

# Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

6th July 2018



## Message from the Principal

This week students have enjoyed the opportunity to experience a range of activities, many of which have been in a work place environment. Thank you to everyone involved, particularly the St Ambrose community who all pulled together to give students some fantastic work experience.

The National Health Service turned 70 on Thursday, offering us the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of one of the nation's most loved institutions, to appreciate the vital role the service plays in our lives, and to recognise and thank the extraordinary NHS staff - who are there to guide, support and care for us, day in, day out.

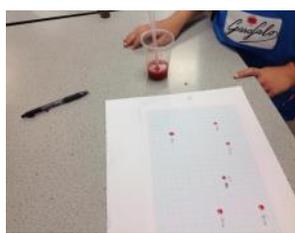
Good luck to the England football team on Saturday at 3pm when they play in the quarter final against Sweden.

'Because this is the place in our hearts, in our homes  
Because this is the place that's a part of our bones'  
Tony Walsh

*J. M. Keulemans*

### A week of activities and new opportunities

A fantastic and rewarding week full of new opportunities for students. Students have been involved with trips to Chester Zoo, The Chill Factor E, a local Synagogue and Mosque, France, Malham and Ingleton. In addition to a multitude of school based activities which included CSI investigations, sports, money sense training, health awareness, an Edmund Rice summer camp, music festival planning, subject activities and retreat.



### Dates for the diary

**13th July—12.30pm finish**  
End of 2017 –2018 academic year

**16th August**  
A Level results

**23rd August**  
GCSE results

**23rd August**  
Registration for 6th form

**4th September**  
1st year & 6th form attend school

**5th September**  
Whole school return to school

**7th September**  
OPRO visit

**12th September**  
5th year parents' information evening @ 7pm

**13th September**  
L6th form induction evening @ 6pm

**19th September**  
3rd year parents' information evening @ 8pm  
4th year parents' information evening @ 7pm

**20th September**  
1st year meet & greet evening @ 7pm

## Social Justice

Brother Steve is in England to meet pupils and senior leaders in schools in the Christian Brothers network nationwide to encourage young people to become advocates for greater social justice worldwide.

Living with the Columba's community in one of New Delhi poorest districts, Brother Steve who is the director of influential, NGO PRATYeK, Steve said: "My primary concern is naturally with India's pressing issues of child marriage, child hunger, child slavery: all the issues which blight my nation."

"80% of the workforce in India have no rights: that means no holiday entitlement, no insurances, no rights over fair pay, over dismissal.... they have no security."

"When people are living in fear they look for security and our population of £1.3 billion is a symptom of that social injustice. Parents are hoping their children will look after them in old age. So it's in all our interest if we want to control population growth to campaign for wider human rights."

Steve was adamant this was a secular issue and not tied to an individual's faith or spirituality. "India is one nation but is made up of hundreds of different kingdoms, with their own cultures and many faiths and I work with peoples of all beliefs, across the nation."

"But we must recognise that the young have been speaking with their feet and moving away from organised religion. Young people do have deep feelings of spirituality and mysticism, but often they see organised religion as divisive."

Steve was speaking at the leading Catholic grammar school in Hale Barns as part of their annual Activities Week in which all pupils are encouraged to think and act outside of the box and learn more about life outside of the standard curriculum.

St. Ambrose pupils were convinced by the argument. Patrick Ronan, 13, said: "When you are asked to relate with people of my age who don't have any food and water it's very touching. They have so many problems it really is our duty to help."

Jacob Doohan, 14, added: "I learned it's really important to speak for those who don't have a voice. We at St. Ambrose, for that matter in all other schools in the U.K., are so fortunate, far more than many children in India and we should all speak up for them so they can be heard."

Assistant Head Mr Groves, who helped to organise the visit with Edmund Rice Network Youth Development Officer, Thom Murray, said: "We were honoured to welcome Brother Steve whose compassionate Christianity is a lesson for us all and not just the boys."



# SAPA News

## Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

### Urgent call for second-hand uniform can you help us?

We have nearly run out of second-hand uniform, so really need your help! Before the summer holiday starts, please send into the College any clean, good quality uniform that your son doesn't need anymore. We especially need blazers, jumpers, ties and sports kit. As you know there has been huge demand for our uniform and it raises a lot of money for the College. We would really like to keep helping other mums and dads, but we can only do it with your support. Thank you.

