

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

23rd June 2017



Message from the Principal

This week saw the Queen's speech take place in temperatures so warm that the Queen herself 'dressed down' for the occasion. With the high temperatures, please make sure that the boys bring water bottles and sun cream when necessary, particularly during the upcoming activities week.

As we head towards the summer, can I ask that you continue to encourage your sons to read around their subjects; to engender good habits and prevent the backward step that summer holidays sometimes bring.

Please find these two good links which will help support this:

<http://faith.nd.edu/s/1210/faith/interior.aspx?sid=1210&qid=609&pgid=10751>

www.Sciencefriday.com

Have a good weekend.

'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.' Dr Seuss

Mr J M Keulemans

Primary school taster days

It has been a pleasure this week to welcome students who will be joining us in 1st year in September. We also welcomed year 5 primary school students interested in joining us in September 2018.



Time to reflect

As we approach the end of the 2016- 2017 academic year, and look forward to summer, it is nice to



take a moment to reflect upon the achievements and opportunities we have shared. If you would like to acknowledge a member of staff or a department for something you feel has particularly made a difference to you or your son, we would welcome you to follow the attached link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/qxGFckf4Unjm90J92>

We would like to encourage students to realise the importance of how taking a moment to thank someone can mean so much during our busy lives, and felt it appropriate to offer parents the same opportunity.

Mrs Bull & Miss Drogan

Saint Ambrose College Hale Barris

OPEN MORNING

Saturday 1st July

9.30am – 12.30pm

0161 980 2711

st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Dates for the diary

26th June—Activities week

1st July—Open morning

17th August—AS results

24th August—GCSE results

American Catholic University students to visit St Ambrose College next week

St Ambrose Hillwalking Club

Twelve young mountaineering students joined Mr O'Neill and Mrs Haynes last weekend as part of the hillwalking club to face the challenge of Snowdon.

During the winter the College's hillwalkers confine their challenges mainly to the Peak District but in the summer the adventurers test their skills in the Lakes and Snowdonia, with extended trips in Scotland and overseas.

Students aged between just 11 and 13 years trekked not the popular Pyg or Miners tracks but the far more challenging route to the south east of the mountain from the idyllic village of Rhyd Ddu, a spectacularly scenic ascent with views of the Menai Straits and the Welsh lakes below, but also with thigh-sapping inclines.

Led by Mr O'Neill, Head of Religious Education and supported by IT Manager Mrs Haynes, the self styled SAS group 'Saint Ambrose Scramblers' first walked to Bwlch Cwm Llan before heading northwards along Allt Maenderyn. Five separate ridges converge on the summit of Snowdon, but Mr O'Neill chose this one because "it is quieter and offers stunning views into Cwm Tregalan, a dramatic glacial cwm and therefore more opportunity to appreciate the geography, geology, history, biology and botany of this wilderness." He added: "We walked through and discussed the industrial architecture of remains of the slate quarries and there was a specific focus on the identification of skylarks, which are a constant companion in upland terrain in the early summer." He continued: "The boys even listened to Vaughan Williams' 'The Lark Ascending' to compare the maestro's work with natural music of the landscape."

Mr O'Neill continued to add: "It is a great thing for the boys because it awakens a love of the mountains which for many will become a life-long passion. They also learn to rise to a challenge and to develop a love of physical fitness; with a handful of boys each year completing the Three Peaks: Scafell Pike, Snowdon and Ben Nevis, through the club."

S. Carter

A group of Catholic students from the United States will be visiting St Ambrose College next week as part of the Shrewsbury Diocese's "Year for Mission". The six students are in their 20s and attend the Franciscan Catholic University in Ohio where they are all studying Theology. The group includes brothers Joshua and Daniel Cordes from California, Susan Nussman from Ohio, Steven Diaz from Manhattan, Rebecca McCue from Minnesota, and Emmanuel Ambrose from the Bronx, New York. The Americans will be spending all day on Tuesday 27th June with the 3rd years of St Ambrose College as part of our 'Activities Week' and conducting lots of faith-filled activities that will hopefully teach our 3rd years about the various ways that Catholics can give witness to their faith. It was following a lecture in Ohio by Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury back in November that the Americans expressed a wish to visit the UK – impressively they have raised the funds to pay for most of their trip themselves. They are based at Shrewsbury Cathedral and as well as visiting us here at

St Ambrose College on Tuesday they will be moving around the Diocese throughout June and July.

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Liverpool to host National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in September 2018

The Bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from September 7-9 next year. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Blessed Sacrament in the life and mission of the Catholic Church. The last Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 although back then permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused by the British government. Cardinal Vincent Nichols recently said, "We seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society."

Every diocese in England and Wales will take part in the Congress and even at this early stage a fair number of boys and staff from St Ambrose College have already expressed an interest in attending one of the days of the Congress.

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St Ambrose Tennis

We are delighted with the participation and success of the College's youngest tennis players who have smashed the Aegon Tennis championships, winning the Cheshire under 11 title.

Tennis is growing ever more popular with students, with over 60 boys training and taking part in eight teams each week. The youngest students lifted their section in an unbeaten season following tough competition from Cheadle Hulme, Altrincham Grammar, King's Chester and Wilmslow High School among others.

