

# Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

24th November 2017



## Message from the Principal

Firstly a reminder that this Sunday is the Christmas Fair, starting at 11a.m. Father Christmas will be in attendance. This week has also seen the launch of this year's Young Enterprise. The students have produced a Recipe Book and Christmas Cards and I recommend both of them to you.

As the month of November draws to a close, the nights are drawing in, the weather has taken on a distinctly chillier feel and we are coming to the end of our month of remembrance in College. Next Thursday will be the last mass dedicated to remembering those departed who were dear to us. Please take the opportunity of providing the names of anyone you wish to be remembered to your sons, so they can add it to the book of remembrance in the Chapel.

"In great deeds, something abides. On great fields, something stays. Forms change and pass; bodies disappear; but spirits linger, to consecrate ground for the vision-place of souls... generations that know us not and that we know not of, heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things were suffered and done for them, shall come to this deathless field, to ponder and dream; and lo! The shadow of a mighty presence shall wrap them in its bosom, and the power of the vision pass into their souls."

*Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain*

J. M. Keulemans

### Dates for the diary

**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



### 2017/2018 Young Enterprise team

We are proud to introduce the St Ambrose College Young Enterprise Team for 2017/18. The young entrepreneurs have begun their business venture; Boys Can Cook! Having identified a gap in the market, especially for young people, they have chosen a cooking theme and plan to create a blog alongside a YouTube channel. This will contain videos teaching young people how to cook as well life hacks for the kitchen. The team has created a cookbook (which has now been published) which includes recipes which they, and fellow students love. The aim is to help people from all ages and abilities to prepare some amazing dishes and challenge them to get into the kitchen a little more often.

During the Christmas Fair on Sunday, you will have the opportunity to support students by purchasing a cookbook and or, a packet of their personally designed Christmas Cards.

The team will feature in regular updates in the newsletter, but they welcome you to visit the website [www.boyscancook.uk](http://www.boyscancook.uk) or find them on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), by simply searching Boys Can Cook. We wish them the very best of luck.



#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!

## Remembrance Service at Hale Barns Cenotaph

Multi denominational religious leaders came together to give a moving service to the fallen on Remembrance Sunday at the Hale Barns Cenotaph. Around 500 people, the largest congregation in living memory for the annual armistice service, braved a bitterly cold Sunday morning to share their common values. Representatives of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Shaare Hayim and Shule Jewish congregations and Muslim faiths, including Dr. Nasser Kurdy, ( who has now recovered after being attacked by thugs) stressed that what binds us together is far greater than anything that might seek to divide us. Rabbi Joel Portnoi who leads Hale's Shule Jewish congregation referred to the horrific attacks in Manchester and to his friend Dr. Kurdy, saying: "One empathises more clearly with pain that one hears about from a distance, such as our remembrance of sacrifices of the First and Second World Wars, when it becomes a reality in your own community and that may be why we see larger and larger congregations each year."

The Vicar of All Saints, Clair Jacquiss said: "Hale Barns' Cenotaph is the spiritual meeting place of the local community with the two synagogues, the Catholic and Anglican churches and the Muslim Mosque all so close and this ceremony is a wonderful way in which we can acknowledge our common humanity."

Mr Keulemans was proud to be joined by students. Also in attendance were representatives from Altrincham Grammar School for Boys and the local cubs and scouts associations. Head Boy Sam Nanda read out the list of the fallen and said: "It was an honour I will remember for the rest of my life. I'm sure some of the young men were no older than me when they died to preserve our way of life." Mr Keulemans added: "This service brings together the young and old from so many different faiths and epitomises what we treasure in British society and why we should honour with an ever louder voice those who gave their lives for tolerance, peace and justice."



S. Carter



## 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



## Swimming Success

Congratulations to James Goodwin, Oliver Mortlock, Matthew Ho, Joseph Mortlock and Jack Johnson who competed in the English Schools' swimming finals at the London Aquatics Centre, Olympic Park, Stratford. Students competed against some of the best swimmers in the country. Saint Ambrose College are proud of the boys' achievements and are now placed 21st in the country.



Michael Itua and Ciaran Byrne have also had recent success in water polo. Michael was part of the U15 City of Manchester team that recently won the British Water Polo Championships. Ciaran was selected for City of Manchester U17's, competing in the United Nations tournament here in Manchester, beating Denmark, Scotland and only losing by one point in the final, finishing 2nd overall. We wish all our swimmers who compete both in and out of school every success.

P. Chandler  
Swimming coach



## Charity Santa bike ride

Congratulations to 3rd year student, Oliver Rose who cycled 60 miles as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award to raise funds for CAFT. Oliver has raised over £120 and has pledged to raise more money for charity and hopes to participate in a 100 mile challenge in the future.



## National Youth Orchestra achievement

Congratulations to sixth form student Felix Blake who has been selected from over 720 musicians from across the UK to join the worlds greatest orchestra of teenagers, the National Youth Orchestra of Great



Britain, which was founded in 1948 and has recently been awarded the RPS Ensemble Award, the UK's highest classical music accolade.

