

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

12th January 2018



Happy New Year
from: The Principal, Staff, Students
& Governors at Saint Ambrose College

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to all students. It is a pleasure to welcome a number of new students to Saint Ambrose College who successfully achieved in-year entry, following entrance examinations in December. I wish a happy and successful year to all. A new year provides the chance to focus on what is ahead of us, set goals and targets and strive for excellence. Rejoice in what we achieved in 2017 and resolve to aim even higher during the next twelve months.

This is my third new year at St Ambrose and if the previous two years are anything to go by, this year will bring challenges, opportunities and will race past at great speed. It is vital then, that we grasp every opportunity we can and enjoy each moment, making every day count as we add to our knowledge, learn new skills, share time with friends and continue our St Ambrose journey together.

J. M. Keulemans

Former student appointed Education Secretary

Former St. Ambrose College student Damian Hinds has been appointed as the new Education Secretary and is being widely tipped as a possible future prime minister.

Damian replaces Justine Greening in the Cabinet hot seat, in a reshuffle designed to introduce fresh blood with greater electoral appeal into a private school dominated government.

Damian, 48, who attended St Ambrose College from 1980 to 1987 before joining Trinity College, Oxford, where he was president of the Oxford University Society and graduated with first class honours degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. "I worked for a few years in management consultancy. The majority of my career has been in the hospitality business, including several years with InterContinental and Holiday Inn hotels, some time as a freelancer, and a couple of years with Greene King, the pub company and brewer. "I first stood for Parliament in Stretford & Urmston in 2005, but was not successful. In 2010 I was elected as MP for East Hampshire."

His meteoric rise saw a rapid appointment to a junior ministerial role in the Department of Work and Pensions, but has now jumped the queue to win the Education berth. Mr Hinds wrote on Twitter that he was "looking forward to working with the great teachers and lecturers in our schools, colleges and universities, giving people the opportunities to make the most of their lives".

The incoming education secretary will face pressures over school funding and decisions about university tuition fees. School funding proved to be an important doorstep issue in the election, with Ms Greening announcing that an extra £1.3bn of the education department's budget would be moved to schools. Mr Hinds will also face big decisions over higher education, including the future of tuition fees and university funding.

Speaking on one of his many visits to his former school, he said: "My memories of St Ambrose are very good ones. St Ambrose was where I got my interest in current affairs and public policy. We had many opportunities for debate in lessons, in the debating society, and informally. It is good to see the school doing so well today."

Principal, Mr Keulemans said: "We always follow, with the greatest interest, the careers of our Old Boys. Damian was an outstanding student and is an inspiration to today's young Ambrosians. We congratulate him on his promotion and wish him the very best. As teachers we appreciate it is an immensely important role."

S. Carter



Dates for the diary

22nd January

6th form application deadline

1st February

U6th parents' evening

6th February

2nd year parents' evening

9th February

Inset day

12th—16th February

Half term holiday

19th February

Return to school

22nd February

2nd year options evening

6th March

4th year parents' evening

5th year mock examination success

Mr Keulemans was delighted to treat 5th year students: Abhishek Alex, Joseph Blakemore, Niall Devlin, Thomas Diffley, Matthew Doyle, Alan Francis, Eammon Gilmore, Thomas Hancock, Connor Healy, Charles Jones, Samuel Lopes, Conor Quah, Samuel Scapens and Rory Williams to a hot chocolate to congratulate them for achieving excellent mock examination results, we truly hope they can replicate their results in the summer.

We hope all our students work really hard this term to prepare for their examinations and make great progress. Additionally, we encourage students to take advantage of the support and guidance available from all our excellent teachers.



Charity fundraising event



Matthew Dowson and John Farrington took the courageous decision to have their head shaved, before we broke up for Christmas, to raise funds for Cancer research. Thank you to everyone who supported the event to help raise valuable funds for this worthy cause.



Photography Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted entries to the **3rd Annual Photography Competition**. We again received a large number of wonderful photographs, over 500 this time! **Please view competition entries:** - <http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/library/client/website/Photography%20Comp/Final%20Photography%20Competition%20Final%20100%20Catalogue%202018%20RS.pdf> to view catalogue results email your vote to: mrsroderick@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk Voting ends midnight on Monday (only one vote from each email account please) and boys can also cast their vote in College on Monday.

5th year intervention clinics

Study clinics are available for students to attend to support their revision and learning. Mathematics and English clinics are currently available by invitation only.

