

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

17th November 2017



Message from the Principal

Well done to all the boys on the success of recent collections; Operation Christmas Child and the reverse Advent calendar. Both collections have been very well supported and will make a difference in the lives of many over the Christmas period.

This week the winner of our 2017 Christmas card competition was selected and his design will be used as the College's card this year, congratulations to Marcus Cann on his winning entry.

As the weather continues to get colder, and more than likely wetter, please can you ensure that your son is suitably dressed. It is college expectations that hoodies are not worn and that a coat is worn over the blazer. Thank you in advance for your support with this over the coming weeks.

Change seems to be taking place in Zimbabwe and we pray for a peaceful conclusion to the political manoeuvring currently taking place.

'Times have changed, and science has made great progress, and so has our work; but our principles have only been confirmed, and along with them our conviction that mankind can hope for a solution to its problems, among which the most urgent are those of peace and unity, only by turning its attention and energies to the discovery of the child and to the development of the great potentialities of the human personality in the course of its formation.'
Maria Montessori

J. M. Keulemans

Safe Drive—Stay Alive

On Wednesday all of the lower 6th students attended the 'Safe Drive Stay Alive Road Show'.

'Safe Drive Stay Alive' is a road safety initiative, which brings 5,000 young people from across the region, face-to-face with the consequences of a road traffic collision. Drivesafe, Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service, North West Ambulance Service, Salford Royal NHS Trust and the prison service have joined forces to deliver this exciting project.

The project uses real people, including emergency service staff and family members of those lost in collisions, to tell their own personal stories of tragedy and loss. The event is aimed at reducing the number of young lives lost on our roads.

We know that many of our boys are taking driving lessons or have just starting driving and we hope that by attending this event, the boys will not only realise the importance of driving sensibly, but be a sensible passenger and make the correct choice when getting into cars with drivers who may be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Mrs Bigley



Dates for the diary

21st November

Sixth Form Open Evening

26th November

Christmas Fair

W/C 27th November

5th Year Mock Examinations

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

18th December

Carol Service at Holy Angels

20th December

End of Term—12.30pm closure

Thursday 4th January 2018

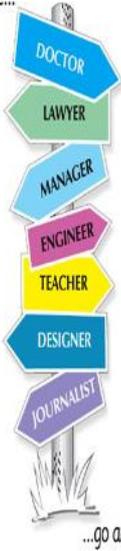
Return to School

Sixth Form
OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 21st November
7.00pm – 9.00pm

0161 980 2711
www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

start here...



...go anywhere

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.

Arts Day 2018 Needs You!

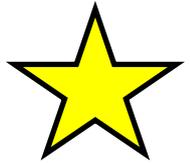
We are excited to announce that this academic year's Arts Day is on **Monday 22 January** and we are looking for professionals from the creative industries to come and speak to students about their careers.

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.



Principal's award



**Aquinas House: Marcus Cann
Kieran Bell**

Augustine House: Thomas Jaimon

**Ignatius House: Charles Lingard
Oluwaseyi Olofintila**

**Newman House: Daniel Tanner
Alexander Williams**

Fairtrade Store Team

The Fairtrade store is currently open every Tuesday and Thursday, allowing students to purchase various fairtrade products (chocolates, cookies). The team are 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.



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



Thank you for
your support



Thank you for
supporting the
Reverse
Advent
Calendar appeal



SAPA News

Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

A big thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Monday. It was wonderful that so many of you came to help plan for the Christmas Fair and your support is very much appreciated by everyone connected with the college.

Thank you very much to the boys from the Preparatory School who sent in posters for the Christmas fair programme. It was so difficult to choose – they were all so good. We really struggled to pick one for the programme... in fact, we wanted to put all of them in! The programme is not very big, so instead, we will display all the posters that were sent in, at the Fair, so everyone will be able to admire them. After the fair, they will be put on display in the Preparatory School. Well done to you all, especially Harry O'Gara – his poster will be printed on the front page of our programme.

Christmas Fair Sunday 26 November 2017 11am – 2pm

There will be something for everyone!

We will have festive food and drink, music, a Christmas film and games. We will have lots of stalls selling tasty treats, gorgeous chocolate puddings, books, games, candles, jewellery and lots more. And not to forget, our wonderful Lucky Pots! There will be chocolate, gift and bottle tombolas, Santa's Grotto and a chance to grab a bargain in our second-hand uniform stall.

