

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

28th April 2017



Message from the Principal

Interestingly in the last week there have been political discussions around the number of Bank Holidays in the UK and how it varies, from a school perspective it always makes for a strange week and we have the delight of another this weekend. I hope the sun shines and you are able to take advantage of some family time if possible.

Last week we were fortunate to be visited by Brother Ger O'Connell, who spoke to the 6th form about the Edmund Rice camp in July and can I ask you to encourage those who initially expressed an interest in supporting to take part.

Reminder that the SAPA May Ball takes place on the 13th of May, tickets are still available

"As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer."

William Shakespeare

Mr J M Keulemans

National Furniture Chain Poster Winner

Congratulations to James Grainger having won a national competition to design an original poster to promote careers in the furniture industry.

Students from over 1500 secondary schools nationwide were invited to design a poster to hang in all 1100 DFS stores. The competition run by the Furniture Makers' Company, a charitable guild promoting the furniture industry, saw the winning entry go on an all expenses paid trip to the DFS advertising agency in Leeds to develop his idea and assist their senior design team to develop the concept into an key piece of marketing.

James 14, who is studying Design Technology as one of his GCSEs hopes to continue the subject at A Level, said: "The brief was to show just how many jobs are available in the furniture industry demanding both practical and highly creative skills and I hope I got the message across of the great choice young people like me have when they leave full time education." James added: "It took me two or three lessons to design and though I took great care producing my design I was still surprised when I won. I'd like to be a graphic designer or an engineer and definitely want to continue my Design Technology course. Visiting a top advertising agency will give me first hand experience of the sort of career i'd like to pursue." He added: "I enjoy working with my hands, love producing a finished product and get great satisfaction from completing a design project from start to finish, whether it is on the

computer or using a lathe." Miss McPartland:, James' Design Technology Teacher said, "James worked on this extra curricular project totally by himself and produced a design which perfectly met a complex brief."

Miss McPartland and added: "It is a great prize to get some first hand experience of a design team working in industry to produce his concept and I am sure he will be popping into the local DFS to see his work adorn the walls in the months to come."

S. Carter



Congratulations to recipients of this week's Principal's award



Aquinas House - Ethan Barrett
Agustine House - James Grainger
Ignatius House - Alexander McBride
& Raphael Quirke
Newman House - Alexander Thompson

Dates for the diary

1st May — Bank Holiday

2nd May — 4th Year Parents' Evening

13th May — SAPA Ball

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

Edmund Rice Camps

On Wednesday of this week Brother Ger O'Connell from the Brothers' Salford community and Mr Krause spoke to the Sixth Form about the Edmund Rice Camp that would be taking place in Salford in July. Edmund Rice Camps provide holiday experiences for primary school age children who would not otherwise be able to enjoy them. Many of these children come from what could be considered as marginalised or disadvantaged backgrounds. The camps also provide welcome respite for the children's parents and families. An Edmund Rice Camp depends upon the generosity of the Sixth Form leaders who give freely of their time and talents for those in need. The leaders endeavour to be attentive and model positive behaviour for the children whilst maintaining a friendly, fair and supportive discipline within the camp environment. After the talk Brother Ger received many expressions of interest from St Sixth Form students who were interested in helping at the Edmund Rice Camp – he will also be speaking at Loreto Convent Grammar School early next month.



D. Krause

Foundation Governor Vacancies

There are a range of Foundation Governor vacancies available at a number of our Feeder Catholic Primary Schools:

- Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Wythenshawe (2 Vacancies)
- St Aidan's Catholic Primary School, Wythenshawe (2 Vacancies)
- St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School, Wythenshawe (2 Vacancies)
- St John Fisher & St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Wythenshawe (4 Vacancies)
- St Paul's Catholic High School, Wythenshawe (3 Vacancies)
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stockport (2 Vacancies)
- Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Sale (2 Vacancies)

More information including how to apply can be found here: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/governors/governor-vacancies>

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Laptop required for a Refugee family in Salford

Earlier this week the Superior of the Christian Brothers' mission in Salford, Brother Ger O'Connell, got in touch to ask whether we could put out an appeal for a laptop for a Refugee family in Salford. Please could we ask if any parent or businesses has an old laptop or mini-book that they do not want, please drop it off at St Ambrose College reception over the next few days. Sincere thanks to anyone who is able to help.

