



Saint Ambrose College News Bulletin

28th September 2018

Message from the Principal

This week we welcomed staff and students from Colegio Cardenal Newman who are visiting from Argentina as part of their rugby tour. Despite my limited knowledge of rugby I was able to raise the name of Felipe Contepomi due to his time and success at Leinster as a player and now as a coach. It wasn't until mid-way through the conversation however that I recalled meeting Felipe when I taught in Ireland. Gradually the penny dropped as I first recalled that it was at a national Edmund Rice Awards ceremony, then I made the connection that he must have had an Edmund Rice education and sure enough, it was at Colegio Cardenal Newman! The world is vast but the Edmund Rice network is one that is closely connected and is wonderful to be part of. I would like to thank the families who have been hosting our visitors and the staff who have worked tirelessly to facilitate it.

A particular highlight for me this week was hosting the first Principal's Awards of the year (recipients are listed below). In the course of a busy week it is easy to miss opportunities to recognise and reward those who don't just do what is expected, but to go beyond. Hearing the reasons for the nominations and having the opportunity to listen and speak to the boys brought a reminder of the selflessness and compassion our students show both within and beyond our community on a daily basis.

Good luck to all our sports teams over the weekend and to Team Europe in the Ryder Cup, although I think it will be an American victory on European soil for the first time since 1993.

Mr D Rainey

Sunrise Senior Living

It was a pleasure to welcome residents and staff from Sunrise Senior Living on Thursday to meet staff and students.



Macmillan Afternoon Tea



Thank you to everyone who has supported our 2018 Macmillan Afternoon Tea fundraising event



Principal's Award

Congratulations to the following students who have today received the Principal's award.



Aquinas

Matthew Bancroft

Augustine

Jamie Foster-Grime

Ignatius

Joshua Jorritsma
Derry O'Driscoll
Matthew Lawson
Dion Mathew
Edwin Mathew

Newman

Aaron Rodrigues
Theo Russell
Charlie Stubbs
Benjamin Watchorn

Dates for the Diary

3rd October

5th Year Group Photograph

W/C 8th October

1st Year Retreat to Castlerigg

18th October

Break up for half-term at 3.35pm

29th October

Return to College

Art & Mathematics competition

Nature's mysterious mathematical beauty was explored by students in a new competition linking Mathematics and Art.

Students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year were briefed to examine and then portray the relationship between Maths and Art by Miss Donegan, who teaches both subjects. Top of the list was the Fibonacci sequence in which each number is the sum of the previous two, a formula which produces wonderful ever increasing spiral patterns in nature.

George Donne, 12, captured this phenomenon with his beautifully crafted crayon drawing of a fossilized shell, perfectly demonstrating the sequence.

Miss Donegan said: "The Fibonacci sequence is seen in the formation of flowers and seeds, indeed across the natural world, which often displays its own perfect symmetry. It's not for me to explain the work of God but it is important to recognise the mathematical precision and resulting beauty in the world around us."

George, who received a goody bag with art and maths materials, said: "I was bought this shell from a gift shop many years ago and have always been fascinated by its perfect spiral. When the competition was announced I knew I had the ideal subject."



George Donne is pictured in the foreground with runners up with Miss Donegan from left to right Mele Gadzama, Johnny Merrick, Cormac Hogan, Marcus Cann and Gabriel Kennedy.

Rugby Results

Last weekend saw another busy weekend of sport at the College, which ended with only two sides beaten in eight fixtures against Kirkham G.S, Preston. At U18s the side won convincingly 48-12 and the disappointing performance from our 2nd XV in their midweek fixture against A.G.S was well and truly forgotten in a commanding 80-0 victory. At U15A and B, the sides were affected by 2 injuries and a sin binning which cost both teams against Kirkham's strongest age group.

The B team played valiantly despite going down to 12 men at one point, whilst missed tackles cost the A team a closer result. At U14 A and B the sides were more impressive than recent weeks and recorded good wins. At U13 A and B the sides scored 30 tries in their two games continuing their unbeaten start to the campaign. Our U12s continued to maintain a similar unbeaten start winning well at A and B team level. Against a strong Bolton 1st XV on Wednesday the College 2nd XV won 20-12 Scoring 4 tries in a very end to end game, our pace out wide probably just saw the side home.

