

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

4th May 2018



Message from the Principal

The morning after the night before. Over a number of years, I have had the privilege of being involved in the counting process on election night. As late night midweek activities go, it is a rewarding and fascinating process. What always, however, I take away with me is the fact that turn out in the UK democratic process is so low. In the count hall last night, the ward turn outs varied from 20% to 33%. At best two thirds of voters did not exercise their right.

In a year that commemorates the 1st world war and the vote for women, alongside the possible influence of Cambridge Analytical/Facebook, this more than ever should be a time when we all express our opinions, whatever they may be and demonstrate the value of democracy.

As a college we work very hard to communicate the message of advocacy, resilience and empowerment, the political process is a key player in this and we all need to play our part in the decision making process, if we are to bring our positive influence to bear for future generations.

By encouraging our young men to be active engaged citizens, then we may make a crucial difference.

'Provide wise, discerning, and reputable persons for each of your tribes, that I may appoint them as your leaders.'

Deuteronomy 1:13

'The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by humanity for breaking down injustice and destroying terrible walls which imprison people because they are different from other people.'

'This right to vote is the basic right without which all others are meaningless. It gives people, people as individuals, control over their own destinies.'

Lyndon B. Johnson

Christie Interactive Insight Day

On Wednesday, a group of 4th year students had the opportunity to visit The Christie Hospital for an Interactive Insight Day. Through a range of seminars and hands-on sessions, the boys heard about various careers in healthcare, specifically within cancer care. Students had the opportunity to hear from a variety of NHS professionals and take part in activities and workshops which included clinic skills, radiotherapy, magnetic resonance, surgical nursing and health promotion.

The boys enjoyed scrubbing up in surgical masks and gowns, intubating dummies, and learning about post-surgery recovery procedures. They also learnt about the science behind Magnetic Resonance Imaging before, finally, trying their hand at some clinical skills such as venepuncture and stats monitoring.

If your son is interested in a career in healthcare, there is a wealth of information covering resources, events, and volunteering opportunities on the Greater Manchester NHS Careers and Engagement Hub website.

The site is very user-friendly, covers the huge array of careers in the NHS, and the team will be happy to help with any queries you or your son may have.

<http://gmcareershubs.nhs.uk/ForLearners/Resources>

L. Coultas

Whole School Photograph

Thankfully the sun was shining on Thursday morning, as the whole school gathered for a photograph. Please wait for further information with details how to purchase the photograph.



Dates for the diary

7th May
Bank holiday



8th May
Upper Sixth Form
group photograph



8th May
4th year internal examinations

14th May
GCSE examinations commence

25th May
2nd year PGL trip

28th May to 1st June
Half term

4th June
Return to school

Sierra Leone Immersion- February 2019

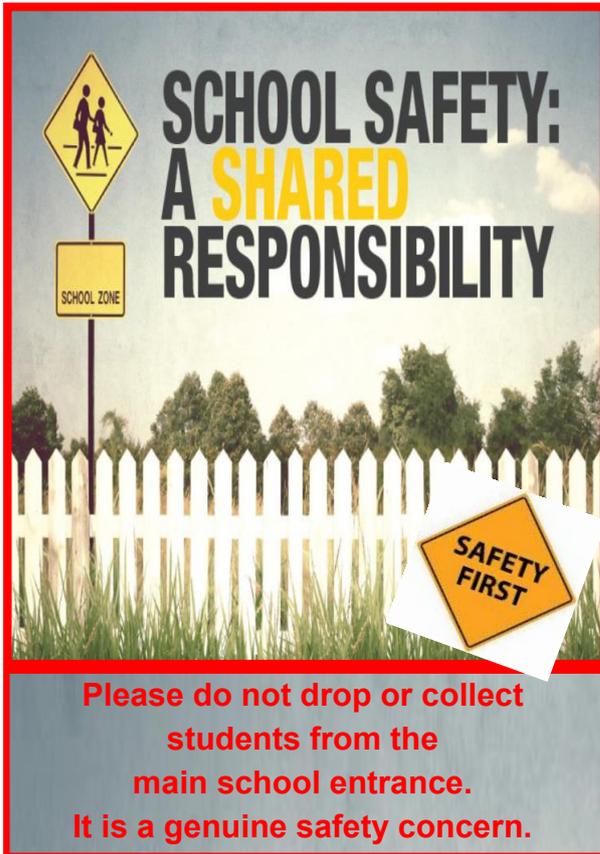
As you may be aware, a group of Sixth form students are planning an immersion trip to Freetown, Sierra Leone, in February 2019. The trip is a chance for students to open their eyes to the developing world and the problems that people face. Boys will be travelling throughout Sierra Leone, visiting schools and townships helping people, teaching children, and sharing their own skills with the people that they meet.