Raffle

We have an incredible raffle. Tickets are now on sale which you can buy quickly and easily through Parentmail. If you prefer, you can pick up a raffle book from the College office. Our raffle prizes include:

Nintendo Switch

Meal for 4 at Wahaca—voucher worth £100 for use at the Manchester or Liverpool restaurant

Golf lesson at Ringway Golf Club—with golf professional James Salt

£50 Amazon voucher

2 Total Fitness—family passes and 4 normal guest passes

Four-ball at Northenden Golf Club

Signed Everton football and Everton junior football kit

Photography voucher with Sarah Jane King Photography

Laughing Elephant Café—voucher worth £20

Manicure voucher

Scentsy bundle

Scalextric set

Bottle of Champagne

and more.....

Please support your boys by buying raffle tickets and come and enjoy a few hours with us at the Fair to celebrate this magical time of year. ALL proceeds are shared between the College and Prep School.

Gift donations

We also need donations of gifts. Please fill your own carrier bag(s) or boxes with donations and bring into the College or Prep next week. Donation collection points will be in the College reception area or in the Holy Angels car park between 8.30 am and 9am and 3pm to 3.30pm. Look out for the signs. Please could you include the following:

First Year – Toiletries for the Gift Tombola

Second Year – Bottles for the Bottle Tombola

Third Year – New Small Toys for the Children's Tombola

Fourth Year – Cakes for the Cake Stall

Fifth Year – Toiletries for the Gift Tombola

Sixth Form – any of the above (cakes, new toys, toiletries or bottles)

In addition/or in place of the above, we would be grateful for donations of selection boxes or cakes. Thank you so much!

Keep up with SAPA on:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/

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

Website - www.sapa.org.uk

SAPA Chair



SAINT AMBROSE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 26th November
11am - 2pm

at Saint Ambrose College, Hale Barns

Santa's Grotto - Raffles - Tombolas - Toys - Games
Books - Christmas Puddings - Sweets
Christmas Lunch in a Barn - Christmas Drinks
Uniform Stall - House Stalls - Department Stalls
Performances - Christmas Music

Join us for some festive fun!

ALL proceeds from the fair go to the College and the Prep School and are used to support the boys in the furthering of their academic, spiritual and physical education.

Sports News

The weekend's rugby fixtures against Lymm H.S started a very busy week for College Sports Teams.

In the eight fixtures played, the College sides recorded eight victories, a remarkable achievement against our local rivals. Lymm had also been having an successful season up until this point, but at every age group our sides are now fit and playing some excellent rugby; training has been attracting excellent numbers all of which has led to success on the pitch. Special mention must go to our 2nd XV and Under 12 B side who remain unbeaten. Both are ranked top of the performance leagues run nationally. At Under 16 and Under 14s, the sides are both one match away from the County Cup Final. The Under 14s put in a magnificent performance against County Cup winners Sandbach on Tuesday, reversing a 40 point deficit from the previous year's score, to win by one score in an excellent quarter final. The team are now believing they can achieve success after a run of close defeats against strong opposition.

In basketball, fixtures this week we had less to celebrate losing all 3 fixtures. In the 1st year fixture against BTH, the side played their first game which allowed 20 boys to play competitively. As a result we lacked any fluidity and lost by 14 points. At 3rd year our side comprises 2nd year students and the age gap showed against a strong Wellington School who ran out comfortable winners. This year is all about building for next season but it would be nice to see some 3rd year basketball players training with a view to challenge for places. Our 5th year side also played at Wellington and lost thanks to former student Josh Lynch exacting punishment on his former team mates. Unfortunately the side were products of their own defeat.

The side must learn to play more as a team and less as individuals if they are to reach the semi final stages.

The sporting highlight of the week must be the Under 14s first hockey game of the season which ended in our first ever victory. Sam Jordan was outstanding and led by example as captain, ably assisted by Matthew Fazal, James McEntee and Rory Driscoll who scored our first of four goals. As a first year, Sam was not fazed in the slightest and gave similar encouragement to all other younger squad players involved.

The sports fixtures for the weekend start with a trip to Lancaster for four Under 12 rugby teams, ensuring over 60 boys will get a chance to represent the school. Today our English Schools swimmers travelled down to London for their first taste of the National Relays finals, involving 32 of the countrys top schools. We wish them every success. Our 1st X1 footballers play Ashton on Mersey in the next fixture in the Trafford Schools league whilst on Saturday we play a full rugby programme against Sandbach. A big thank you to staff, boys and parents for supporting such a hectic week of activity. I am sure all will agree it has been worth it.

N Handy
Director of Sport





HOME

Saturday 18th November

U15B, U14A, U13A, U13B

St Ambrose College

Vs

Sandbach School

10am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)





AWAY

Saturday 18th November

U18A, U18B, U12A, U12B

Sandbach School

Vs

St Ambrose College

10am Kick off

(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
 Pastoral concerns e-mail: Pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk
 Twitter: [@StAmbroseColl](https://twitter.com/StAmbroseColl)