

Saint Ambrose College Weekly News Bulletin



Friday 8th Sepember 2023

A Message from the Principal

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2023-24 academic year. I would like to extend a particular welcome to the parents/carers of our new year 7 intake and also to the parents and carers of the new students who have joined us in our



Sixth Form. I hope the students themselves have felt welcome and enjoyed their first few days as Ambrosians.

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer. Should we need to be aware of any pastoral updates, please inform your son's form tutor in the first instance. In more serious cases, please note that Mr Groves is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) with Miss Dean being our Deputy DSL.

If you haven't yet read the correspondence sent yesterday, please do so, particularly with regard to next week's information evenings. I am aware that some parents of year 8 and year 10 pupils have a clash with Loreto's speech night in Manchester but we aren't able to shuffle things around at this stage, partly due to having Elevate already booked in. We will ensure that the slides are accessible on our website.

As luck would have it, we are starting to get a reasonable run of weather having had a frustrating summer break weather wise. The forecast doesn't suggest that the current temperatures will run too far into next week so we won't be making any amendments to uniform as things stand.

The excitement amongst the students for the beginning of the new rugby season was evident in the numbers already attending lunchtime training but with the World Cup just weeks away, there certainly seems to be a little bit more rugby fever. With that in mind, a reminder for all year groups that there will be training tomorrow (Saturday) from 10am-12pm preparation for the new season.

A reminder, also, for parents and carers not to drive onto the site to drop off or pick up your son(s). With so many staff and students walking around the site before and after the school day we need to make sure that they are safe. Indeed, we would encourage public transport, walking or cycling as alternative and sustainable ways of getting to and from school. If you need somewhere to park to wait for your son, there is a sizeable car park at the main shopping precinct (Booth's) in Hale Barns.

At Mass last Sunday I was taken by Fr Tony's homily. He spoke eloquently about an issue that I, have been frustrated by for quite a while; the idea of 'cancel culture' in the era of social media. I won't go in to specific cases because clearly there are extremes, but over the past couple of years, there seems to be

a growing willingness for people to organise a 'pile on' whenever someone makes a mistake or acts inappropriately. It can even happen when someone simply has a difference of opinion. The idea that celebrities, for example, should never be heard of again professionally if they put a foot wrong is a dangerous message.

The reason I am writing about it here is because our students are part of a generation where they put so much online and we are constantly trying to educate them around the dangers and consequences. In the modern world, every action can be and often is scrutinised in depth. I am not saying that people shouldn't be accountable for their actions – of course there needs to be clear contrition, repentance and penance, but what message are we sending if we have a societal norm of people never having the opportunity to be welcomed back into the fold? It certainly doesn't resonate with what we hear in the Gospels but as we know, it can be easier to remain silent given potential backlash and even our own isolation. I have written before about the idea of advocacy being so strong here at St Ambrose College; perhaps we will put even further emphasis on justice, forgiveness and reconciliation in the year ahead to at least try to do our bit to redress what appears to be an imbalance.

I mentioned the rugby World Cup earlier and it starts with a belter tonight as hosts France take on New Zealand but there might be a few nervous England fans reading this given recent form — tomorrow's tough game against Argentina already feels crucial. I know a few parents are NFL fans so a nod to that as well with the opening round of games taking place this weekend. Unfortunately the Kansas City Chiefs have already lost their opening game.

Finally, we have a vacancy at the moment for either a cover supervisor or a teaching assistant. We would accept a hybrid role covering both positions for interested candidates. Please bring this vacancy to the attention of anyone you feel might be interested.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week. Until then, have a safe weekend and enjoy the warm weather while it lasts.

Mr D Rainey Principal



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Dates for Year

12th September	Year 11 Parent Information Evening @5:30pm Year 9 Parent Information Evening @ 6:45pm
13th September	Year 10 Parent Information Evening @ 5.30pm Year 8 Parent Information Evening @ 6.45pm
14th September	Year 12 Parent Information Evening @ 5.30pm
15th September	Societies Fayre (lunchtime around Lecture Theatre)
19th September	Year 7 & Year 12 School Photographs
20th September	Year 9 School Photographs
21st September	Year 7 Parent/Student Settling In Meeting (6-7pm)
22nd September	INSET (only Year 12 in attendance)

You can still pop your blue token in our box in the Tesco stores listed below **until the end of**

September 2023.