On Thursday the remaining 2 Senior Squad players hosted our Christian Brothers sister school in Buenos Aires, Cardenal Newman. They have provided a succession of Pumas over recent times and showed just why they are considered Argentina's premier rugby school with convincing victories at both age groups. Our performances to date were tested to another level, by a side who played an uncomplicated but effective brand of running rugby. Their speed of thought and strength of running was a pleasure to watch and the Senior players involved and indeed others watching, now know the expectation levels of international standard, schoolboy rugby. I am a great believer that you learn more in defeat than victory. I hope our Senior players will have learnt much from this experience and get inspired to take training a little bit more seriously, knowing just how uncompromising our visitors were. Can I take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents and boys organising our own tour who helped make the Staff and pupils from Cardenal Newman so welcome in their hosting. Special thanks should go to Mr Howarth for his tireless efforts sorting out the arrangements for both trips.

This Saturdays fixtures are against Stockport G.S kick offs at 10 a.m. Our 1st XV, 2nd XV and Under 12s A and B sides are playing at Stockport G.S with buses leaving school at 8.30 prompt. Under 15 A Under 14 A and B and Under 13 A are at Home meeting at School at 9.15 a.m. Can I thank parents for their help with refreshments so far. If you are available on any given Saturday that your son is at home, please just come and ask if there is anything needed to be done. Serving coffee and tea to opposition parents and players is an especially nice way to greet visitors to the College. Just as important as your son's sportsmanship on the field of play we value your help in keeping our traditions.

Cross Country

This Saturday sees the beginning of the John Leigh park races. The boys chosen will have been given letters about the course and arrangements from Mr Aspinwall Junior. I wish the sides every success in what promises to be a very competitive season. Boys should be looking towards selection for National competitions in at least 2 age groups this year so regular training is imperative.

House championships

House rugby competitions are beginning in Games this half term and after the half term break we will begin our Football programme. In all we run nearly 10 House Sports Championships over the year with every pupil actively involved in some activity on offer. Similarly in lunchtimes coaches for Basketball are training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunch with Badminton and table tennis on Tuesday and Thursday completing a very busy schedule. Our Fitness suite is also well attended and Swimming clubs and water polo will begin again on Wednesday after a few issues with our Pool. Cross Country and rugby squads continue to train regularly alongside Senior Football squads. No boy should use the excuse that they have nothing to get involved in!

N Handy, Director of Sport

Scalextric Race Night—Saturday 13th October

The Scalextric Race Night is getting closer. We have already sold over half the tickets for both race sessions. If you want to race, be quick and buy your tickets in the Parentmail shop before they sell out! Race tickets cost £9 and spectators only £2. Just print out your email confirmation – that is your ticket. Watch a video of the race action on our website www.sapa.org.uk. Doors open at 4pm and close at 9.30pm. As well as racing, we will have 4-lane Mario Kart Racing on the big screen (in the lecture theatre), plus games to play like 'Drop the coin'. Magnetic darts and Pick-up sticks. We will have lucky dips giving you the chance to win prizes, and mini pamper sessions when you've finished on the race track! There will be hot food available to buy, Krispy Kreme donuts, a pick and mix sweetie stall (at the Penny Pit Stop), popcorn, hot and cold drinks and a licensed bar. Please can you help?

To help with our lucky dips, please can you send into the College office a couple of giant lollipops or a pack of chocolate bars before Friday 5 October. Whatever you can donate we will be so pleased to receive. Also, if you are available to help on the night, please let us know as soon as you can at chair18@sapa.org.uk.

And thank you...For all the coat hangers you sent in – we are now well stocked!
Mrs J. McEntee
SAPA Chair

SAPA dates for your diary

Monday 8th October

Second-hand uniform sale 6.30pm to 7pm in the College &

SAPA meeting 7pm in the College

Saturday 13th October

Scalextric Race Night from 4pm to 9.30pm

Sunday 25th November

Christmas Fair 11am—2pm

Friday 8th February 2019

Family Quiz & Games Night

Friday 14th June

Summer Party Bowdon Rugby Club

Polite reminder that **No dogs** are permitted on College premises



Cross Country

John Leigh Park
Saturday 29th Sept
Meet @ 10.20am



U18A, U15A, U14A, U13A, U12A

HOME FIXTURE

Saturday 28th September



U15A, U14A, U14B, U13A,
St Ambrose College
Vs
Stockport Grammar School

10.00am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)

Sale Sharks
Vs
Newcastle
Falcons
Saturday
6th October
Discounted tickets
available!



For further information visit the
Sale Sharks Website

AWAY FIXTURE

Saturday 28th September



1st XV, 2nd XV,
U12A & U12B

Stockport Grammar School
Vs
St Ambrose College

10.00am Kick off

(Students selected have been advised of meet times)