As part of their fundraising efforts, they have organised a meal at Piccolinos, Hale, for family and friends of the College. Tickets are priced £25. If you would like to attend/support the event please contact Miss McCrory:

misssmccrory@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

S. McCrory

**2 course meal
at
Piccolinos, Hale
On
Monday 14th May
at
7.30pm
Tickets £25.**



**SCHOOL SAFETY:
A SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY**

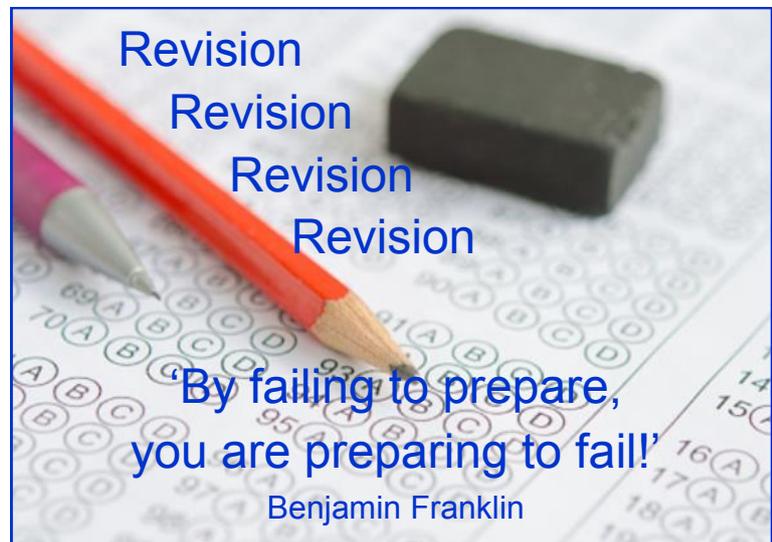
SAFETY FIRST

Please do not drop or collect students from the main school entrance. It is a genuine safety concern.

Edmund Rice International Youth Ambassadors

Thank you to all students who were interviewed this morning. Congratulations to Marcus Doohan and Adam Orford who have been appointed Edmund Rice International Youth Ambassadors for 2018/2019 and to Aaron Rodrigues who has been appointed as Deputy Youth Ambassador.

Mr Rainey said; " I am looking forward to the groups continued work in the area's of advocacy and charity in 2018/2019."



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"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail!"
Benjamin Franklin



Oh! What a Lovely War

**Meeting
for technical support**

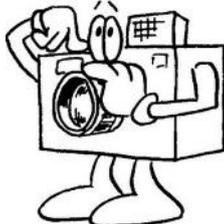
**Monday 14th May
1pm
Drama room**

Technical aspects of a drama production include:
Set
Costume
Stage hands - back stage support and coordination
Lighting - 3rd year students and older only
Stage manager - 5th/6th form applicants only



Upper Sixth Form Students

**U6th leavers
group photograph
on
Tuesday 8th May
at
9am**



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.

Please book an appointment at the main school office.

SAPA News

Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

Next SAPA meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 14th May at 7pm, in the College. If you can spare an hour, please come along and find out how you can help. Please let us know if there is anything you would like to discuss at the next meeting, we would be delighted to add it to the agenda.

chair18@sapa.org.uk <<mailto:chair18@sapa.org.uk>>

Are you creative? Do you enjoy making things? Do you have access to craft equipment or tools?

Preparations are already underway for the Christmas Fair; this year we would like to have some more games stalls, that the boys can run. Maybe games like 'Splat the rat' and 'Spin the bottle'. But we don't have a rat...or a drain pipe! We would also like a game board with a spinner. Are you able to help?

Augustine House already runs a very successful darts game, but they need a new protective screen to sit behind the dart board and protect the wall. Can you help us at all?

Do you have fun ideas for different games? If you are interested in helping in anyway, please email Joanne (chair18@sapa.org.uk <<mailto:chair18@sapa.org.uk>>).

Maybe you have a length of drainpipe you no longer need, or some thick matting? Or you are able to make a game board or a soft toy rat? However you can help, we would be so grateful.



Summer Party: Friday 15th June at 7.30pm

Don't miss out! Over 50% of tickets sold already. They are on sale from the Parentmail shop now.

Second-hand uniform

Do you have any unwanted uniform that no longer fits your son, that you could donate to the College? We especially need ties, navy blue PE tops and shorts, games tops and shorts, blue/red stripy socks and grey jumpers. We would also be grateful for blazers and College branded sports holdalls. Please only donate clean items in good condition, that you would be happy to buy yourself. Drop them off at the College office (or ask your son to). Thank you so much!

