



# Saint Ambrose College

## Weekly News Bulletin



 @PrincipalSAC

Friday 10th November 2023

### A Message from the Principal

I know everyone is still reeling from the news that Nestle's Caramac is being discontinued but hopefully you might be able to digest the contents of this week's newsletter. Mr Highton can even remember when he first tasted a Caramac all those years ago when on holiday in Harlech. We are losing this vastly underrated chocolate bar because we didn't appreciate it enough while we had it. Let that be a lesson to us all!

This Sunday's gospel comes from Matthew 25, which for RE teachers would automatically lead us to assume it is the parable of the sheep and goats. It is, however, an earlier parable from that chapter, focusing on the parable of the ten virgins which is perhaps most famous for inspiring the classic children's hymn, 'Give me Oil in my Lamp' (Sing Hosanna!). The message of the parable is about preparation and readiness for Christ's return and that we aren't caught off guard by needing to put things right when he does (i.e. requiring more oil for our lamps).

With that in mind, we will have plenty of opportunity for prayer, reflection and service this weekend as our focus will be on remembrance both tomorrow, the official date of the 11<sup>th</sup> November, but also Sunday which, as we know, always dedicates to this theme on the first Sunday after the 11<sup>th</sup>. We held a two minute silence this morning which, as you can imagine, was impeccably observed. I would like to thank Chris and Oliver in Year 12 for their superb playing of The Last Post.



Mr Groves will be representing the school at the remembrance service being held at The South Manchester synagogue in Bowdon tomorrow and Mrs Wheelan will accompany the sixth form student leadership team leading the service at the Hale Barns cenotaph after 10am Mass at Holy Angels on Sunday. In Addition, our under 15 rugby team will lay a wreath at the memorial at Sandbach School ahead of tomorrow morning's fixture. I know that many of you will have sons involved in remembrance events over the weekend so please do send your photographs in to [office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk) so that we can proudly feature them in next week's newsletter.

Of course, Remembrance Sunday is also referred to as Armistice Day, reminding us always of the importance of finding agreements to bring an end to fighting. It is disappointing, particularly at the time, that those sensibly calling for the preservation of human life in the ongoing crisis in the middle east have been publicly chastised for doing so. Some the comments and opinions being stated by those in positions of influence have been remarkable and indeed shocking at times over the past week. Thankfully, our Edmund Rice International group in the Sixth Form are evidencing a more compassionate

response to some related issues by organising a 'sleep out' before Christmas in order to raise awareness of the issues around homelessness and to advocate for a better future for those who find themselves homeless, not just those on our streets but the hidden homeless as highlighted in previous workshops here at the school.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday. We had more in attendance than ever before. Applications are now live via the Admissions section of the website. Following the completion of internal exams, we will hold interviews in January with the students and their parents/carers to discuss aspirations and next steps.

Fixtures have been coming thick and fast over the course of the past week. Our U18 football team were narrowly beaten 3-2 by Cheadle Hulme HS last Friday having established a 2 goal lead. The B team enjoyed an excellent 5-2 win versus Cardinal Langley on Wednesday and the U16 B team had a resounding 5-0 win against Poynton High School yesterday afternoon. Although there were no rugby fixtures last weekend, teachers still came in to take training and there was a late return from Shropshire college on Wednesday night as well following the senior rugby team's 70-10 victory against Wrekin college. Big rivals St Anselm's await in the last 16! Our cross-country teams also enjoyed success, and having now established the cause of the issues with our pool, we are delighted that it is on schedule to be fit for use again next week. As ever, I can't thank staff enough for the many weekends and late nights spent providing such vast opportunities for the students

I mentioned the Christmas Fair in previous messages. With the own clothes day scheduled for a fortnight's time, a reminder to please bring a bottle for our bottle tombola. Whilst the bottles are mostly those containing alcohol, this does not have to be the case at all. You are free to send in any bottle of your choosing. Tickets for the main Christmas Fair prize draw will be available to buy online but pupils are also being given booklets to sell.

This morning we had twelve students receive the Principal's Award. Reasons for nominations included service to those in need in the local community, charity fundraising, mentoring of lower school students as well as celebrating external sporting achievements in football and ice hockey! Well done to all those nominated. You will be pleased to hear that we were able to discover the identities of last week's non-caped crusaders aiding the broken-down vehicle on Hale Road.