4787 Altrincham Exp WA15 7DD Small unit 2019 Altrincham Extra WA15 9QT 2 x large unit 5479 Hale Express WA15 9SX Small unit



Project name:

St Ambrose College

Enhancing Cooking Practical Skills

Altrincham

Helping to improve the practical skills of teenage of boys, to enable them to prepare and cook nutritious meals for themselves and their families.

The project with the highest number of votes will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500.

Money from the project will go towards providing ingredients for a **KS3 lunchtime cooking club from September** and also to purchase equipment needed.

If you are in any of the above stores between now and the end of September, please support us by popping a blue token or three in our box!

Thank you!





THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. HUGH AND ST. JOHN

314 MANCHESTER ROAD, WEST TIMPERLEY, ALTRINCHAM WA14 5NB

Tel: 0161 973 1694, E-mail: office@sthughandstjohntimperley.co.uk



St Hugh & St John are now accepting registration for the 2024 Confirmation. Attached are the leaflet and the invitation letter that explain the preparation process for the course. Please ensure that response reaches us by THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, for those accepting the invitation.

For those in year 8 and above, the confirmation ENROLMENT Mass is scheduled on October 8th at 10.30am. The Sacrament of Confirmation itself will take place during the Mass on Friday, January 26th, 2024, at 7pm.

This notice is also available on our website https://www.sthughandstjohntimperley.co.uk/notice_board.htm

Their emails don't always get through, please send an acknowledgement that this has been received.

Full Time - Teaching Assistant & Cover Supervisor 36.25 hours per week

Term time only

NJC grade 4, points 7 to 11

(Actual salary £19,240 to £20,690)



St Ambrose College has an exciting opportunity for a full-time support staff role as Teaching Assistant & Cover Supervisor. This post is unique in that the successful applicant will be joining the new SENDCo to drive SEND forward at St Ambrose whilst also being able to assist with cover lessons as a Cover Supervisor.

Please note that candidates **must** apply using the Catholic Education Service application form, which can be found attached to this advert and also at www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk. Applications which are not on the CES application form will not be accepted.

Please contact us if you need any help with the form or if you would like us to post a paper copy.

Please send completed applications via email to recruitment@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk.

Please contact office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk or 0161 980 2711 if you would like to discuss the role with Mrs Kath Keary (SENDCo), Mr Patrick Groves (Vice Principal) or Mr Matthew Cook (Assistant Principal)

Closing date for applications: **Monday 18 September 2023 at 9am.** Interviews to take place the same week commencing from 20th September 2023.



SPORTS UPDATE

Senior & U16 Football

Senior and Under 16 Footballers Boys have the opportunity to purchase a full kit which should be worn to matches and in Games lessons. The total cost is £25 for shirts, socks and shorts. Goalkeepers kit is also available. Mr Cutting will be selecting squads in the coming weeks and boys will need the kit for matches starting at the end of the month. Please pay using the Parent Pay system.

Head Injury Risk Assessment

There has been a lot of discussion on the news about concussion and direct links to dementia etc in contact sports. The RFU have a very useful video which I would recommend all parents to watch outlining what we should do if we suspect a potential concussion. You can find this on https://keepyourbootson.co.uk/rugbysafe-toolkit/headcase/ and is appropriate for all contact sports.

Shin Pads

Parents and students are reminded that shin pads are required to participate in football in PE and Games lessons. This will be fully enforced from Monday 11th September

KUKRI Online Shop

Personalised rugby shirts The Kukri Shop will be opening again shortly. If you missed the first opportunity to order a personalised rugby shirt please contact the College via email office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk to be added to the waiting list. As advised KUKRI will only reopen the online shop when there are a minimum of ten orders.

We do have some older style reversible Games shirts available to purchase as a replacement. The shirts are £10 and we have various sizes available.

