask others to help them."

Pictured are key helpers Daniel Lynch and Teddy Merrick. Daniel. (right) said: "The true spirit of Christmas is to give rather than receive and that's true even when you're aged 11."

Teddy, added: "This is a real way to celebrate Advent and I just hope we can make a difference."

The food has been distributed to the Barakah Food Bank in Chorlton and Trussell Trust centres in Wythenshawe and South Trafford.



S. Carter

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Party



On Tuesday we had the pleasure to invite members of the Saint Ambrose community for Christmas festivities at the College. The jazz musicians were 'in the mood' when they entertained over 50 older people from six local care homes at our St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Party.

The school's choir prepared for their recording for the Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year Competition with a selection of carols and Christmas favourites, but the feet were really stomping when the 15 piece jazz band got in the swing with 'Jingle Bell Rock' and 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.'

Pictured above are Olive Goldrick, with musicians Ivan Livings and Mele Gadzama and her great nephew Matthew Bancroft from Northenden.

A former teacher at St. Winifred's Primary School in Stockport, Olive, said : "I loved every moment especially listening to the choir and the jazz band and of course seeing Matthew."

The St. Ambrose St. Vincent de Paul Society organises a series of events throughout the year to support and comfort the most vulnerable in society.

Organiser and Director of Sixth Form Mrs Ridgway, who also took the mic for her own stand up routine, said: "We are very keen to show the boys the true spirit of Christmas which means reaching out to the wider community, sharing what we have and listening and learning from those, who though they might appear to be frail, are still older and much wiser."

S. Carter



Principals Award



Congratulations to this week's recipients of the Principals award

Aquinas—Joe Blakemore & Armaan Butt
Augustine—Matthew Fazal
Ignatius—Miles Masom
Newman—Sam Ridgway

Success outside of school (SOS)



We are aware that many of our students achieve great success in their participation in a range of activities outside of their time at school. We are eager to share their success with the school community and would like to know what they are involved in. If you would like to share your son's achievements with us, you can email behaviour@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Hale Barns Events Presents

Hale Barns CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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

17th 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 **DI VOCI**
The Big 20-piece Brass & Horn Jazz Band 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

17th 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

ALONE AT HOME

(WORKING TITLE)

What would happen if you left your children alone at home?

What would they do with a long weekend to themselves?

Do you wonder how capable and independent your children are growing up to be?

We are looking for families with children aged 8-16 who want to participate in a unique experience that explores issues around parenting and child freedom.

Alone At Home (working title) is a new series for Channel 4. In each episode, the home featured will be fitted with remotely-operated cameras that will film 24 hours a day with the aim of observing the children's experience. Working with respected senior child development psychologists, the series will explore how the children deal with increased freedom and responsibility and will show the children's ability to cope. There will be designated spaces in the home for privacy.

For more information, please email families@electricray.com or call 020 7061 8924

The children will be monitored by chaperones and psychologists to help safeguard their physical and emotional welfare. All data will be processed in accordance with Electric Ray's privacy policy. An expression of interest does not guarantee participation in the series.

ELECTRIC RAY

BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE

BARTÓK

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 fiesta of energy and talent

£7 FOR UNDER 25s*

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.



Careers Advice Clinic

start here...

- DOCTOR
- LAWYER
- MANAGER
- ENGINEER
- TEACHER
- DESIGNER
- JOURNALIST

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.

Please book an appointment at the main school office.

...go anywhere

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 More information on the creative industries and the roles that we are looking for can be found here: 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.

Happy Christmas from SAPA!

Saint Ambrose Parents' Association would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and blessed New Year.

Thank you to all parents, carers, teachers, staff and pupils of St Ambrose College and St Ambrose Prep School for your help and support during 2017. It has been an exciting year with our first Scalextric Race Night, and our Christmas Fair raising more money than ever before (final profit £5,850). We would love it if more parents could get involved, so if you're looking for New Year resolution ideas, please consider helping out SAPA. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

Dates for your diary

Monday 8 January 2018 – SAPA meeting 7pm

Tuesday 9 January 2018 – Second-hand uniform sale 4.30pm

Please note we will be changing the date of the Fashion Show planned for next February – look out for a new date soon.

Keep up with SAPA on:

Twitter: www.twitter.com/StAmbrosePA

Website: <http://www.sapa.org.uk/>

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

SAPA Chair

Due to poor weather, all the sports fixtures were cancelled this week, as have the rugby fixtures this weekend.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and Happy Christmas.

Mr N Handy

Director of Sport



HOME

Tuesday 19th December

St Ambrose College U18A
Vs
St Ambrose College Old Boys

2.30pm Kick off





Cancelled

HOME

Saturday 16th December

**U15A, U15B, U14A, U14B,
U13A, U13B**

St Ambrose College
Vs
The Manchester Grammar School

10am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)





Cancelled

AWAY

Saturday 16th December

U18A, U18B, U12A, U12B

The Manchester Grammar School
Vs
St Ambrose College

10am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)





Please help!

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

**No dogs
permitted on
school
premises**



Helpful links:

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

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

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

