



Saint Ambrose College

Weekly News Bulletin



@PrincipalSAC

Friday 15th September 2023

A Message from the Principal

The first full week with students on site has been a long one when we consider that parents and carers of all year groups apart from year 7 have been in school for information evenings. Thank you to all those who attended and for your continued support. I did say that I would give any information that was not covered on the night in this week's newsletter and we had a follow up question regarding the maximum daily spend available to students. At present, students can spend a maximum of £10 per day (the system doesn't specify what time of day e.g. lunch) but parents and carers can request that a message be attached [to their son's purchases for the attention of members of our catering team. If you wish to do so, please email Mrs Dalton using finance@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](#). The remainder of the information presented during the week will be uploaded to the website early next week.



the national vase on Wednesday afternoon. All other age groups get their seasons underway tomorrow with the first full suite of fixtures. We wish them well. I wonder whether we see more drop goal attempts in the coming weeks given the tactics deployed by England and George Ford in their impressive opening win against Argentina last weekend. New Zealand were underwhelming last week so everyone will want to watch Derry City vs Shamrock Rovers tonight instead. Having suffered two penalty shoot-out defeats in the space of 3 days in August (has that ever happened before?), you'd have to hope that there will be a change of fortunes in the shape of a league championship win as the season draws to a close.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mr D Rainey
Principal

The lecture theatre and surrounding areas were bustling this lunchtime as we launched our Clubs and Societies Fayre for 2023/24. Please encourage your son(s) to join and participate in as many opportunities as he is able to. We encourage the boys to try something new as well as insist that they are involved in one club that requires physical activity. The information is available within the newsletter as well as on our website here: [Clubs & Societies](#)

We have been in touch with different bus companies/operators regarding the issues that the students and indeed parents/carers are experiencing. We know that the 765 is particularly problematic having changed their school collection strategy from last year. We will keep you updated as and when we get significant communication or changes but I have to encourage parents and carers to also get on to the relevant bus companies to put the pressure on. As a school, we are limited in what we can do.

We look forward to reading about today's Year 13 trip to Oxford in next week's newsletter. Thank you to Mr Brady and Mrs Barlow for organising and accompanying the students.

Some parents and carers are aware that some schools in the Chester area went into lockdown earlier in the week. Although this is a situation that no school wants to be faced with, it is something that we are mindful of and have a policy for. To ensure due diligence, we will be trialling how our lockdown strategy works in the coming weeks. We appreciate that this might be something which causes some anxiety for the students so we would appreciate it if you could discuss it at home and let us know if you have any particular concerns.

Last Saturday's rugby training paid dividends for the first XV who secured a comfortable 48-0 victory against AGSB in the first round of



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Dates for Year

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)
4th October	Year 11 School Photograph

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!



NOTICES

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>

Sporting fixtures commence:

Rugby

On Saturday 1th we have our first round of Rugby fixtures Vs Kirkham GS

1st XV, 2nd XV, U16, U12A&B are at AWAY

U15A, U14A, U13A,13B are HOME

The meet time for the teams travelling AWAY is 8.15 am

On Tuesday 13th September our 1st XV began their Continental Vase campaign with an home victory 42-0 over local rival Altrincham GS. They will now face either Sandbach or Ellesmere College in Round 2.

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 TIMETABLE

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	Handball(7-9)		Year 10/11 Basketball (SG)	
Pool	Year 10 Water polo (JM)	Year Water polo 9 (PC)	Year 7 Water polo (PC)	Year 8 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 @BusinessAmbrose

Sixth Form Instagram @stambrosesixthform

Chaplaincy Twitter @StambroseC

Immersion @stambImmersion

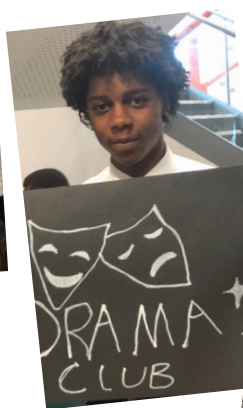
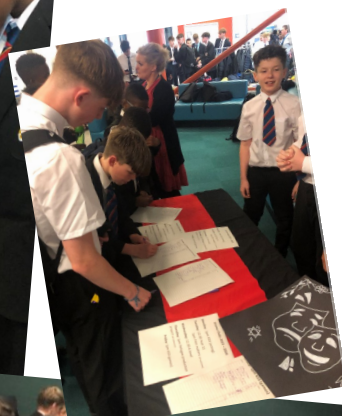
SAPA @stambrosepa



CLUBS & SOCIETIES

The Lecture Theatre and corridor area was hive of activity with students and teachers at lunchtime with the eagerly anticipated launch of this years clubs & societies timetable. From chess enthusiasts, drama aficionados to budding scientists, it's an excellent opportunity for students to discover new passions, make new friends, and enrich their school experience.