### Job vacancy

We are desperately searching for a new SAPA web-master – it's not a big time commitment and training will be provided. If you're interested, please contact Joanne to find out more ([chair18@sapa.org.uk](mailto:chair18@sapa.org.uk)).

Joanne McEntee  
SAPA Chair

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### SAPA dates for your diary

**Monday 10th September**  
SAPA meeting @ 7pm, SAC

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at St Vincent's Church

Would you like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic?

You may have a Catholic partner, children at a Catholic school, or friends who are Catholics, and want to understand their faith/religion better, or you may be a returning Catholic wanting to re-discover your faith.

If yes, please come along to a 'taster session' taking place at Westleigh (Behind St Vincent de Paul's Church, entrance off Groby Road) at 8pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Before then, if you have any questions please contact Father John ([0161 928 1689](tel:01619281689)) or Deacon John ([07973 375422](tel:07973375422)).

**Note: For those who wish to continue this journey of exploration, the group will meet weekly, guided by the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Team. Topics such as the Bible, the Sacraments, the Mass, Prayer, and the life of the Church are explored with a brief introduction followed by questions and an open exchange. Every year, some enquirers decide they want to join, or become full members, of the Catholic Church.**

We wish all our students and staff  
a safe trip to Indonesia.  
Keep up with their adventures via their twitter page:  
[@SACIndonesia](https://twitter.com/SACIndonesia)

## 2018 - 2019 School uniform

Please find below a brief reminder of the school uniform and the rules relating to mobile phones which students must adhere.

### Uniform (1st year - 5th year)

All boys are required to wear the following items. College blazer; College tie; white shirt; charcoal grey or black trousers; black shoes; grey or black socks.

Please note school uniform can be purchased from: Monkhouse Schoolwear

### Uniform (Sixth Form)

From September 2018, Lower Sixth Form students and those from Upper Sixth Form who wish to, will make the transition into a new style of uniform. A Parentmail communication with further information has been sent to all Sixth Form parents.

Dark business suit with a white or pale blue shirt and a new College Sixth Form tie. Students must also wear appropriate smart leather or leather-type dark shoes and dark socks.

### Mobile phones

Mobile phones must be switched off and not used in lessons without the specific permission of a teacher. Phones must not be used between lessons. Failure to adhere to this may result in temporary confiscation of the phone.

## Work experience

4<sup>th</sup> Year and Lower Sixth Form students have been taking part in work experience this week. We hope all the students have enjoyed the opportunity to engage in this informative and insightful time. Thank you to everyone who supported the process.

One 4<sup>th</sup> year student, Joseph Steele, went the extra mile in his placement at Flixton Girls School by staying late to help coordinate their annual Sports Awards Evening. We think meeting Olympic gymnast Craig Heap, 14 times British champion and 2 times gold medal winner at the Commonwealth games, will have made it worthwhile for him.



We look forward to hearing many more stories and feedback when the boys return next week.

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# Sports News



The OPRO dental professional will be visiting school  
on  
Friday 7th September.  
Please visit the OPRO website to order a Gum Shield and  
book an appointment for a fitting at school.

## Activity week sports news

Students have been enjoying a range of sports  
this week, as well as the sunshine. Well done to  
everyone involved.



## Sports Presentation Tuesday 10th July 4pm - 6pm

students have been given letters.  
Please pay by parentmail - places are  
limited to 180 students.

## Please help next season!

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)



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funds for robotic surgery at  
The Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital.  
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## Congratulations



Oli Johnson  
who has been representing  
Cheshire's U14 & U16 golf team,  
playing against Derbyshire last week  
&  
in the Bramhall Park Junior Open.

## Congratulations



Max Leonard  
who is in the 'hub' for selection for  
England's Disabled  
football team



## Congratulations



Dominic Brooks-Maher  
who recently represented  
Lancashire's U14  
Gaelic football team



**No dogs  
permitted on  
school premises**



## Helpful links:

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

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