Pictured from the front are Daniel Stephenson, 12, from Sale who plays tennis at Brooklands; Matthew McDaid, 12, Heald Green who plays at David Lloyd Cheadle; Mohammed Ayub, 12, from Warrington who plays at Grappenhall and Ethan Barrett, 12, from Sale who plays at Northern, Birchwood and Brooklands.

We are thrilled students have the opportunity to practice and compete using the three courts available within the school grounds which were originally built in 1947 when the old school was established to educate Catholic evacuees from the Channel Islands.

Physical Education teacher and tennis coach Mr Evans, said: "it's been very much a team effort among the staff, with one member of staff allocated to take training and practice sessions every day of the week during the summer, this enables the boys to always have a chance to play and develop their skills." He added: "Our courts have been refurbished but I would also like to recognise and thank Hale Barns Tennis Centre who let us play our matches on top class courts, we feel their support has made a very positive contribution to their development and local education."

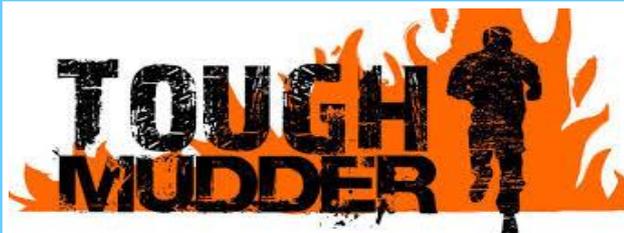
Student Daniel Stephenson, said about Mr Evans, "he organises training and gives us coaching and sets up all the games."

The boys also have an inspirational role model in Peter Alam, 15 from Bowdon who has been ranked number one in the country and whose exploits on the national stage inspire the younger players.



Pictured from the front are Daniel Stephenson, Matthew McDaid, Mohammed Ayub and Ethan Barrett.

S. Carter



A group of St Ambrose students are planning to participate in the 2017 tough mudder challenge. Although not representing the school, we would like to commend the students for their efforts to support Whizz kids charity as it demonstrates their commitment to support others. If your son is aged 16 years or older and would like to express his interest to participate, please e-mail: 11gods-marktom@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk for further information.

Whizz-kidz
move a life forward



Manchester United
V's
Arsenal

28th April 2018

To support fund raising efforts for the Sierra Leone Immersion trip and to be in with a chance of attending one of the biggest matches on the football season calendar, please e-mail:

mrscmclements@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Cricket

Victories were hard to come by this week, but our Under 14s team did progress in the County Cup courtesy of a 10 wicket victory against Wirral G.S. The Under 15, 13 and 12 sides all lost in closely contested games against the same opponents, with some good individual performances.

In a second fixture during the week the Under 14s and 15s lost to local rivals Sale G.S. The Under 15 side posted a decent score with the bat, but regrettably failed with the ball in hand. Similarly in the Under 14 game, the side conceded too many runs in the Sale innings and struggled to reach the 122 run target, losing wickets at the wrong time, falling short by over forty runs. Our Under 15s completed a busy week winning the Trafford 6s.

Success Stories

Some better news has come to light for two students. Sam Jordan in 2nd year has achieved international success in hockey following recent trials whilst Thomas Nanda has been selected for an England water polo squad playing in an event in Barcelona. Congratulations to them both.

Other headliners

Malachy Byrne continues to make great progress with Water Polo championships with Manchester Aquatics Centre, a focus for many of our students. Joseph Duigan has followed up his national record time in the 1500m by winning further national competitions in the pool.

Joe Xiberras is now ranked 3rd for his age group in rock climbing and is regularly competing in National events for Open ages, where he has received considerable success.

Activities week

Boys will be competing in House cricket and tennis competitions during activities week, beginning 26th June. Each year group will have morning devoted to those sports and House athletics takes place during the afternoon of that day. Boys will need to wear their Blue PE kit for all activities. Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us.

Sainsburys Sports Vouchers

A final request for vouchers please. I want to place an order next week, in time for a September delivery.

Kit request

In a similar vein, please can GCSE PE students complete and send order forms for their GSCE PE kit. They must be sent directly to Monkhouses as soon as possible to enable collection before September.

Gum shields

As in previous years, Opro Dentists will be taking impressions on the first Friday, when we return to school in September. It is primarily for our new first year students, however if parents wish for their son to be fitted for a new gum shield, this is the only opportunity available. All orders can be made directly through the Opro website and please remember to state the College as the place for impression to be taken.

N Handy
Director of Sport



We have no more scheduled events for the 2016-2017 academic year. Please visit our website or follow us on social media and you can catch up on the last year's news!

Next Meeting

We've had our final meeting for the academic year 2016-2017. The next meeting will be held at the beginning of the Autumn term. Please look out for the exact date in September.

Keep up with SAPA on:

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

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

Website - www.sapa.org.uk

SAPA Chair

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Sport Fixtures/Scores

<http://www.schoolssports.com/School/?id=332>

Helpful links

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

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

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

SAPA website: www.sapa.org.uk/

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