

# Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

24th March 2017



## Message from the Principal

As we close in on the Easter holidays, examination season starts to loom and it has been nice to see the attitude of the students become more focused on their final outcomes. Thanks to all those involved and attending the Careers Fair on Tuesday this week, it was an excellent event and has clearly made an impact on the aspirations of many students who have set themselves new goals in the light of what they found out.

Congratulations to the Young Enterprise Group on winning through this stage of the National competition.

This week's mass was very well attended and I thank you for encouraging your children to play an active part in the Catholic life of the College.

As we look forward to Easter with its message of hope and optimism at our freedom from the shackles that hold us back, it is important that we think of those around us whose lives are in turmoil or on hold due to circumstances in which they find themselves. With the events in London this week highlighting our need to be compassionate for those around us and spreading the message that Easter brings us.

*'Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.'* Helen Keller

J Keulemans

### Careers Convention

On Tuesday evening St Ambrose College opened its doors to its very first careers convention.

We were lucky to have the support of over 60 speakers, from a variety of different industries & careers, who gave their time to speak to parents and boys about their various career paths. To mention just a few - ALDI, GM Police, United Utilities,

Electricity North West, Eversheds Sutherland, Pozzoni, Worldpay, Key 103, Hays Recruitment, Army, RAF, Ernst & Young, apprenticeship providers, Manchester and Loughborough University and we had representatives from the world of medicine,

physiotherapy, journalism, law, travel, PR & Advertising. We were especially pleased to welcome the Vocations teams from both the Christian Brothers and the Diocese of Salford, and it was so nice to see so many of our Old Boys returning to support the event.

The evening took on a "careers fair" feel, with stalls positioned around the school, there was also a series of presentations running throughout the evening at 15 minute intervals, speakers gave a short insight into their industries, boys were then able to go and visit speakers at their stalls to ask further questions. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening which

had a great feel to it. In line with the College's ongoing careers programme we hope to run similar events in the future, watch this space...



E. Bigley

### Dates for the diary

27th March — Speech night

28th March — Inset Day

20th April — 1st Year Parents' Evening

27th April — Golf day

2nd May — 4th Year Parents' Evening

13th May — SAPA Ball

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<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

### Speech Night 2017

We look forward to celebrating the colleges achievements on Monday. The evening will provide an opportunity for the talented musicians of the college to perform on the world-renowned stage of the Bridgewater Hall. The college boasts a number of instrumental and vocal ensembles that will perform a variety of styles on genres. Mr Phillips, our Director of Music is looking forward to his first speech night, "The students have been working ever so hard for this wonderful occasion. Their fine musical talents, dedicated hard work and new arrangements will all come together to make a memorable evening." We also look forward to seeing Mr Frank Azzopardi who will be joining the celebrations.

Thank you in advance for your support.

# Saint Ambrose Young Enterprise Team Win Trafford Company of the Year



This week our Business Studies Department, Young Enterprise team competed against other schools and colleges from the borough of Trafford. They presented their business 'Job Scouts' to a panel of judges and were awarded the Trafford Company of the Year award by the Worshipful The Mayor of the Borough of Trafford, Councillor Judith Lloyd. They also were awarded for Best Presentation. The Young Enterprise Company Programme runs throughout one academic year and Business students find out what it is really like to set up and run a small business. Students make all the decisions about their company, from deciding on the company name and product to creating a business plan, managing the company finances, selling to the public at trade fairs to ultimately winding up the company and paying their taxes. All this takes place with the support of a volunteer Business

Adviser who brings a wealth of business knowledge and expertise.

This year St Ambrose College were fortunate to be supported by Martin Cockx. "JobScouts" will compete again on the 10th May 2017 at Manchester Metropolitan University Business and Law School. We will keep you updated with our progress. The unwavering support received from staff and parents has enabled the boys to flourish within the competition.

C. McClements



## Students visit Aintree Racecourse for Oxbridge Convention

A group of Lower Sixth students attended the annual Oxbridge conference held at Aintree race course on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

March. Students attended a number of presentations including; Oxford and Cambridge Explained, Making a Competitive Allocation, Student Finance and Carers, Engineering, Economics, Music and Mathematics.

This event is highly recommended for students who have done well at GCSE or are developing real potential in the Lower Sixth.

It gives students an opportunity to make an informed decision on whether an Oxford or Cambridge application is appropriate for them. Much of the advice is also applicable to applying for the majority of University courses on offer at all U.K universities.

