

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

19th May 2017



Message from the Principal

Congratulations and thank you to SAPA for their efforts coordinating the Ball . I would like to take this opportunity to say how much students and staff appreciate your dedication to support the school. Thank you to all who attended the evening for their generous support . The SAPA team have advised that the amount raised will be in excess £4,000.

May is the month of Mary and May is the month of examinations, good luck to all those with exams over the next few weeks. At this time we could ask for Mary's support for our families and our intentions.

'Love our Lady and she will obtain abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggle'.
St Josemaria Escriva

Mr J M Keulemans

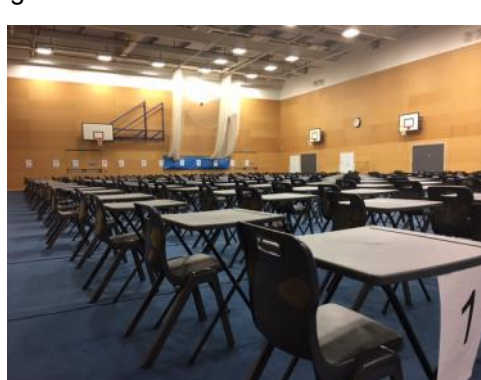
Examinations

5th Year Students begin their GCSE examinations

GCSE examinations began on Monday with Religious Studies being first on the agenda. Mr O'Neill, Head of Religious Studies, joined students in prayer during the pre-examination briefing session, which is aimed to help support students take a moment to reflex in a calm and composed environment. The students seem to be coping well with the natural anxiety that exams cause. We look forward to celebrating their achievements on 24th August. Please can students be reminded to assemble in the lecture theatre at 8.45am for morning examinations and 1.10pm for afternoon examinations. Students have all been encouraged to check that their school e-mail address is working correctly in order that their results can be posted electronically.

6th Form Students begin their AS/A2 examinations

Lower sixth and upper sixth form students began their examinations on Monday also. It does not feel like a year ago that the young gentlemen from lower sixth form were sitting their GCSE's.



We wish all our students the very best during their examinations.

A recent article published in the SecEd questioned whether the smell of rosemary could improve a student's examination performance. The herb is commonly used in cooking but has long been associated with enhancing memory. Northumbria University researchers have found that students sitting examinations may enhance their memory with the scent of rosemary.

Mr P. Groves

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school

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

For more information on the new government GCSE grading system please refer to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgZYx_fyCrM

Dates for the diary

19th May—5th Year Study leave

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

26th June — Activities week

17th August—AS results

24th August—GCSE results

First Year Entry September 2018

Open Day—Saturday 1st July 2017 from 0930 to 1230

This is an opportunity to take a look around the school and where advice and guidance regarding the admissions procedure will be offered.
No appointment is necessary.

Entrance Examination—Saturday 23rd September 2017

The online application for first year entry in September 2018 is now open and can be found in the admissions section of the College website:

www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

The website also has other useful information regarding the admissions procedure

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Looking to recruit Part-time / Summer staff for your business?

Award winning youth recruitment agency, Jobscouts are able to advertise your job and business to registered and highly motivated 16-18 year old students looking for part-time work. For more information or to register your business now, please visit:

www.jobscouts.co.uk

Water Polo Match



V's



The 6th Form water polo team took on their greatest challengers to date; the St Ambrose College staff team. The event raised over £100 to support Teenage Cancer Trust, a charity very close to the hearts of both students and staff. Thank you to everyone who donated to watch the event; your support and encouragement created a great atmosphere. The match concluded with a draw, with no reference being made to the uneven numbers in each team!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish members of the water polo team the very best of luck with their futures, we sincerely hope they will be playing water polo at their Universities!

Aquinas House
House Leader
Mr Rush

Augustine House
House Leader
Mr Aspinwall

House Captain & Vice House Captain Selection

Congratulations to all applicants who competed for House Captain and Vice House Captain this week. The results will be finalised shortly and the newly appointed candidates for 2017-2018 academic year will be introduced in next weeks newsletter.

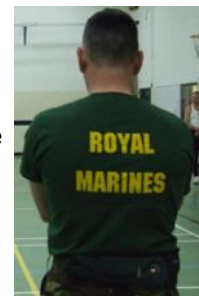
Ignatius House
House Leader
Mr Cutting

Newman House
House Leader
Mr Krause

Royal Marines Fitness Training

We were delighted to welcome members of the Royal Marines on Thursday to support students with fitness training. Students were certainly put through their paces. We look forward to welcoming them back to promote fitness to students.

P. Howarth



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/>



Rugby

Congratulations to all students who took part in rugby training and fixtures during the 2016– 2017 season.



Athletics

The season has started well competing in Trafford Schools events. We look forward to more exciting events and results as we prepare for the English Schools competition.

Cricket

1st and 2nd year students have enjoyed competitive games against Kings, Macclesfield this week. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Rugby

Pre-tour and pre-season rugby training sessions for 3rd year and above have started. Please encourage students to attend to enhance their performance next season.

Tennis

1st year students won the Box League, beating Altrincham Grammar, Sale Grammar and Cheadle Hulme along the way. We look forward to regional finals which will be held at Bolton's National Tennis Centre.

Water Polo

This week students had the opportunity to watch a match between 6th form students and staff. Thank you to everyone involved. All proceeds will support Teenage Cancer Trust.

M. Fitzsimon

May Ball

Thank you to everyone who came to our May Ball. If you've seen our Facebook posts you'll see what an amazing night we had! Great food from Top Table, brilliant entertainment from Gillan Edgar and all seamlessly presented by our very own perfect evening host; Mike Toolan. The best part was that we raised over £4,000 for the SAPA coffers! Big thanks go to everyone involved with the evening. Check out the SAPA website for the pictures <http://www.sapa.org.uk/gallery/>



Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on the Monday 12th June at 7pm which includes the AGM. As well as summing up this year's events and fundraising totals, we're looking for new members who would like to join SAPA and we will be voting in new committee members. If you have time, please come along and join in! If you have any questions please contact chair@sapa.org.uk

Keep up with SAPA on:

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

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

Website - www.sapa.org.uk

SAPA Chair

Sport Fixtures/Scores

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

Hale Barns

CARNIVAL

Celebrate the end of the school year
with this great family fun weekend!

SATURDAY 15th JULY



A CLASSICAL SPECTACULAR LIVE OUTDOORS
FEATURING HUGE CHOIRS, FULL ORCHESTRA, OPERA
STARS, SINGERS, FLAGS, PYRO & SOME SURPRISES.
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY, A PICNIC AND FLAGS.
CELEBRATE A SUMMER NIGHT OF FUN!

SUNDAY 16th JULY



PERFORMING ALL THE HITS LIVE IN CONCERT
NATIVE NEW YORKER - USE IT UP AND WEAR IT OUT
INSIDE OUT - IF YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR A WAY OUT
DON'T TELL ME, TELL HER - GOING BACK TO MY ROOTS
SUPPORTED BY GROOVY REVOLUTION

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW AT HALEBARNSCARNIVAL.CO.UK

15-16th JULY 2017

On St Ambrose Fields, Hale Road, Hale Barns, WA15 0HF

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ART/CRAFT TENT **LIVE MUSIC** **PROSECCO**
BRASS BANDS CLASSIC CAR SHOW **BEER TENT** BOUNCY CASTLE
SHIRE HORSES **DANCE GROUPS** **BEACH** AFTERNOON TEA

FREE ENTRY FROM 12-4PM