As we are now well through 'UCAS season', we are asking for any parents with specialism or expertise in specific area to help prepare our year 13 students by holding mock interviews. We have contacts lined up already and are grateful for everyone's time. At present, we would benefit from a few more volunteers in the fields of English, Computer Science, Chemistry, Biology, Music and Mathematics. Please contact Mr Brady if you are able to assist ([mrsbrady@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:mrsbrady@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)).



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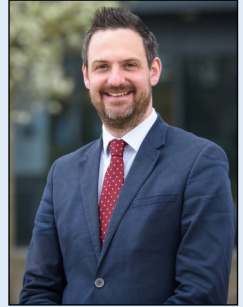
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### A Message from the Principal

The Caramac issue isn't the only one to have got me thinking of how quickly life passes by. Kylie and Jason got married as Scott and Charlene in Neighbours 35 years ago and Billy Joel's Piano Man turned 50 at the weekend. Clearly, I wasn't born for that particular release but I have been alive to see Ms Minogue's rise to be a global icon. This weekend, I'll have to have a listen to Confide in Me, a classic that's almost as underrated as a bar of Caramac.

Have a fantastic weekend and when remembering to fill our own lamps, please also remember to send in the bottles.

**Mr D Rainey**  
**Principal**





# REMINDERS

## Dates for your diary

12th November	Multi-faith Remembrance Service at Holy Angels , Hale Barns (10am)
15th November	Year 11 Parents' Evening (booking opened 08.11.2023)
22nd November	Year 13 Parents' Evening (booking opened 15.11.2023)
27th Nov - 1st December	Year 11 Mock Speaking Tests for French/Spanish
2nd December	SAPA Christmas Fair
5th - 19th December	Year 11 Mock GCSE Examinations
20th December	School finishes for Christmas at 12.30

For term dates for 2023-2024, please visit our website [TERM DATES 2023-2024](#)

## YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Dear Parents and Carers,

From the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, we are conducting Year 11 Mock Examinations. We are going to be conducting the exams in the same way as the GCSEs will be conducted in the summer, in order to familiarise the students with the process. For this to happen, we would like invigilators to come from outside the school. There are morning and afternoon sessions each day and we require between 6 and 8 people for each session. If you have a spare morning, afternoon, day or week to volunteer to assist with this, can you please email your availability to [exams@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:exams@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk).

We will also be looking to recruit a team of invigilators for during the summer external examinations so this is a great way to see how the examinations run- application forms and more details will be available in the new year.

Kind regards,

**Miss L McEwan**  
Exams Officer





# PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the young men below who all enjoyed a breakfast with Mr Rainey in recognition of receiving the Principal's Award.



Oluwafolajimi A—Year 11

Benedict K—Year 11

Zach D—Year 13

Jack P—Year 11

Ayo O—Year 11

Feranmi I—Year 7

Tristan D—Year 7

Martyn A—Year 9

James B—Year 9

Remi P—Year 9



***#ambrosianspirit #positiveattitude #compassionandkindness***

***#strivingforexcellence #sportingexcellence***



# REMEMBERANCE DAY



On Friday at 11am, the College observed a 2 minute silence in remembrance of those who have died around the World . Special mention goes to Christopher S & Oliver L in Year 12 who played the Last Post which made the moment even more poignant.

On Sunday, our Head Boy Ben H and his deputies George D, Gabriel K and Stephen P will be laying a wreath and reading out names at the Cenotaph in Hale Barns on 12th November at 11am. All families are welcome to attend the service.





# SPORTS UPDATE

## 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.

## KUKRI Online Shop - This is now CLOSED

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](mailto: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.

## 200 Club—now even easier to set up via your on-line banking!

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 £200 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>

## FANTASTIC RESULTS in a BIG WEEK OF SPORT

### Rugby

Parents and students are reminded that shin pads are required to participate in football in PE and Games lessons.

### Football

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov our 1<sup>st</sup> XI took on Cheadle Hulme High school in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the ESFA Cup. Unfortunately the Cup run ended in defeat 2-3, after taking a 2-0 lead.

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov our U16 A team travelled to Excel Academy, Stoke. They won 3-0 and now will play Upton by Chester School on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI played their next round of the ESFA trophy V Cardinal Langley. They were successful winning 5-2

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov our U16B played their 2<sup>nd</sup> round match V Poynton HS. They too progressed winning 5-0

## Swimming

Our first gala of the year took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> V Bolton GS. They team won 244 - 214.