The students who attended, felt the day was informative and inspiring. At the Engineering talk, students learnt about student research into aerodynamics and how this had led to the British Cycling Pursuit team taking 5 seconds of their time. As a result British Cycling is now funding the research!

Meanwhile, the stands and fences were being prepared for Grand National Day next month.

G. Scott

## Youngsters aim to become top Referees

The man in black is the man to watch according to a trio of St. Ambrose College pupils who have completed The FA's Basic Referees' Course. More and more youngsters want to become involved in the game but not necessarily as players rather as referees according to three young Ambrose officials who have all completed the FA's two day Basic Referees Course and will start officiating in youth football leagues this season.

Luke Howard, 14, from Heaton Chapel, said: "I just want to bring fair play and justice to the game and make sure I get every decision right." He added: "Since completing the course I watch the referee, where he positions himself and how he handles the players, as much as I watch the game. I'm not too bad as a goal keeper but I think I can be a better referee."

Daniel Barry-Inglis, 14 from Timperley, added: "You have to know the laws of the game and you have to be confident in your decision making, you must command respect."

Adam Murray, 14, from Timperley added: "I was never really that good at football but I love the game and I want to be involved and getting good referees is so important to the future of the game."

The FA Course costs £115 and involves two days of both theory and practical assessment from a forensic examination of the laws of the game down to pitch inspections and report writing of misconduct.

For the boys there was still only one man to beat, "Howard Webb is the best there has ever been," said Luke and Daniel though Adam added: "Antony Taylor is the best current referee."

St. Ambrose College Principal James Keulemans, a former international rugby player, said: "There are some similarities between refereeing and teaching: good decision making, impartiality and maintaining discipline so I wish these young men every success and applaud the local FA for reaching out to young talent."



Pictured from left to right are Adam Murray, Luke Howard and Daniel Barry-Inglis.

**OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE**  
STUDENT CONFERENCES  
2017

S. Carter  
Johnson Carter Ltd

## Rachel Quinn visits our Edmund Rice International group

Rachel Quinn is a teacher from Chorlton High School who spent the Christmas holiday and the February holiday just gone, helping at the refugee camp in Dunkirk. She kindly visited us



at Mr Krause's request to share her experiences with our ERI group, speaking at length about both practical action and advocacy. Two of the Christian Brothers from the new Salford community who work at the refugee support centre 'Revive' (Brother Ger O'Connell and Brother Tony Twomey) came to meet her too to help develop important links to aid their ministry to the refugees in Salford.

D. Krause



### Sierra Leone Immersion- February 2018

As you may be aware, a group of Sixth form students are planning an immersion trip to Freetown, Sierra Leone in February 2018. The trip is a chance for students to open their eyes to the developing world and the problems that people face. The boys will be travelling throughout Sierra Leone visiting schools and townships helping people, teaching children and sharing their own skills with the people that they meet.

The boys are funding the immersion through fundraising alone and have already organised a number of events. If you would like to attend/support any of these events please contact Miss McCrory:

[missmccrory@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:missmccrory@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)

0161 980 2711- School telephone number

Details of events have also been distributed on Parent mail

**2 course meal**  
**at Piccolinos,**

**Hale**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**March**

**7pm**

**Tickets £25**

S. McCrory

**Golf-Day: Ashton on Mersey Golf Club**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**£200 per team.**

**Sponsorship options also available**

**For more information please contact**

**Mark Graham -**

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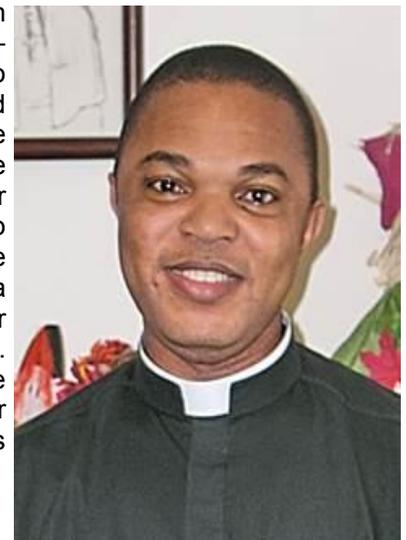
## Mass