D. Krause



Helpful links

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

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

Twitter: @StAmbroseColl

SAPA website: www.sapa.org.uk/

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



Last weekend saw the first of four sports camps run specifically for our September 2017 intake. The children enjoyed rugby, water polo, swimming, tennis and cricket sessions run by the Schools PE staff. As always it was a good way for the students to get to know the running of the school and meet staff. It was especially welcome to see Mr Groves from our Leadership team supporting his team and speaking to the boys at the end of Saturday's camp. Both parents and boys left encouraged that their son's had made their first steps towards the full transition from their Primary School.

Cricket Results

On Monday our Under 14 side travelled to King's School Chester to play in the County Cup 1st Round match, posting a score of 70 in their 20 overs, thanks to some good batting by Joe Noble at the end of the innings, the side were always going to have to bowl well to defend a relatively low score. Unfortunately despite some excellent fielding King's reached the target with 4 overs to spare.

On Wednesday our 1st X1 played their first fixtures entering the North of England T20. Batting first against Liverpool College the side posted 110-2, Joe Glare top scored with 60 Not Out. He continued this form with the ball taking two wickets in his first over. Unfortunately despite taking 7 wickets Liverpool reached our total with an over to spare.

1st Year Basketball final

On Tuesday night the 1st Year side played against Sale G.S in the Trafford Schools final which had been delayed for a variety of reasons. The side had not been able to practice because of examinations taking place in the Sports Hall but played extremely well against an unbeaten opposition, losing 16-42. All boys who had played some part in the years League matches were given some court time and showed excellent commitment to a sport they only started playing this School year. Thank you to all involved.



Tennis

Our first tennis fixtures took place on Tuesday. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd year teams competed against Wilmslow H.S. Our Junior side won their fixture comfortably and showed great potential. Our 2nd year team lost the final rubber in a tie break which would have drawn the match, whilst our 3rd year team lost their matches, despite some good individual performances.

On Wednesday the sides drew a very even game against Denstone College at Under 15, 14, 13 and 12s.

Football

Our 1st X1 have qualified for the Trafford Final to be held at Carrington Training Ground. This is our 3rd consecutive final in the Championships and the side will be hoping to improve our fortunes against Ashton on Mersey.

N. Handy
Director of Sport

Sport Fixtures/Scores

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Thank you to all those that attended the SAPA meeting on Monday - we discussed lots of issues and made good progress with fundraising ideas and, of course, with planning the May Ball. Our next meeting is on the 8th May at 7pm in the College - come along and take part!

May Ball Auction Donation request

We have been honoured to receive some amazing donations of sports memorabilia, VIP event tickets and holiday home rentals for the auction. We'd love to get some more exciting and valuable items to auction, so 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. Thank You!

May Ball - 13th May

The May Ball is only 2 weeks 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. Saint Ambrose Parents' Association events are a great way to meet other parents and make new friends - our May Ball is no exception. This year we have tables reserved for parents who may not have a regular social group but would like to meet other parents - there's no need to get a whole table together - we'll organise it for you! If you'd like to join in the fun at what will be a fantastic night out, please book your tickets using the form provided at www.sapa.org.uk or use the online booking form and simply put 'your year group in the 'Table Reference' field.

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. Tickets are on sale until Monday 8th May.

We have received a number of payments for the Ball but have not yet had a formal booking to accompany them... please make sure that you have completed a booking form otherwise we won't know where to seat you or which menu option you'd like!... thanks!

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SAPA Chair