## Water polo

Our first water polo match took place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> where our U14 team took on MGS. A great result saw St Ambrose 14-7 winners.

## ANOTHER BIG WEEK of SPORT AHEAD

This week the fixtures are:

### Rugby

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November we have a block fixture v Sandbach School:

1<sup>st</sup> XV, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, U12A&B are at home  
U15A, U14A, U13A&B are away  
All ko at 10am

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> our U16 take on King's Macclesfield in the semi-final of the Cheshire Cup at home. Ko 2.30

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November our 1<sup>st</sup> XV travel to Stockport GS in the semi-final of the Cheshire Cup

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November our U15 take on St. Mary's Crosby in the Natwest Cup away, ko 2.30

Also on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November our U13B take on Kingsway School in a friendly after school at 4pm

### Football

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November our 1<sup>st</sup> XI take on Sale GS (away) in the Trafford League ko 2pm

### Swimming

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November we are hosting the Trafford Secondary Schools Girls swim galas from 1pm

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November we host Cheadle Hulme GS in our 2<sup>nd</sup> gala of the year at home 4pm start.

### Basketball

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November the basketball matches get underway with our Year 7 team hosting Broadoak. 4pm start.

**Games lessons for Year 8,9,10 this half term – all students will need shin pads for football.**

*A reminder - kit is as follows:*

**Games lessons:** Hooped rugby shirt, rugby shorts, games socks, boots. (shin pads when on football)

**PE – lessons,** white polo shirt or blue PE shirt, blue shorts, white socks, trainers. (for some outside sports your teacher may ask you to bring your games kit)

**Swim lesson:** house swim jammers, towel, hat, goggles

**Mr M Fitzsimon**

**Director of Sport**



# SPORTS REPORT

## INDOOR ATHLETICS

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 9 boys from year 10 travelled to the Eastlands Indoor Arena, Sportcity to compete in the Sale Harriers Manchester Indoor Athletics Invitational. The day got off to a great start with gold medals won in both the 800m by Liam O and 400m by Thomas A. There were also gold medals won by Ihechuckwu A and Ben A in the 60m A and B races. The relay team of Liam, Thomas, Ihechuckwu and 200m runner Jeremy A also took home silver medals. The team also included Theo O in the 200m, Ferdinand N in the High Jump, Oreoluwa B in the Long Jump and Jack H in the Shot Putt. As a team, they finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place by a single point to come away from the event feeling frustrated. The boys will have to wait until the summer now to compete again in athletics.

**Mr Aspinwall**



## CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, three cross country teams travelled to Sedbergh School in Cumbria to compete in the North West regional final of the English School's Cross Country Cup. All the top teams from Merseyside, Lancashire, Cumbria and Greater Manchester were competing for a place in the National final, held at Woodbridge School, Suffolk in December. To get there, your team had to finish in the top 3 on the day.

The course was extremely hilly, but not as muddy as was expected given the rainfall of late and even the morning of the races. Luckily, the sun came out in time for the first race of the day, the Senior Boys. Leading the team home was Joseph D, who the race suited with recent fell training and racing. He moved through the field very well and finished in a great 7<sup>th</sup> position. Next home was Gabor P in 11<sup>th</sup>, who looked stronger as the race went on. James O learnt from his race last year in which he did extremely well just to finish after being ill, he ran a much better race this year to finish in 20<sup>th</sup> place. Not bad for an 800m runner. Andras P completed the points scorers, with his first race in 6 months after a stress fracture in his femur. A 22<sup>nd</sup> place finish was a great start to his comeback. Dylan M showed great selflessness to finish in 49<sup>th</sup> place after being given just a days' notice as a last minute replacement. Benedict K did well to battle round after saying early on he was struggling. He did well to finish in 53<sup>rd</sup>. All this meant that the team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall and secured their place in the National final for the second successive year.