On Thursday morning our chaplain Father Martin Onuhoa offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for Philip Callaghan, a former pupil of St Ambrose College now in his early twenties and in the process of applying to train to become a priest for the Diocese of Salford. Philip is from the parish of Our Lady & the English Martyrs in Urmston and left us in 2011 – we were graced by his presence at the Careers Evening earlier this week. A record-high number of 79 teachers and pupils joined Father Martin in our chapel on Thursday; Joshua once again served the altar very well and Mr O'Neill's form read beautifully. In his homily at the Mass, Father Martin spoke about the reality of evil in the world and how as Catholic Christians we are called to be the "saving leaven" in society.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following Mass on Thursday morning Father Martin heard confessions from 34 boys and staff who had decided to avail themselves of the sacrament. Prior to leaving the chapel to hear confessions, Father Martin exposed the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance on our chapel's altar. A considerable number of boys and staff chose to spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – some for well over an hour. Upon his return Father Martin performed a short Benediction ceremony prior to reserving the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Due to the high demand, Father Martin has promised to make Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament a monthly practice after Thursday morning Mass. Confession will still be available weekly after the Mass for any boys who wish to attend.

D. Krause



### Saint Ambrose students enjoy Fairtrade fortnight

Year 11 students Hannan Sarwar and Matthew Leigh attended an event at All Saints Church last Sunday afternoon in Ashton on Mersey to celebrate the end of Fairtrade fortnight. The event was organised by parishioners and was a great success. The boys thoroughly enjoyed getting to hear first-hand the impact that Fairtrade can have on people's lives. They heard from women who had come from India and Pakistan to talk about Fairtrade in their community. The boys found this very valuable and are keen to relay these messages on to the wider school community. The boys organise the Fairtrade stall as part of the Justice and



peace Society every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime in the central atrium. It is a growing society with around 25 members.

S. McCrory

# Sports News



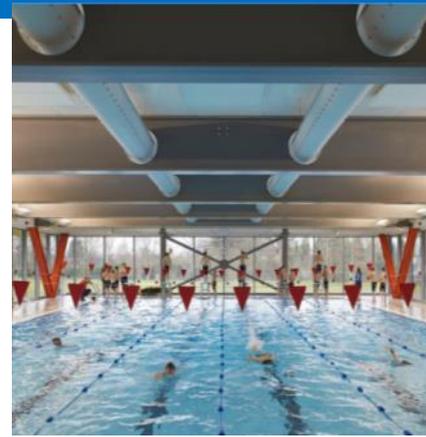
## Sevens Rugby

On Monday our Under 13 Seven entered the Rosslyn Park Sevens, the largest National School-boy Sevens tournament in the World. Because it is now a water-fall tournament with no knockout stages, there were no outright winners. The side did however, win their group overcoming Bishop Vesey's, Wisbech and Coopers and Coburn in their first group matches. This took them to the next group involving Treorchy and Lancaster Royal G.S. We won our first game comfortably but lost 10-20 to a strong Lancaster side. This was still a very pleasing result having lost heavily to our fellow Northerners in the 15-a-side game, earlier in the season. The boys enjoyed the experience and look forward to a more competitive County Sevens on Thursday. On Wednesday our Under 14 side hope to add the County Sevens title to the Wirral G.S sevens event won last week.

N Handy  
Director of Sport

## Swimming and Water Polo

Our swimming and water polo sides represented Trafford in the Greater Manchester games on Tuesday. Competing against all other regional winners from across the Borough the teams finished in Silver medal place in both competitions losing to Bolton Districts Canon Slade in the swimming gala and Bolton School in the water polo.



P. Chandler

Thank you to all parents who have contributed Sainsbury's vouchers for Sport. A collection box is available outside the PE reception.  
N. Handy  
Director of Sport

## Tennis



The Tennis season will begin after Easter, the school have increased the number of teams to eight across all year groups in the British Schools Aegon Champanionships.

We hope to repeat last years success not only winning the group but progressing to the finals. If you wish to get involved please contact Mr Evans for dates and times, please remember that all participants are required to be members of the Lawn Tennis Association, which is available for free on their website. We are please to introduce Mr Morton, a coach from Hale Barns Tennis Centre who will assist with coaching.

