



Saint Ambrose College News Bulletin

5th October 2018

Message from the Principal

Now that we have entered October our attention turns to the importance of praying the rosary. I particularly like a quote from Pope Pius XI who said, "The rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight." This week, some of our 2nd year pupils have started a rota of leading the praying of the rosary in the college chapel. With the quote from Pope Pius XI in mind we should all aim to find time to meditate on the rosary in the coming weeks in order to reflect on our lives, focus our minds on the higher gifts and overcome any 'demons' which may be stopping us from being all we can be.

It is common knowledge that Education Secretary, Damian Hinds is a former student of the college but at the Conservative Party conference in Birmingham this week it was current student Matt Leigh who took to the stage and impressed the delegates. Regardless of political allegiances, we are all proud of Matt's achievements and his rapid rise in the world of politics.

Finally, a huge 'Thank You!' to all those who came to support our Macmillan coffee morning last Friday. It was a resounding success with over £1000 raised. I would like to thank staff who helped to organise the event and those who provided the entertainment.

In this week's bulletin there is an opportunity for the students to design this year's St Ambrose College official Christmas card. Please encourage your son to use his creative talents to the full and participate in this opportunity.

Mr D Rainey

Edmund Rice International

New members of staff were given the opportunity to attend an Edmund Rice Induction Day at Woodeaves last Friday. Staff were able to learn more about the exciting and vibrant network and meet colleagues from other Edmund Rice schools based in England.



Dates for the Diary

W/C 8th October

1st Year Retreat to Castlerigg

18th October

Break up for half-term at 3.35pm

29th October

Return to College



Congratulations to Alexander Allen who has recently passed his LAMDA Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 5 Examination with Distinction



Deputy Head Boy, Matthew Leigh speaking at the Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham



Congratulations to Deputy Head Boy, Matthew Leigh who was selected and introduced as the youngest Council Candidate in the Country by the Chairman of the Conservative Party, Brandon Lewis MP. Matthew spoke ahead of the Prime Minister, Theresa May MP on Wednesday during the Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham.

Christmas 2018 Card Competition

We invite all students to get creative with this years Christmas Card competition.

Please return all entries to the College Office by Monday 29th October



ST. VINCENT'S CHURCH INTERNATIONAL MASS AND CELEBRATION

Sunday 4th November 2018
11.15am

Everyone is welcome to join in celebrating our international community with Mass followed by a shared table at Westleigh.

Any offerings of food would be much appreciated - please drop off at Westleigh by 11am.

Sports News

Rugby Results

Last weekend teams played fixtures against local rivals Stockport G.S. The 1st XV the side won convincingly 42-0 scoring six tries and conversions. Alex Dobson scored a brace of tries having been used as a replacement from our 2nd XV. Tom Gill slotted all conversions and Luke Daldry was named man of the match. Alex Dobson's move up to the Senior side impacted on the 2nd XV who lost a nail biting 29-31. Cian Lambert shone in this game scoring a memorable try from inside his own 22m line. The U15 side won their game, in the first half scoring early tries against a strong Stockport XV. Despite a second half rally from our opponents the side hung on to win relatively comfortably. The U14A side conceded 3 quick tries, which probably cost us the match. Despite a lot of second half possession we could only cross the line once running out 5-17 in defeat. The U14B team by contrast won a comfortable game 50-0 showing the strength of depth in the team. The U13 side proved too strong in all areas and despite using 28 players still won 45-15. In our U12 fixtures both sides won 50-0 proving too strong in every department. Fixtures this weekend against Leeds GS will be more of a test for all sides in what is traditionally our toughest match. On Wednesday our U18 side played their first fixture in the Nat West Cup against Cheadle Hulme School. In a very tough contest, the side ran out 22-0 winners, Alex Dobson scoring again in a man of the match display.

County Under 13 Cup

On Tuesday our U13 squad played in the first round of the County Cup, playing against King's Macclesfield, Stockport G.S, Cheadle Hulme and Bramhall. This year the competitions are spread over 4 areas of the County and a Finals day will see Winners of each group play in the Festival, Runners up in a separate tournament etc. The side started really well and defeated, King's Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme without conceding a try. In the deciding match they faced Saturday's opponents Stockport G.S but reversed that score winning 12-7 to win through to the winners group. Well done to all boys.

Football

On Tuesday our Senior team played against Repton School and won both games convincingly. The squad is smaller than recent years and boys must make every effort to ensure they are available, forgoing work commitments to represent the two sides. A fixture on Wednesday was cancelled at both 1st and 2nd X1 because of poor communication. Boys must make note of the website to keep days free if they are to be selected. U18 and U16 National cups begin shortly and we must be able to pick from our best players if they expect to emulate recent successes.

Cross Country

On Saturday our 3 sides competed in the John Leigh Park races. At Seniors only Tom Middleton competed and ran well against older age groups. In the 2nd and 3rd year race, Second year rugby players Henry Ashby, Ben Hooker and Daniel Green competed for the first time and finished 4th, 6th and 12th respectively to ensure the team race was ours. In the Year 7 race first years Freddie Meredith and Jack Everett were 1st and third respectively and other high places meant a win at that age group also. My thanks to all students and staff involved.

N Handy, Director of Sport

Please help this season!

If anyone can help serve refreshments after matches please email Mr Handy.

mrhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk



SAPA News

Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

During our next meeting, we will start preparing for the Christmas Fair, which will take place on Sunday 25th November. We will also finalise plans for the Scalextric Race Night event. The Christmas Fair is one of our key fundraising events, and there is a lot to organise! If you are able to spare any time, before or during the Fair it would be very much appreciated. Please email chair18@sapa.org.uk <<mailto:chair18@sapa.org.uk>> if you'd like to help.

Scalextric Race Night — Saturday 13th October The Scalextric Race Night is nearly here, but it's not too late to buy your ticket. Please support our fundraising efforts, which are for the benefit of all our boys, and get your tickets in the Parentmail shop before they sell out! We would also be so grateful if you would send in a couple of giant lollipops and/or chocolate bars into the College office. 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

SCALEXTRIC RACE NIGHT
BY MIMIRACING.COM

Where? SAINT AMBROSE COLLEGE, HALE BARN

When? SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2018

Event time? FROM 4.00 TO 9.30PM

Race times: SESSION 1 5.45 - 7.30PM | SESSION 2 7.15 - 9PM

RACES START PROMPTLY AT 6PM & 7.30PM!

£9 PER RACER
TICKETS FROM PARENTMAIL! CHOOSE YOUR RACE TIME

ENTRY ONLY £2 FOR SPECTATORS!
COME AND CHEER THE RACERS!

PIT LANE OPENS 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH RACE

CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR PARENTS! WHO IS THE FASTEST?

HOT FOOD & DRINKS (INCLUDING BAR)
PENNY PIT STOP
KRISPY KREME
DOUGHNUTS
MINI PAMPERS

LIMITED PLACES BOOK NOW!

RACE SEATS AVAILABLE TO BOYS ATTENDING SAINT AMBROSE COLLEGE AND THEIR PARENTS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS

HOME FIXTURE
Saturday 6th October

2nd XV, U16A
U12A, U12B & U12C

St Ambrose College
Vs
The Grammar School at Leeds
10.30am Kick off
(Students selected have been advised of meet times)

AWAY FIXTURE
Saturday 6th October

U15A, U15B, U14A, U14B,
U13A, U13B

The Grammar School at Leeds
Vs
St Ambrose College
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Polite Reminder
No dogs
are permitted on College premises

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