

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

5th May 2017



Message from the Principal

I would like to make all our parents aware of a concerning report documented in the media over the past week, relating to a 'suicide game' linked to the death of 130 teenagers in Russia. Please find below the link for you to read at your discretion.

Today has been an important date in the Saint Ambrose diary as we celebrate the Feast day of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Lower 6th Form students received their mock examination results yesterday with many outstanding results achieved. As we rapidly approach both external and internal examinations, may we continue to support and encourage all our students to fulfil their true potential.

'It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.'

Robert H. Schuller

Mr J M Keulemans

Link to concerning article featured in the media:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4446556/Police-warn-Blue-Whale-suicide-game-heading-UK.html>



Pictured front from left to right: Charlie Conduit, Pierce Rispin, Tom Hughes & Harvey Graham and on the back row: Sam Nanda, Jack O'Donnell, Joe Hewitt & Joshua Reeves.

Three Peaks Challenge

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going," so say a team of student hillwalkers who completed the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge, to raise £3,500 for next year's school trip to Sierra Leone.

Nine sixth form students accompanied by veteran mountaineer and Head of Religious Studies Mr O'Neill, completed the 26 mile trek up Pen-y-Ghent (691m), Whernside (728m), and Ingleborough (723m) in the allotted 12 hours.

Joshua Reeves, 17, from Over Peover, said: "I enjoyed it, but I won't be volunteering to do it again in a hurry. It was really tough."

We are delighted that a party of twelve students and five staff will take part in an immersion trip to Sierra Leone's capital Freetown, where in partnership with fellow Christian Brothers' school nationwide, they set up a secondary school for some 300 pupils in 2010.

Mr O'Neill said: "It is the first time we will have visited Sierra Leone since the Ebola crisis; we are looking forward to meeting old friends." He added ; "as the government cannot afford to provide education in Sierra Leone, we sponsor ten girls orphaned by Ebola and I

am sure the trip will open our young men's eyes to the problems of the developing world and further confirm their sense of social justice."

Tom Hughes, 17, from Altrincham, who has the bronze, silver and gold Duke of Edinburgh awards, said: "I am sure we will all come back completely different people from what I expect will be a life changing experience." He added with a smile: "I'm used to expeditions from my Duke of Edinburgh awards, but I know some of the others were definitely feeling the pace."

Amongst the team was newly appointed Head Boy Sam Nanda, 17, from Knutsford, who completed the walk just two weeks after taking off a plaster cast from his broken ankle: "I wasn't going to miss the challenge and after the cast came off, I did a lot of strengthening exercises, but it was still a little sore come the end." Another tough nut was Ken Alford, 17, from Altrincham who is a marathon cyclist having completed the Arnheim challenge from the German border to the Hook of Holland among many long distance jaunts. He said: "It's not just physical strength but a mental attitude that is important in endurance events."

The party will fly out to Sierra Leone next February and now have £5,000 towards their £25,000 target to fund their passage and donations to the school. Mr O'Neill added: "We happened to pick one of the coldest nights of the year to camp out scraping frost off our sleeping bags before we set off, but it brought the team together."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank local sponsors of the Sierra Leone Immersion trip: Spie, Moneypenny, Knutsford Lions Club, Primrose House B&B, TOL Events, IOM Hearing Solutions, Fit4lifeknutsford, Evoke, Ian Macklin, Long O'Donnell Associates LTD, Old Moat Hall, So Hale, Zenith House Developments, St Beuno's Drinks, The Mobberly Brewhouse, Mergegames, BSI, UK Electronics, The Design House and Truck Care MOT Station.

S. Carter

Dates for the diary

13th May — SAPA Ball

W/C 5th June —
Internal examinations for
1st — 4th Year students

26th June — Activities week

The Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice



Today we celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice, an Irish man who lived from 1762-1844 and who was beatified in Rome in 1996. Our weekly morning Mass at school this week was dedicated to Blessed Edmund Rice and once again an impressive number of boys and staff attended. Blessed Edmund Rice was the founder of the Christian Brothers – he opened his first school in Ireland in 1802 which was at a time when a school for the Catholic boys of Hale Barns would have been a distant dream. In the 1940s however, pushed by Canon John Donnelly of St Vincent's, Altrincham, the dream was to become a reality. Bishop Ambrose Moriarty subsequently gifted 'Woodeaves' and its 22 acres of parkland to the Christian Brothers, whose mission was to provide a Catholic education for boys. The Brothers moved into 'Woodeaves' on Christmas Eve in 1945; school furniture was delivered during the Christmas holidays. Two of the large downstairs rooms were converted into double classrooms, whilst the outbuildings were converted into a school dining room, cloakroom and toilet facilities. And so from 1946 until 1952, St Ambrose College, which first consisted of 70 students and 5 Brothers, was based at 'Woodeaves'. In the 1960s a larger school building was built adjacently ('the old school') and in 2012 this was demolished and we moved into our current modern school building. All prayers at our school conclude with a request for Blessed Edmund Rice's intercession and boys are taught regularly about Edmund's life and legacy. Without Blessed Edmund Rice first setting up the Congregation of Christian Brothers in 1802, St Ambrose College would never have existed – a point worth dwelling upon on his Feast Day.