Joanne McEntee

SAPA Chair

SAPA Summer Party



Friday 15th June
Bowdon Rugby Club
Timperley

SAPA dates for your diary

Saturday 12th May
9 - 10am

Second-hand uniform sale
(Sports entrance)

Monday 14th May
6.30 - 7pm

Second-hand uniform sale

Monday 14th May
SAPA meeting @ 7pm

Friday 15th June
Summer Party @ 7.30pm



Please help your son stay cool this summer by investing in a short sleeve shirt and a water bottle.

Keep up with SAPA on;

Facebook -

www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/

Twitter - [@StAmbrosePA](https://twitter.com/StAmbrosePA)

Website - www.sapa.org.uk

Sports News

Cricket

This week the cricket fixtures finally got underway with matches against Cheadle Hulme and Sandbach. Our U15s travelled to Cheadle Hulme in the Cheshire Cup and were narrowly defeated with the last ball of the game. Despite the early rain on Wednesday morning the U12 and U13 matches went ahead. Our U13s team travelled to Sandbach and were victorious whilst the U12s began their St Ambrose cricket journey at home and were equally as impressive with an 8 wicket victory.

Rugby League

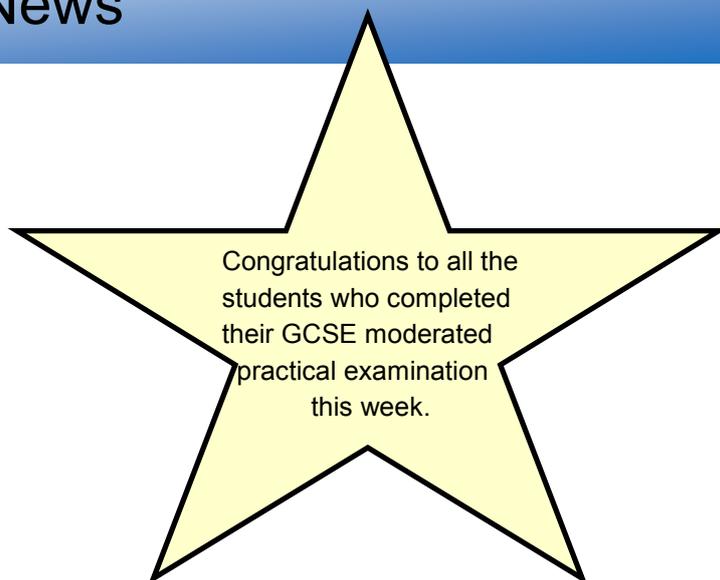
Trafford Schools Summer sport tournaments have taken place for 3rd and 4th year events. Both teams won all their games and progress, with the 1st and 2nd year teams to the Greater Manchrs Final, which will be held at the AJ Bell stadium

All boys are reminded to check the School Sports Website for updated/rearranged matches:

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

Last weekend we welcomed over a hundred students who will be joining St Ambrose College in September. They had the opportunity to participate in a multitude of sporting activities and develop new friendships. We look forward to seeing them all again in September.

M. Fitzsimon
Faculty Leader of Sport



Congratulations to all the students who completed their GCSE moderated practical examination this week.

Next week's fixtures (subject to change)

	Sport	Team	Opponent	Time
Tuesday 8th May	Cricket	U15A away	Neutral ground Vs Denstone College	10am
		U14A away	Stockport Grammar	2.00pm
		U13A away	Wirral Grammar	2.30pm
	Water Polo	U13A away	National Championship Final	tbc
Wednesday 9th May	Tennis	1st & 2nd year (A) away 3rd & 4th year (B) away	Fallibroome Academy	2.00pm
Thursday 10th May	Cricket	U12A away	King's School, Chester	2.30pm

Hale Barns CARNIVAL
RETURNS 14TH + 15TH JULY 2018
BIG LIVE OUTDOOR SHOWS WITH FIREWORKS + ARTISAN FOOD + BEER TENT + FUNFAIR!
ROWIE THE BEATLES BEE GEES GEORGE MICHAEL
ABBA REVIVAL DIANA ROSS
GET A WEEKEND PASS FOR ONLY £30!
BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE TODAY AT
HALEBARNSCARNIVAL.CO.UK

Please help next season!

If you are available to help with refreshments during Saturday home fixtures, please e-mail:

mrnhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk



**No dogs
permitted on
school premises**



Helpful links:

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

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

Twitter: [@StAmbroseColl](https://twitter.com/StAmbroseColl)