Clubs & Societies





CLUBS & SOCIETIES Timetable

	Monday Week 1	Tuesday Week 1	Wednesday Week 1	Thursday Week 1	Friday Week 1
Before	Fitness Suite from 8am		Circuits Sports Hall from 7:45am		Fitness Suite from 8am
	Brass Band Club Room 2108 12:30pm	Film Makers Drama Studio 12:30pm	School of Rock Room 2305 12:30pm	Jazz Band Room 2305 12:30pm	Philosophy Cafe Room 3406 12:35pm
	Choir Room 2305 12:30pm	Drama Club Y11 only Drama Studio 12:30pm	Woodwind Group Room 2108 12:30pm	Senior Rugby All-weather Pitch 12:30pm	Model UN Society Room 2405 12:30pm
	Chess Club Room 2408 12:30pm	Music Tech Club Room 2305 12:30pm	Maths Clinic KS3 Room 3202 12:30pm	Rugby Y8 Back Pitch 12:30pm	Maths Clinic KS5 Room 3204 (Y12) Room 3205 (Y13) 12:30pm
	Rugby Y7 All-weather Pitch 12:30pm	GCSE Music Theory Club Room 2108 1pm	Rugby Y7 All-weather Pitch 12:30pm	Rugby Y10 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm	Rugby Y9 All-weather Pitch 12:30pm
	Cross Country All Years 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm	Senior Rugby All-weather Pitch 12:30pm	Rugby Y9 Back Pitch 12:30pm	Badminton Y12 & 13 Sports Hall 12:30pm	Rugby Y7 Back Pitch 12:30pm
	Badminton Y7 & 8 Sports Hall 12:30pm	Rugby Y8 Back Pitch 12:30pm	Rugby Y11 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm	Water Polo Y7 Pool 12:30pm	Senior Rugby 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm
	Fitness Suite Y9 - 13 12:30pm	Rugby Y10 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm	Basketball Y8 & 9 Sports Hall 12:30pm	Drama Refugee Production Project Drama Studio 1pm	6 th Form Basketball Sports Hall 12:30pm
	Water Polo Y10 - 13 12:30pm	Basketball Y7 Sports Hall 12:30pm	Water Polo Y8 Pool 12:30pm	History KS4 Room 2405 12:30pm – 1:00pm	School Swim Team Pool 12:30pm
	Acting for KS3 Drama Studio 1pm	Water Polo Y9 & 10 Pool 12:30pm	Fitness Suite Y9 - 13 12:30pm	Y11 Study Club Room 1401 1:00pm	Fitness Suite All Years 12:30pm
	History Film Club Room 2405 12:30pm	Fitness Suite Y9 - 13 12:30pm	Cross Country All Years 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm	Geography Society Room 2406 12:45pm	Orchestra Room 2305 12:30pm
		Chemistry Society Science Area 1pm	History Society Room 2408 1pm	Creative Writing Club Room 2503 12:30pm	Cooking Club Room 1211 12:30pm
		Maths Puzzle Club Room 3204 12:50pm	Drama Club Y12 – 13 only Drama Studio 12:30pm		Drama Games KS3 Drama Studio 1pm
			Physics and Astronomy Society Room 2203 12:45pm		Politics Society Room 2404 1:00pm
			Computing Club KS3 Room 3407		Dungeons and Dragons Room tbc 12:30pm
			Oxbridge Society Room 2403 12:30pm		
After	Fitness Suite All Years from 3:35pm	Fitness Suite All Years from 3:35pm	Fitness Suite All Years from 3:35pm	Fitness Suite All Years from 3:35pm	Fitness Suite All Years from 3:35pm
	Water Polo Y10 Pool 3:35pm – 4:30pm	Senior Football All-weather pitch from 3:35pm	Water Polo Y7 Pool from 3:35pm – 4:30pm	Football Y11 All-weather Pitch	
		Water Polo Y9 Pool 3:35pm – 4:30pm		Water Polo Y8 Pool 3:35pm – 4:30pm	
		Handball Years 7-9 Sports Hall 3:35PM		Basketball Y10 & 11 Sports Hall	