D. Krause



Young Enterprise Regional Final

Good luck to Mrs McClements and the Saint Ambrose College Young Enterprise team who will compete in the Regional Final at Manchester University next week following their success in the Trafford final.

Earlier this week we were delighted to receive a letter from Brother Edmund Garvey, the Province Leader, I would like to share the letter with you.

D. Krause



CONGREGATION OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
EUROPEAN PROVINCE

3rd May 2017

*Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice
5th May 2017*



Dear Brothers and Friends of Blessed Edmund,
Greetings and good wishes to you from Marino.

I write on behalf of the Province Leadership Team as we approach the Feast Day of our Founder. We wish you all a very happy feast day and thank all those who have arranged special events for the day and for this week.

The day calls us to remember one another in prayer with hope and love for the precious life and inspiration which we all share. The blessing of the memory of a person like Edmund Rice is that it calls us to live with his spirit in our world today.

One of the best contemporary and concise statements on the meaning and purpose of life has been given recently by Pope Francis in his TED talk. We share the internet link with you as a gift with which you might connect. The Pope's reflection, in very simple language, is a wonderful expression of where we are in today's world, and where we might be going, as we follow the inspirations of Jesus. Above all, it is a message that calls us to be people of hope, living, with what Pope Francis calls, "the revolution of tenderness."

Among other things the Pope speaks about "educating people in true solidarity," and he also says that "we need memory, we need courage and we need creativity." Surely these qualities were present in abundance in Blessed Edmund. May we all abide in that living memory.

The link you need is:
https://www.ted.com/talks/pope_francois_why_the_only_future_worth_building_includes_everyone?language=en
Please visit this papal message and pray that we may all take it to heart.

Yours sincerely,

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SAPA website: www.sapa.org.uk/

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



Cricket Results

Last Thursday our Under 14 side played North Cestrian and recorded their first win of the year against our local neighbours. On Wednesday our Under 12 side lost to Stockport G.S in their county Cup match but showed much better application with bat and ball. This improvement was continued on Wednesday with a 9 wicket win against Merchant Taylor's, Crosby. Adam Mottershead continued where he left off against Stockport with a quickfire 39. Emmanuel Dada and James Beddy had restricted MTS to a modest 73 in their innings, with Joel Sangeeth and Louis Rees sharing the wickets. The Under 13 side played the same Crosby opponents on the same night and recorded a similar win. Morgan Bradley, 52 not out and Patrick Glare, 30 laid the foundation for this success with an excellent opening stand. Good bowling then restricted our opponents in a run chase which fell 63 runs short of our score.

Tennis

In tennis results, our sides continue to progress well in English schools' competitions and Years 2 and 4 look likely to win their County Leagues. Most teams are now competing at 4 levels in each year and the interest in the sport continues to grow.

Water Polo

At under 13 our Water polo team lost narrowly to a very strong Bolton School in the English Schools Semi Final. All players have been selected to train at the City of Manchester Pool as part of their development programme.

Raphael Quirke

Raphael made his debut for England Under 16s last weekend. His contribution to England's 7-try win over Wales was to score a brace and one assist, which had National reports giving glowing comments about his performance. Hopefully he will continue this fine form in the School's Summer tour to Australia and Hong Kong.

N. Handy
Director of Sport

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School?id=332](http://www.schoolsport.com/School?id=332)

MAY BALL - LAST FEW DAYS TO BOOK A TICKET!

The SAPA May Ball is only 1 week away! If you haven't got your table organised yet, please let us know as soon as possible to guarantee your place at what will be a fabulous night. Bookings are being taken until Monday 8th May.

Please visit our Facebook and twitter feeds to see the latest auction items and entertainment for the evening... Don't miss out!

Next SAPA Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 8th May at 7pm in the College. Lots to discuss this month including the May Ball, our forthcoming AGM and election for SAPA committee members 2017-2018. If you have a few hours free come and join in!

Keep up with SAPA on:

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

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Website - www.sapa.org.uk

SAPA Chair



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

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Top Table