200 Club

Parents are reminded of our 200 Club which has monthly draws to raise money for School Sport. The Direct Debit mandate can be found on the School website and parents are encouraged to support the Sports Committee who run this. For £10 a month parents can win £100 with three bumper prizes of £250 in Summer and Xmas draws, The School receive half of the monies collected and use this to support our extensive Sports programme. Please return completed forms to any Sports staff. I was delighted to return to school last week a find 38 new 200 club parents who had sent in their DD forms. These are being processed and should hopefully be included in the October draw.

School sports Website:

The vast majority of fixtures are available to view on : http://www.sacsport.org.uk/?id=332

Cup matches will be updated when confirmed.

On Saturday 9^{th} we are holding rugby training sessions for all years from 10am - 12. Pupils are to attend in kit.

Rugby fixtures commence on Saturday 16th V Kirkham GS (please see School sports website for more details)

I would encourage all parents to support their sons involvement in the Sports we offer at St Ambrose. Please help in whatever way you can but remember it isn't just your son playing. Encourage and promote all that we value; sportsmanship, skill, effort and dedication. I hope you will enjoy all that the coming year offers.

Sports Training Timetable

Please find the Sports Facility timetable on the next page which has already been emailed to your son. All students are encouraged to take part in at least one physical activity and we have tried to offer as wide a choice of Winter Sports as possible, House competitions will also be starting very soon in their Games lessons. The water polo lessons after school are a paid for activity and will start when numbers are confirmed. All other practices begin in the week commencing Monday 11th September. We have lunchtime practices to ensure all students have an equal opportunity to compete for School team selection. The exception is in Senior football where boys are asked to stay until 5pm for their practices and year 10/11 basketball (although basketball will be an option in the year 10&11 games lessons) Boys can wear appropriate non-school kit for practices to enable parents time to wash Games and PE kit which should be worn in curricular lessons. Any boys unable to take part in those lessons should bring a note or alternatively join teachers in the swimming pool or Fitness suite where an appropriate activity will be given to assist their injury. Please make sure your son has the appropriate kit for all lessons.

Mr M Fitzsimon

Director of Sport



SPORTS UPDATE

Practices	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Pre School							
Sports Hall							
Pool		Staff Swim		Staff Swim			
Fitness Suite			Years 9-13				
Practices	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Lunchtime							
All Weather	Year 7 Rugby (MF PR HD)	Year 10 Rugby (PH)	Year 9 Rugby (LC, ME)	Year 10 Rugby (PH)	Year 9 Rugby (LC, ME)		
Back Pitch		Year 8 Rugby (CT, SB)	Year 7 Rugby (MF PR HD)	Year 8 Rugby (CT, SB)	Year 7 Rugby (MF PR HD)		
1st XV Pitch		Senior Rugby (DD, JC)	Year 11 Rugby (DD)	Senior Rugby (DD, JC)	Senior Rugby (DD, JC)		
X-Country	All years (SA)		All years (SA)				
Sports Hall	Badminton years 7&8	Basketball Year 7 (CT)	Basketball Year 8/9 (PH)	Badminton years 9-11 (MF)	6th Form Basketball		
Pool	Year 10-13 Water polo (JM)	Year 9/10 Water polo & L1,2 Swimmers (PC, JM)	Year 8 Water polo (PC)	Year 7 Water polo (PC)	Swimming (PC)		
Fitness Suite	Years 9-13 (CT)	Years 9-13 (SA)	Years 9-13 (DS)		Years 9-13 (SA)		
Practices	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
After School							
All Weather		6th form Football (JC)		Year 11 Football (JC)			
Sports Hall	Circuits			Year 10/11 Basketball (SG)			
Pool	Year 10 Water polo (JM)	Year 7 Water polo (PC)	Year 8 Water polo (PC)	Year 9 Water polo (PC)	Prep (JM)		
Fitness Suite		All years (SA)	All years (SA)	All years (SA)	All years (SA)		



SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS





The Saint Ambrose College social media accounts are a great way to keep up-to-date with school activities, achievements, news and associations. For those who have joined us in September, here are the ones you can follow:

