



Saint Ambrose College News Bulletin

12th October 2018

Message from the Principal

.Our new 1st year students have had the opportunity to spend time on retreat at Castlerigg Manor in the Lake District this week. Last Sunday's gospel focused on children being allowed access to Jesus so the scheduling of the retreat was certainly timely. Those that I've spoken to have been very positive about the experience and the opportunity to take time out of the usual school day to reflect on themselves, their lives and the journey that awaits them as Ambrosians. The retreat also offers the opportunity to make and consolidate new friendships which is always key in settling into a new school. Thank you to the staff who accompanied the boys.

At the other end of the college, the gentlemen of the Upper 6th have been busy working on their UCAS applications, particularly those applying for courses requiring early applications. We wish them the very best with their applications.

For those following our social media accounts, you may have noticed a number of events in school being circulated via those channels this week. The enrichment opportunities offered here at St Ambrose have always been strong and a tradition of the school. Among a number of opportunities this week we've had the Key Stage 4 cooking club, whole school Debating Club & CPR training for 6th Form. Again, I would like to thank staff and recognise the opportunities and experiences they provide for the boys. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr D Rainey
Acting Principal

World War One Centenary

Have you ever visited your local war memorial? In the run up to the Centenary of the end of the First World War. Students have been asked to complete a project to remember a soldier who fought in World War One. Students who have a member of their family could complete a display which remembers them. However, we are encouraging all students to visit a war memorial, choose a name, complete some research and produce a display. What better way to remember a soldier who gave his life in this way. We are asking for projects to be handed in by 31st October. There will be a number of events in school during the week beginning the 5th November to commemorate this significant commemoration.
Mrs Scott



Charity Concert

Royal Northern College of Music- 14 October

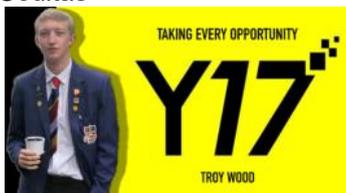
Declan O'Rourke, the renowned Irish singer/songwriter, is to give a special performance of his latest work at the RNCM Manchester on Sunday 14 October 7 30pm.

The concert is in aid of Action Against Hunger, a charity tackling childhood malnutrition. We think it will really appeal to members interested in Irish history and great music. A number of complimentary tickets are available through Liam Ferguson. Contact Liamfergy@gmail.com or 07974922806.

Careers café

This month's Careers café welcomed Troy Wood, founder of Social Media Company Y17 and current upper sixth form student. He gave a relaxed and informal talk to students from all year groups about the experiences that have helped shaped his career choices and his outlook on his future career pathways. The students that came enjoyed cake and juice whilst listening to Troy's stories and advice and we ran out of time to answer all the questions the boys had. Troy's mantra to 'say yes to all opportunities' has clearly helped him on the path to success and we wish him good luck with his new venture.

Mrs Coultas



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



DECLAN O'ROURKE

PLAYS THE CLASSICAL

CHRONICLES OF THE GREAT IRISH FAMINE

THE RITZ THEATRE

SUNDAY 14 OCT 2018

START 19.30

£24.00+BOOKING

RNCM THEATRE

Click HERE for tickets
0161 907 5555

Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL



Please ensure, you top up your son's catering account using Parentmail PMX.



If on occasion, it is necessary for him to bring cash into school, please note we are unable to provide change.



Dates for the Diary

W/C 15th October
Textbook amnesty week

18th October
Break up for half-term at 3.35pm

29th October
Return to College

Sports News

Please help this season!

If anyone can help serve refreshments after matches please email Mr Handy. mnrhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk



On Saturday we played a block set of fixtures against one of our toughest opponents Leeds Grammar School. In 11 fixtures St Ambrose won, the U15 B, U14B, U13A, U13B, U12A and U12B.

A draw was achieved by U13A along with 2nd XV U16s. The U15A and U12C lost by less than two scores in the remaining 3 fixtures. The results speak volumes for the strength of talent throughout the school. Congratulations to the U13, U12A and B sides who have reached half term unbeaten and rank in the top Schools in the Country for their age group the U13 side were unbeaten last year and U12's with the exception of one defeat against Leeds whom they recorded a 70-20 victory against a year later. This side enjoyed success on Thursday in the County Tournament showing the form that took them to wins in County 15 a side and 7 a side tournaments last year. The side recorded wins against Cheadle Hulme School, Sandbach, King's Macclesfield and Altrincham G.S.

On Wednesday evening U13B and C teams played against Stonyhursts Prep School, St Marys Hall and also the U12A and B. Only our 13's B team lost scoring six tries in the process. In the other 3 matches the sides won comfortably in a very good fixture.

In Senior rugby our U18s played Wilmslow on Wednesday in a Nat West /Cheshire Cup double header. Despite losing 8 regulars to injury the team went 5 - 0 up. Unfortunately that was to be our only score in a 5 - 26 reversal. Our Senior players were rested in preparation for this fixture, so it was disappointing to hear boys played and subsequently got injured playing in the game. I hope parents understand our position when resting players. The game is now very physical and knocks and bruises are often worsened when overplaying.

Whilst next week our U12s face their first opponents in the County Cup Festival hosted at the College. As always can I thank parents and students and of course all staff for their hard work this half term. The product of your labours have reached fruition and hopefully will continue in the term leading towards Christmas.

In Football fixtures our 1st X1 played Wilmslow on Wednesday whilst our 2nd X1 played Manchester G.S in the English Schools Cup. Both sides lost but were always in a good position to win the game conceding some poor goals when in scoring positions ourselves. The 1 - 4 reversal didn't reflect our performance at Manchester G.S and the 3 - 4 result at Wilmslow could have gone either way.

Water Polo

6th Form student, Ciaran Byrne continues to catch the eye following GB U18 selection. He has been chosen for another International select team playing in a European tournament hosted by Manchester Aquatics. We wish him every success.

N Handy

Director of Sport

SAPA News

Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

Scalextric Race Night—Saturday 13th October

Thank you so much to everyone who has bought tickets. We hope it will be a really fun event, and a great chance to meet other families. Please remember to get there early, before your race is due to start (either 4.15pm, 5.45pm or 7.15pm) – doors will open at 4pm. You will also be able to buy hot food (hot dogs, burgers, fries, etc.), popcorn, sweets from the Penny Pit Stop, hot and cold drinks (including alcoholic ones) throughout the event, but please don't take it near the race track.

Christmas Fair 11am to 2pm Sunday 25th November

Plans are now under way for the Christmas Fair, but we need your help! Can you donate a raffle prize? Or maybe run a stall at the Fair, or help set up from 3.30pm on Friday 23rd November to get everything ready. We also need help taking in donations before and after school in the week starting Monday 19 November – just 30 minutes of your time. If you can help in any way, please contact us now at chair18@sapa.org.uk.

Mrs J McEntee

SAPA Chair

SAPA Dates for your Diary

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 MINI RACING

Where? SAINT AMBROSE COLLEGE, HALE BARNES

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 PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS)

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

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

LIMITED PLACES BOOK NOW!

PIT LANE OPENS 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH RACE

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

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

Polite Reminder

No dogs

are permitted on College premises



Cross Country

John Leigh Park
Saturday 13th October
Meet @ 10.20am



U18, U15, U14, U13, U12

HOME FIXTURE
Saturday 13th October



Cancelled

St Ambrose College
Vs
Knutsford Academy



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