The Inter Boys race couldn't have gotten off to a worse start for

Thomas A, who was tripped up and had his shoe come off. He wisely stopped to put it back on, but had to work his way round from the back of the field. Amazingly, he made his way back to 7<sup>th</sup> position by the time he reached the finish line. Ahead of him was Liam O who ran an equally great race from the front to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Gabriel M ran really well and had his best race in an Ambrose vest to finish in 14<sup>th</sup> place. James S led home the three year 9's to complete the scoring places in 35<sup>th</sup>, before Adam L not far behind in 43<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately Oliver H felt a recurrence of last year's back injury so sensibly pulled out of the race. He was looking comfortable before that though. All this meant that again, the team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and also secured their place in the National final. A great team effort!

The performance of the day though came by Thomas D in year 7, racing against the year above too. After a poor start, in which all the Ambrose boys were at the back of the field from the packed start, Tom battled his way past everyone else in the race bar one to finish in a fantastic second place individually. By this point in the day, the course had churned up and was very tough to run on for all the Junior boys in the race. Shea G, Zac F and Henry F all battled well to complete the scoring places for the team in 29<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> respectively. Cormac K 55<sup>th</sup>, and Monty D 59<sup>th</sup>, both ran well, especially as they didn't have spikes on through the mud! The Junior team finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place, but the year 7s will have gained a lot of experience on such a tough course and come back next year stronger.

**Mr Aspinwall**



# SCHOOL NEWS

## YEAR 9—Bronze Award

Congratulations to Success, Zach, James, Tom, Sam, Rasheed, Ben, Dennis, Oliver, Isaac, Oisín, Felix, Joseph, Tom, Jamie, Lukas and Dylan for their outstanding achievement in Striving for Excellence and achieving the Bronze 75+ House Points Award in the first half term of the Year!

They are setting a fantastic example to their peers, some of whom are not far behind on the leaderboard! We look forward to celebrating their success in the near future.

**Mr Vaughton, Head of Year 9.**



## **Cameron H—Year 8**

Cameron volunteered at St Rocco's Hospice during the half term. He helped with teas and coffees, bingo and chatted to patients and their carers whilst they took much-needed respite at the hospice. The patients enjoyed talking with Cameron and they liked to listen to his views on topics such as government and leadership. What a excellent display of Ambrosian Spirit!







# MUSIC & DRAMA

## SCHOOL SHOW

Following an assembly in July in which students heard about the challenges faced by refugees and asylum seekers, many felt they wanted to do more to raise awareness/ offer support towards difficulties faced. Therefore, this year's school show aims to be part of a bigger advocacy project to raise awareness towards the plight of refugees and asylum seekers. It will be an original performance, created by everyone who wants to be involved.

So far there has been a weekly drama club (Thurs 1pm, everyone welcome) for performance ideas to be shared and tested out using fun drama techniques and games.

As we move forward we aim to use words from people we interview in the performance and we are also planning to work with a Manchester based Theatre company, Box of Tricks who are interested in leading workshops for students on devising, scripting and movement.

We intend for the production to take place in July.

Anyone who would like to take part should come along to our next rehearsal Thursday 1pm in 2310 (the Drama studio), students do not have to be studying Drama to participate. If you would be interested in taking part in the project but not as a performer please email Mrs Taylor, [mrsltaylor@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:mrsltaylor@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)

There's scope for you to get involved in lots of different ways: backstage, designing posters/ programmes/ tickets or taking part in advocacy work: leading different groups, for example - a political group - researching/ campaigning/ lobbying, a volunteer group - volunteering time to work with charities teaching English for example, a fundraising group selecting and supporting charities raising funds/ resources, a creative writing group, producing writing which could be featured in the performance, articles for the weekly newsletter or local papers aimed at raising awareness, these are just some ideas, your ideas would be warmly welcomed.

## WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

The Music Department is pleased to announce its upcoming Winter Show, a delightful evening of festive music that will set the stage for a joyous holiday season.

Date: **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Time: **19:00 with doors opening at 18:30**

Location: **School Atrium with entrance through the Lecture Theatre doors**

Prepare to be swept away by the sounds of the season as our talented students showcase their musical prowess in a Winter Wonderland-themed concert. The night will feature our school choir, orchestra, jazz band, brass band, woodwind group and staff choir, as well as a number of solo acts.

Tickets can now be purchased on ParentPay for £5 (adult) or £3 (concessions). There will also be a range of refreshments available during the interval.

We look forward to welcoming you.

**The Music Department**





# MOVEMBER

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

How and why YOU should get involved:



# MOVEMBER®

Hello all,

This month, like many other Ambrose Sixth Formers, I'm aspiring to encourage young men to speak out more about their health problems by taking part in Movember. This is chance for us to contest the absence of talking about 'men's health'.