School Twitter @StAmbroseColl

Mr Rainey Twitter @PrincipalSAC

Careers Twitter @ambrosecareers

Maths Twitter @AmbroseMaths

Instagram @stambrosecollege_art/

Website www.sacart.org

Instagram @stambrose_eng

RE Twitter @stAmbroseCollRE

Sport—@StAmbroseSports

Music Twitter @SAmbroseMusic

Science Twitter @AmbroseScience

Drama Twitter @stambroseDrama

Business Twitter @Business Ambrose

Sixth From Instagram @stambrosesixthform

Chaplaincy Twitter @StambroseC

Immersion @stambImmersion

SAPA @stambrosepa



SPORTS PRESENTATION DINNER 2022/23

On Tuesday 18th July we celebrated a year of sporting successes with our annual Sports Presentation. We celebrated the years achievements with the awarding of sports colours, and special achievement awards. 180 boys attended with our special guest, Connor Doherty (an Old Boy of the school)

AND THE WINNERS WERE...

The individual player of the

year for Rugby are awarded at A and B

team Level:

U12 A: Chukwubuka O

U12 B: Joe A
U13 A: Adam L
U13 B: James M
U14 A: Cillian
U14 B: Luca R

U15 A: Jude D U15 B: Alex B

Individual Cross Country winners:

Year 7: Shea G Year 8: Remi P Year 9: Tomas A Year 10: James O

The individual swimming winners were:

Year 7

Back: Alfie P Breast: Joe R Fly: Fernando D Crawl: Elliot S

Year 8

Back: Sam M Breast: Jude E Fly: Andrew S Crawl: Logan M

Year 9

Back: Noah L Breast: Michael P Fly: Matthew W Crawl: Tom I Year 10

Back: Charlie C Breast: Antoni P Fly: Tomas H Crawl: George P

The Victor Lodorum Winners – the award for the most individual points on sports day

goes to:

Year 7: Zac F Year 8: Manav S Year 9: Liam O Year 10: Tomas H

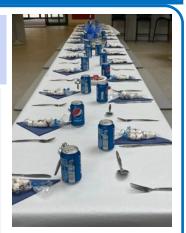
Sports Committee Prizes for Outstanding Sportsmanship — this prize is awarded to sportsmen who display sportsmanship characteristics throughout their performances across a number of house and school competitions.

Year 7: Alex S Year 8: Tom H Year 9: Oli T

Year 10: Benedict K

<u>Sports Committee Prizes for Outstanding</u> <u>Sportsman – this award is given to the outstanding sportsman of the Year.</u>

Year 7: Tom N Year 8: Logan M Year 9: Gabriel M Year 10: Tomas H











SPORTS PRESENTATION DINNER 2022/23





































Congratulations on completing your first week at St. Ambrose College! We are thrilled to have you as part of our school community and hope that your journey with us will be both fulfilling and enriching.

Throughout this week, we have been truly impressed by your enthusiasm, dedication, and the excellent work you have produced. Your engagement in various activities, including the "Show and Tell" on your summer experiences and the research project on important topics, has been outstanding. We are proud of the effort you've put into exploring the following areas:

- Who is Blessed Edmund Rice?
- Learning about the life and contributions of our founder is a vital part of understanding our school's values and mission.
- What makes a Christian Brothers school unique?
- Discovering the distinctive qualities of Christian Brothers education and how they shape our ethos.
- What are the eight essentials?
- Exploring the core values that guide our school community and inspire personal growth.
- How may the eight essentials influence your education at St. Ambrose?
- Reflecting on how these essentials will impact your journey and interactions during your time here.
- Who was St. Ambrose of Milan? How might he influence Ambrosians today?
- Learning about the patron saint of our college and how his principles can guide our lives.
- Can you recognize any symbols on the school badge? What might they stand for?
- Understanding the significance of the symbols on our school badge and how they represent our identity.
- Why is the school badge important?
- Recognizing the importance of our school emblem in building a sense of belonging and pride in our community.

Your commitment to these tasks demonstrates not only your academic potential but also your willingness to embrace the values and traditions that define St. Ambrose College. We encourage you to continue exploring, asking questions, and engaging actively in your educational journey here. Your curiosity and dedication will undoubtedly make a significant impact not only on your own growth but also on the entire school community.

As you settle into your new surroundings, remember that you have a support network of teachers, staff, and fellow students who are here to help and guide you. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance with anything.