	Monday Week 2	Tuesday Week 2	Wednesday Week 2	Thursday Week 2	Friday Week 2
Before	Fitness Suite from 8am		Circuits from 7:45am		Fitness Suite from 8am
	Acting for KS3 Drama Studio 1pm	Film Makers Drama Studio 12:30pm	History Society Room 2408 1pm	Jazz Band Room 2305 12:30pm	Philosophy Cafe Room 3406 12:35pm
	Brass Band Club Room 2108 12:30pm	Drama Club Y11 only Drama Studio 12:30pm	School of Rock Room 2305 12:30pm	Senior Rugby All-weather Pitch 12:30pm	Model UN Society Room 2405 12:30pm
	Choir Music Room 2305 12:30pm	Music Tech Club Room 2305 12:30pm	Woodwind Group Room 2108 12:30pm	Rugby Y8 Back Pitch 12:30pm	Orchestra Music Room 12:30pm
	Chess Club Room 2408 12:30pm	GCSE Music Theory Club Room 2108 1pm	Maths Clinic KS3 Room 3202 12:30pm	Rugby Y10 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm	Maths Clinic KS5 Room 3204 (Y12) Room 3205 (Y13) 12:30pm
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	Cross Country All Years 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm	Rugby Y8 Back Pitch 12:30pm	Rugby Y9 Back Pitch 12:30pm	Water Polo Y7 Pool 12:30pm	Rugby Y7 Back Pitch 12:30pm
	Badminton Y7 & 8 Sports Hall 12:30pm	Rugby Y10 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm	Rugby Y11 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm	Drama Refugee Production Project Drama Studio 1pm	Senior Rugby 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm
	Fitness Suite Y9 - 13 12:30pm	Basketball Y7 Sports Hall 12:30pm	Basketball Y8 & 9 Sports Hall 12:30pm	History KS4 Room 2405 12:30pm – 1:00pm	6 th Form Basketball Sports Hall 12:30pm
	Water Polo Y10 - 13 12:30pm	Water Polo Y9 & 10 Pool 12:30pm	Water Polo Y8 Pool 12:30pm	Science Club KS3 Room 2206 12:30pm	School Swim Team Pool 12:30pm
	History Film Club Room 2405 12:30pm	Fitness Suite Y9 - 13 12:30pm	Fitness Suite Y9 - 13 12:30pm	Geography Society Room 2406 12:45pm	Fitness Suite All Years 12:30pm
		Chemistry Society Science Area 1pm	Cross Country All Years 1 st XV Pitch 12:30pm	Y11 Study Club Room 1407 1:00pm	Cooking Club Room 1211 12:30pm
		Maths Puzzle Club Room 3204 12:50pm	Drama Club Y12 – 13 only Drama Studio 12:30pm	Creative Writing Club Room 2503 12:30pm	Drama Games KS3 Drama Studio 1pm
			Maths Puzzle Club Room 3204 12:30pm		Politics Society Room 2404 1:00pm
			Physics and Astronomy Society Room 2203 12:45pm		Dungeons and Dragons Room tbc 12:30pm
			Computing Club KS3 Room 3407		
			Oxbridge Society Room 2403 12:30pm		
			Learn to Knit Room tbc 12:30pm		
After	Fitness Suite All Years from 3:35pm	Fitness Suite All Years from 3:35pm	Fitness Suite All Years from 3:35pm	Fitness Suite All Years from 3:35pm	Fitness Suite All Years from 3:35pm
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		Water Polo Y9 Pool 3:35pm – 4:30pm		Water Polo Y8 Pool 3:35pm – 4:30pm	
		Handball Years 7-9 Sports Hall 3:35PM		Basketball Y10 & 11 Sports Hall	



RUGBY at Trafford MV

If you have a son or daughter who is interested in playing rugby, Trafford MV are welcoming new members, see the poster below for more information.

Sunday Mornings are more than just coffee, papers and croissants!



Mini, Junior and Girls Rugby is for all!

For more details please contact:

Mini/Juniors (U4-U16's) - Greg Hawkins - 07834857905

Girls - u13-16s - Justine Thatcher - 07784396765

TMV, McPherson Park, Finny Bank Road, Sale, M33 6LR



STUDENT SUCCESS

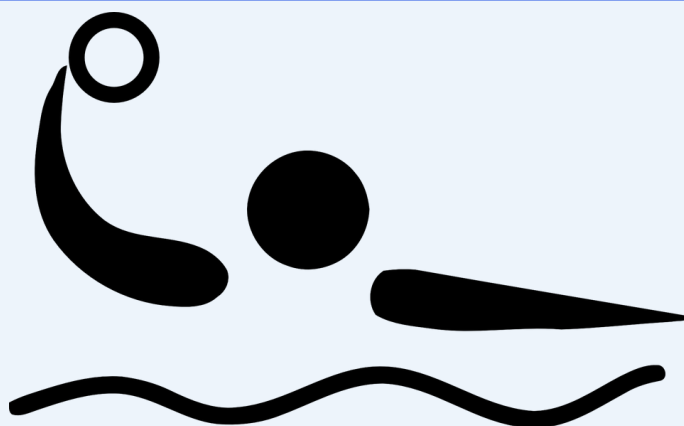


Well Done to Will Y—Year 10

Who was part of Grappenhall cricket club U15 side who were crowned champions of the U15 CCCL League during the summer and then also won the U15 North Cheshire final last weekend.



WATER POLO



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.



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: [St Ambrose College \(st-ambrosecollege.org.uk\)](http://st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)

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 \(st-ambrosecollege.org.uk\)](http://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/>