P. Ridgway  
Director of Sixth Form

## 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.



Miss McCrory

# SAPA News

## Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

We look forward to welcoming you to the **Christmas Fair** on **Sunday 26th November from 11am until 2pm** here at the College. There will be something for everyone!

**Festive food and drink.** We will be serving Christmas lunch in a barm, cheeseburgers, burgers and fries. There will be Irish coffee, plus tea, coffee and soft drinks, mince pies and waffles with cream.

**Entertainment.** We will have Christmas music from singers and the College jazz band and for the first time, the Fianna Phadraig pipe band will bring something different to our Fair. At 11.30am we will also be running a Christmas film (Elf) in the lecture theatre, and there will be games stalls.

**Stalls.** We will be selling cakes, groceries, sweets and chocolate puddings. Also there will be books, games, candles, jewellery and lots more. The College boys will be running their house stalls and boys going on the College Indonesia Expedition will be selling Indonesian - themed food, and the Sierra Leone Immersion Team will have a chocolate fountain. The Young Enterprise Team will be selling Christmas cards and a cookery book, and the Fair Trade team will also have lovely things to buy. Don't forget, to look out for our wonderful 'Lucky Pots', get them before they sell out!

**Tombolas and raffle.** We have amazing prizes to win in the raffle, including a Nintendo Switch and a meal for 4 at Wahaca restaurant in Manchester or Liverpool, plus chocolate, gifts, children's and bottle tombolas.

**Santa's Grotto.** Bring your little ones to meet Santa. Make sure your lists are ready to give him!

**Second-hand uniform.** Just in case you need it, our great value second-hand uniform will be available to buy.

Please come and enjoy a few hours with us to celebrate this magical time of year. ALL proceeds are shared between the College and Preparatory School.

### Keep up with SAPA on:

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/](http://www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/)

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

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

SAPA Chair



## 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.

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 Barm - 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.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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.

# Sports News

Another superb week for College Sports teams.

On Friday our 1<sup>st</sup> year rugby teams travelled to RGS Lancaster to play in four fixtures against our opposition. With over 14 replacements, we were asked to play a 5<sup>th</sup> match allowing all boys to play nearly a full game. This was a first for all concerned.



The teams won comfortably at A, B and E team level but lost at C and D in closely contested matches. It was a great experience for all concerned and with nearly half the year getting a chance to represent the College, a very good example of Sport for All.

The swimming side travelled down to London to swim in their first National final on the same day. Competing against the top schools in the country on the Saturday, the sides improved their previous best time, finishing 21<sup>st</sup> overall. Our thanks to Mrs Chandler and Mr Evans for travelling with and supporting the squad.

On Saturday, in a block rugby fixture at Sandbach, the College teams nearly emulated the clean sweep of the previous week. No side was defeated, our U13s drawing the only match not to go in our favour. On Tuesday, the U14s recorded A and B team wins against RGS Lancaster, and on Wednesday our Senior XV reached the last 8 of the Nat West Plate with defeat over Lancaster. The side has improved dramatically of late and with a favourable draw we would like to think they would be capable of further progress.

Our football teams played a block fixture against Repton with our Seniors winning 2 out of the three games. In Cross-Country races at John Leigh park our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students completed the Altrincham league race, winning an overall championship with mainly 2<sup>nd</sup> year runners; an outstanding achievement. Our 1<sup>st</sup> years just lost out on the league championship with two of the side playing for their School rugby team. Hopefully they will be able to improve

the squad's chances of Trafford championship success in early December races. On Tuesday, our 1st and 2nd year swimmers were involved in their first gala. The teams travelled to St Edwards in Liverpool and won both age groups thanks to some excellent individual swims.

The 1st year rugby team played in the County Festival on Tuesday. With over 20 teams entered in the Festival, the side won their group without conceding a try. They defeated Wilmslow H.S, Calday, Altrincham G.S and Cheadle Hulme School, setting up a final against Wirral G.S. Like matches before, the side dominated possession and scored four early tries allowing all replacements to play in the final. The score at the final whistle was 20-5 in our favour.

Our U14 and U16 sides similarly are playing in the final stages of the County Cup. The U14s play Wirral G.S next Tuesday at home and the U16s will play Calday after their mock exams. We wish them all well.

In Basketball fixtures, the U14 side were comfortable winners against North Cestrian, whilst at 1<sup>st</sup> year the side lost to Wellington 8-15.

This weekend, rugby sides are playing Christian Brother School St Anselms in a block fixture.

N Handy  
Director of Sport

## Karate success

Congratulations to 2nd year student Matthew McCabe who has recently been awarded a 1st KYU belt, which is the belt immediately before black. Matthew attends Red Tiger Karate club and aims to achieve a black belt in the future.





**HOME**

Saturday 25th November

**U15A, U13A, U13B**

St Ambrose College **Vs**

St Anselm's College

**10am Kick off**

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)





**AWAY**

Saturday 25th November

**U18A, U18B, U12A, U12B, U12C**

St Anselm's College,

**Vs**

St Ambrose College



Cancelled

**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](mailto:mrnhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)



## Helpful links:

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