Once again, congratulations on a fantastic first week, Year 7! We are excited to see how you

will continue to excel and contribute to our vibrant school community. Together, we will make this year a memorable and enriching experience.

Welcome to St.

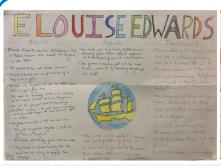
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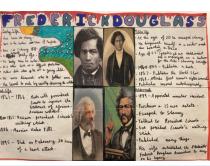


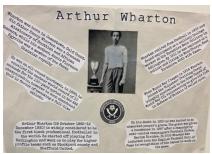




Bee & the Ship Project







Year 8 Project The Bee and the Ship

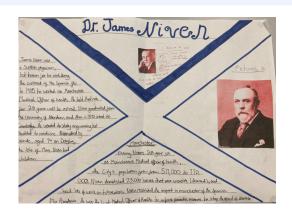
This was a project completed at the end of last year by the current Year 9 who researched key individuals from Manchester's past. Some of the work appeared in the calendar at the end of last year. However, more of their work has since been handed in which is displayed in this weeks newsletter.

Students researched the impact Mancunians (and those linked with Manchester) have had on this country and the wider world. The project also reflects the debate over the inclusion of the ship on the Manchester Coat of Arms (The ship also appears on the Manchester City and Manchester United badges). Recently some have questioned the inclusion of the ship on the coat of arms, due to its connections with the slave trade, however many believe it is a reflection of 'free trade'. The Bee is also included on the Coat of Arms and it is the worker bee which reflects more closely the impact of the individuals that the students studied. Students have created a display which includes work on more famous individuals connected to Manchester such as L.S Lowry, the Pankhursts, Charles Halle, James Joule and Alan Turing. However, students have also studied less well known individuals such as

- Madge Addy nurse in the Spanish Civil War and World War Two Spy who lived in Chorlton.
- John Alcock who made the first non-stop transatlantic flight with Arthur Brown
- Dr Catherine Chisolm founder of the Manchester Babies Hospital
- Eloise Edwards political activist
- Henry Hunt the speaker at St Peters Fields before the Peterloo massacre.
- Len Jonson the uncrowned British boxing star who broke the colour bar in the Old Abbey Taphouse pub in 1953
- Kath Locke political activist
- Sunny Lowry the first British women to successfully swim the channel.
- Dr James Niven pioneer of social distancing in Manchester during the Spanish Flu
- T. Ras Mckonnen who set up the 5th Pan-African Congress in Manchester after World War Two
- Arthur Wharton -widely considered to be the first black professional footballer in the world. (played for Staybridge and Stockport County).

Students have also been encouraged to visit the places in Manchester and surroundings connected with these individuals. Why not try to visit them yourselves at the weekend?









SIXTH FORM The Sutton Trust

During the first week of the summer holiday, I travelled to the United States as part of the Sutton Trust US program to experience what undergraduate study is like at prestigious institutions. We stayed in MIT dormitories for the week and had a guided tour of the campus, which had state of the art laboratories and sports facilities. Each day was amazing and eye opening as we discovered the endless opportunities that undergraduate study in the USA offered. We visited many institutions ranging from small liberal arts colleges to large research universities such as Harvard, MIT, Tufts, Dartmouth, and Wellesley. We also had the opportunity

to experience the student life in Boston as we ate at American fast-food chains such as Wendy's, Chipotle and Dunkin Donuts. Furthermore, we visited many attractions in the city such as the MIT museum, Boston Tea party museum, art galleries, Target and walked on the Boston Freedom Trail. Through this visit I learned about the rich history of Boston and immersed myself in the wonderful American culture.

To learn more about who Sutton Trust are and what they do, you can check them out at

www.suttontrust.com







Abel J—Year 13

This summer, I explored higher education in USA as part of the Sutton Trust US program. We landed in New York and stayed at Yale University for the duration of our trip and got to explore all New Haven area has to offer, like the Yale art gallery. We visited prestigious institutions like Harvard, Wesleyan, Amherst, and Columbia, providing a diverse view of U.S. education and campus life. We also got to see New York City, we scaled the iconic Rockefeller Centre, indulged in New Yorkstyle pizza, and explored the world famous Met gallery. This trip deepened my understanding of higher education possibilities and broadened my cultural horizons, leaving an indelible mark on my academic aspirations.