Design & Technology clinic
Every lunchtime and from 3.35pm on
Wednesday & Thursday
Coursework deadline Monday 19th February

Spanish clinic
Monday during House tutor period
Room 1403
Invitation only initially

Latin clinic
Wednesday @ 1pm in room 2405
&
Latin Verse Literature clinic - Week 2 Monday during
House Tutor period in room 1403

Physics clinic
Thursday @ 1pm
Room 2202

Computer Science clinic
Wednesday @ 12.50pm

French speaking clinic
Tuesday @ 1pm
Room 1405

Chemistry clinic
Friday @ 1pm
Room 2203



Principal's Award

Congratulations to this week's recipients of the Principals award

Aquinas
Niall Devlin

Augustine
Matthew Dowson
John Farrington

Ignatius
Miles Masom

Newman
Andrew Preston

Success outside of school (SOS)



We are aware that many of our students achieve great success in their participation in a range of activities outside of their time at school. Furthermore we are eager to share their success with the school community and would like to know what they are involved in. If you would like to share your son's achievements with us, you can email behaviour@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain

BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE
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Friday 5 January 2018, 7.30pm
The Bridgewater Hall

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ALONE AT HOME

(WORKING TITLE)

What would happen if you left your children alone at home?

What would they do with a long weekend to themselves?

Do you wonder how capable and independent your children are growing up to be?

We are looking for families with children aged 8-16 who want to participate in a unique experience that explores issues around parenting and child freedom.

Alone At Home (working title) is a new series for Channel 4. In each episode, the home featured will be fitted with remotely operated cameras that will film 24 hours a day with the aim of observing the children's experience. Working with respected senior child development psychologists, the series will explore how the children deal with increased freedom and responsibility and will show the children's ability to cope. There will be designated spaces in the home for privacy.

For more information, please email families@electricray.com or call 020 7061 8924

The children will be monitored by chaperones and psychologists to help safeguard their physical and emotional welfare. All data will be processed in accordance with Electric Ray's privacy policy. An expression of interest does not guarantee participation in the series.

ELECTRIC RAY

Arts Day 2018 Needs You!



We are excited to announce that this academic year's Arts Day is on **Monday 22 January** and we are looking for professionals from the creative industries to come and speak to students about their careers.

Arts Day is an opportunity for students studying Art, Drama and Music at GCSE and A-level to learn about the industry that contributes nearly £90bn net to the UK's GDP. In previous years,

parents, 'old boys' and friends of St Ambrose have given short talks to students, explaining their current occupations and how they got into those careers. We've had sessions from TV producers, musicians, artists, football commentators and set designers to name but a few.

If you, or someone you know, would be willing to give a 15 minute talk to students on Monday 22 January please get in touch: mrsmbull@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk More information on the creative industries and the roles that we are looking for can be found here: www.thecreativeindustries.co.uk/industries

There is always an enormous buzz around the college in the lead-up to Arts Day as it is one of the highlights of the school calendar. Please encourage anyone you know in the creative arts industries to get in touch and help us make this year's event an enormous success.

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.

Forthcoming theatre trips to look out for

Please look out for Parentmail correspondence to book a place for the forthcoming exciting theatre trips.

Metamorphosis - Splendid theatre company comes to the college to perform their Epic and humorous version of Kafka's classic **Brief Encounter** by Kneehigh Theatre Company at The Lowry – highly engaging theatre company famous for their music, physical theatre and puppets

Police Cops in Space Comedy at The Lowry, useful for GCSE & A-level devising units

Sleeping Trees at the Movies Comedy at The Lowry, useful for GCSE & A-level devising units

Blood Brothers Musical theatre comic-tragedy that is the set text for GCSE Drama

War Horse The National Theatre's record breaking production set in WWI at The Lowry – useful and engaging for all years

Happy New Year from SAPA!

A big thank you to everyone who came to our meeting on Monday.

Plans for our Fashion Show on Friday 9th March are well underway. All items modelled at the show will be available to buy - they will be brand new and usually available in sizes 8-20. In past years we've had clothes from Top Shop, Monsoon, River Island, Phase 8, Marks and Spencer, Ralph Lauren, and many more, with up to 75% off the recommended retail price. Tickets, priced only £5, will be going on sale soon and will be available to buy via Parentmail, or from the school office. There will also be a licensed bar. Please bring along all your friends and grab some bargains. Look out for your Parentmail message coming soon and get more information on Facebook, Twitter and the SAPA website.

Keep up with SAPA on

Facebook - www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/

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

Website - www.sapa.org.uk

SAPA Chair

SAPA dates for your diary

Monday 19 February - SAPA meeting 7pm
Thursday 22 February - Second-hand uniform sale 7pm
Friday 9 March - Fashion Show 7pm

Old Boys' 2017/2018 Rugby Fixture



It was a pleasure to welcome back our 2017 6th form leavers, for the annual Old Boys' rugby match. The game was played in great spirit, resulting in a narrow victory for the Old Boys. The Sean Ferguson memorial cup was awarded to Old Boy, Man of the Match, Kieran Dunne. Congratulations to all involved.

We look forward to an exciting term of fixtures.

Mr N Handy
Director of Sport

HOME

Saturday 13th January

1st XV, 2nd XV, U12A, U12B,

St Ambrose College

Vs

Kings School, Macclesfield

11am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)



AWAY

Saturday 13th January

U15A, U15B, U14A, U14B,
U13A, U13B

Kings School, Macclesfield
(Derby Fields, Alderley Road, SK10 4RH)

Vs

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Please help!



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)





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