A. Evans

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Wealth Management

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**ST AMBROSE GOLF DAY HOSTED AT  
RINGWAY GOLF CLUB  
27TH APRIL 2017**

**FUND RAISER FOR AUSTRALIA RUGBY TOUR**

TEA/COFFEE ON ARRIVAL AT 1PM  
2PM SHOT GUN START  
3 COURSE MEAL AFTERWARDS (SMART CASUAL/NO JEANS)

Maximum of 21 Teams  
£320 per team. £80 deposit required at Booking payable to School

Contact Sam Dell to book a team Slot  
Samantha.Dell@sjpg.co.uk



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Twitter: @StAmbroseColl

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

# SAPA News

## Donation Request

With the Annual May Ball less than 2 months away we are putting out a call for donations for the auction on the night. We're looking for 'premium' items for this auction with a retail value of over £100. In previous years we've auctioned many amazing items including sports memorabilia, weekend holiday cottages, cases of wine and vouchers for business services. If you can offer us something to auction we would be overjoyed with your donation. In return for business donations we will mention your business on the night, in the auction program and list your business on the SAPA website as a 'friend of SAPA' and offer information about your business and a link to your business website. If you can help us please email [chair@sapa.org.uk](mailto:chair@sapa.org.uk). Thank You!

## May Ball - 13th May

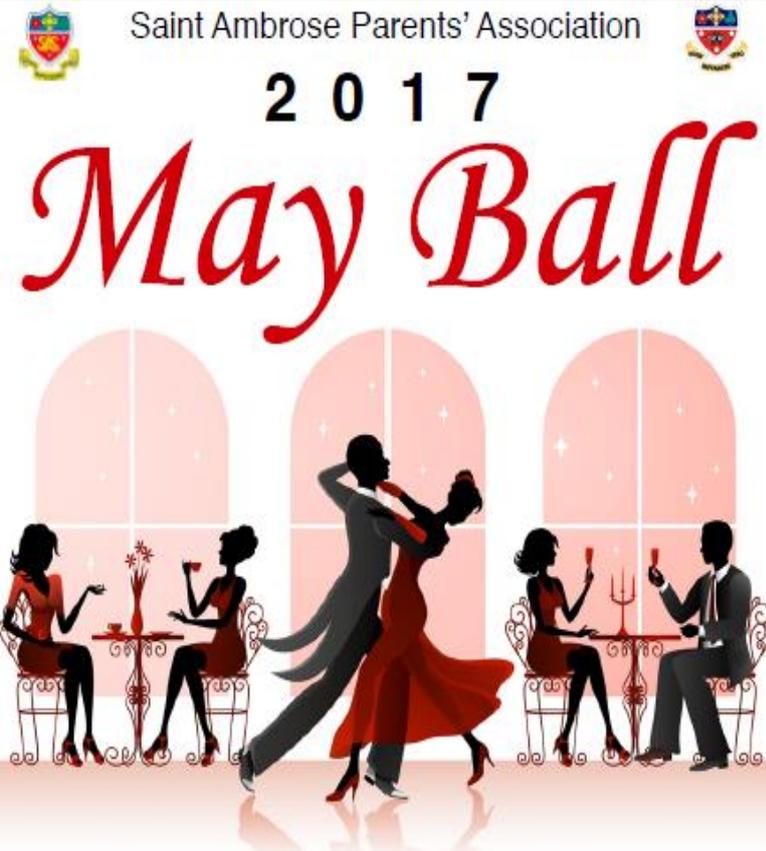
It's less than 2 months until this year's event. The May Ball is held in the atrium of the College and this year we have delicious catering from Top Table and entertainment from the amazing Gillan Edgar (please visit <http://www.sapa.org.uk/may-ball-2017/> for full information and a short video of the entertainment). On the website you can also make your booking, or if you prefer, download a booking form and hand in to reception - booking forms are also available separately from reception. Tables are being snapped up for the May Ball, so please do get your friends together and book your tickets soon! They are £45 per person with tables of 8, 10 and 12 available. The event will run from 7pm until 12.30am and the dress code is black tie.

W. Bonning

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



Saint Ambrose Parents' Association  
2017  
**May Ball**

**Saturday May 13th 7.00pm**  
Drinks Reception - Fine Dining - Live Music and DJ

**£45 per person**  
*tables seat 8, 10 or 12 people*

For full details and booking, visit [sapa.org.uk](http://sapa.org.uk)

GILLAN EDGAR MUSIC  
Top Table

## Monthly Meetings

- Thank you to all those who came to our last SAPA meeting on the 13th March - some excellent ideas for more events in the SAPA calendar - More on this to come soon - stand by!
- Our next meeting will be on the 24th April at 7pm in the College - please come along and join in!
  - Our full calendar of meetings and events is available to view on our website.

## Facebook / Twitter

All SAPA's latest news appears first on our social media channels, so please do follow us on Facebook or twitter to see what we're up to!

## Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents, carers, staff and boys who contribute to SAPA on a regular basis. We couldn't do it without you.

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