Dewi M—Year 13





STUDENT SUCCESS

Congrats to Lachlan B—Year 12

Who qualified for both the British and English Summer
Championships finishing 8th in GB 200m, also winning silver
in the 100m back stroke and bronze in the 200m back
stroke at the English Championships. To top it off and
despite tough competition, Lachlan has been accepted onto
the Diploma in Sporting Excellence programme for
swimming, which is part of the Swim England Talent
Pathway.





Well Done Thomas M—Year 9
Who plays for Stoke City was invited to take part in the Rey Cup in Iceland with the older age group (U15's). They won the cup playing against Blackburn Rovers in the fi-



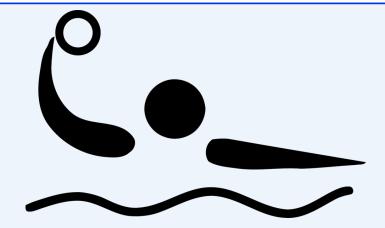
Congratulations Christopher S— Year 12

Who passed his grade 8 trumpet exam with a merit over the summer.









Calling all water polo players!

Regional trials for water polo are taking place during September for Under-14s – please sign up using the link below:

UNDER 14s Link https://swimnorthwest.org/event-course/senw-water-polo-u14-inter-regional-academy/

There is also a link for UNDER 16s provided below for those that haven't entered and would still like to be considered:

UNDER 16s Link https://www.swimming.org/waterpolo/water-polo-talent-centre/

If any boys have questions please speak to Mrs Chandler in school.



WELCOME BACK!

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW YEAR 7 PARENTS, CARERS AND BOYS!

SAPA Meetings

Get involved! The date of our next meeting is **TBC**Unfortunately we have had to rearrange our first meeting due to a clash with the school calendar but it will be rearranged within the next 2 weeks.

The AGM will also be announced soon and everybody is welcome to attend.

It would be lovely to meet any new parents who wish to be part of the group!

If you can't make the meeting but you have something you would like the SAPA volunteers to discuss please contact us on the email below in advance.

Please email chair@sapa.org.uk for more information



SAPA SUMMER NEWS!

TO ALL YEAR 8 PARENTS AND BOYS: WE DESPERATELY NEED GOOD CONDITION

YEAR 7 UNIFORM



Our stocks are depleted after our amazing sales and we desperately need donations of:

TIES · BLAZERS · SPORTS SOCKS · RUGBY TOPS KUKRI RUGBY SHORTS · INDOOR PE KIT

PLEASE COULD YOU SEND THEM INTO THE COLLEGE RECEPTION SO WE CAN HELP THE NEW YEAR 7 PARENTS WHO ARE WAITING FOR ITEMS TO COME IN!

Please keep sending in all other sizes and items as usual.



General Notices

ATTENDANCE

The School Day

Please can we remind all students to ensure they are on-site by 08:55, all boys should be in their form rooms at 09:00 for registration.

All students should enter the building using the student entrance **not** Main Reception (this is only for late arrivals). Students who have two or more late marks in one week will receive an after-school detention.

Parents/Carers – please do not use the College car park as a drop-off point at the beginning or end of the day. This is for the safety of our students.

For further guidance please refer to our Attendance Policy available on the website: <u>St Ambrose College (stambrosecollege.org.uk)</u>

Medical Appointments

If your son has a medical appointment please try and make them after school or if not as close to the end of the school day as possible. Please give advance notice of appointments in writing attaching copies of medical letters/appointment cards and email them to attendance@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

PASTORAL/WELL-BEING ISSUES

Please contact your son's form tutor in the first instance and they will resolve or pass on as required. For urgent matters relating to safeguarding or pastoral care, please contact Mr Groves, our Designated Safeguarding Lead: mrpgroves@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

ONLINE SAFETY

Students' online safety is important to us. We encourage parents to visit our website for advice and guidance Saint Ambrose College - Online Safety (st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)

Useful resources can also be found by visiting:

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

https://parentinfo.org/

https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/default.aspx

More general advice and information about the latest apps is available from Net Aware https://www.net-aware.org.uk/