I will be growing a moustache to raise funds which will be donated to aid men battling prostate and testicular cancers and supporting male suicide prevention.

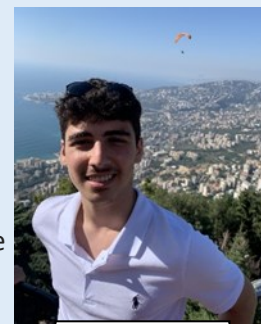
Often men place restrictions on themselves which can stop them seeking help or medical attention. Depression and anxiety can spiral without support. Therefore, I believe that with the help of the St Ambrose Community and the public, we can highlight the importance of men's physical and mental health and well-being.

I've already started my webpage and I will be posting regularly not just on my Movember Webpage (<https://movember.com/m/timeforachange?mc=1>) but my socials (e.g. Instagram, Facebook etc) and updating all my viewers and donators on my incredible 'Mo-journey', this will include pictures, motivating messages and 'thank yous' throughout the challenge. To find out more about my captivating journey, you can visit my Movember Webpage.

Your help is everything! In order to get involved, you can donate whatever you can afford to help me beat the ambitious target of **£500**.

Improving men's health is vital. I hope that our community of young men will be encouraged to speak out more about health problems each time they see our moustaches around school, as they come to understand the true meaning of Movember.

This event coincides with our Mental Health Spa which is open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Lunchtimes for half an hour between the time slots **12.45-1pm** and **1-1.15pm**. The spa offers the chance for students to speak to our Mental Health Team (trained Year 12 and 13). The team can answer questions, direct students to services and offer support. If you have any queries about the Mental Health Spa then either email myself or Joel S, lead of the Mental Health team, ([17joelscaria@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:17joelscaria@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)), me ([18samuelelghaoui@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:18samuelelghaoui@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)), or speak to your Form Tutor.



Here's me!

Thank you for your time and I hope you consider donating. Let them grow and become part of this incredible, worthwhile cause! MOVEMBER!

By Samuel E

**Below are the links to other students taking part in Movember who you could sponsor from St Ambrose College:**

<https://movember.com/m/timeforachange?mc=1> **Samuel E Year 12**

<https://movember.com/m/15109981?mc=1> **Antonio A Year 12**

<https://movember.com/m/15144767?mc=1> **Declan S Year 12**

<https://movember.com/m/15144808?mc=20> **Felix J Year 12**

<https://uk.movember.com/mospace/14877193> **Greg P Year 13**

<https://movember.com/m/15146662?mc=20> **Ewan F Year 12**

<https://movember.com/m/15144830?mc=1> **Hugo F Year 12**



# SIXTH FORM

## Safe Drive Stay Alive

This month, Year 12 cohort took part in a Safe Drive Stay Alive seminar which is a partnership project between Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, North West Ambulance Service, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust.

The project provides the opportunity for young people across the region to attend an emotionally engaging 1.5 hour performance which was delivered in partnership between all emergency services. Performances are based around a series of short, emotive films, and live speakers from each of the emergency services. It also included presentations from members of families whose lives have been affected by a serious road traffic collision.

The conduct of the boys as usual was impeccable and the comments made by a member of the public made us very proud. The speakers, including the lady who lost her son who was greatly appreciative of them taking their time to thank her and the members of the emergency services and shake their hands on the way out.



## Sixth Form Open Evening & Applications

We had a fantastic turnout this week when we held our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday.

Our Year 11 students have all been emailed with details of the application process and they will have an options assembly in January to help inform them to make those all important decisions. There is further information regarding applications for all Year 11 students and parents on the Admissions page on the school website. Prior attainment data has been sent out to all Year 11 parents.

We look forward to holding one-to-one meetings with each of our Year 11 students and their parents in January, to help make those all important decisions in future pathways; and to interviewing external applicants once applications are received.

If you have any queries, please email the Admissions Officer at [admissions@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk), who will direct your query accordingly to the correct member of staff.

Follow the link below to view the Presentation of the Open Evening.

<https://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/page/?title=Sixth+form+PRESENTATIONS&pid=446>



## CAREERS—Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (6pm – 8pm): Careers & Future Pathways Fair.** We are excited to host a careers fair during this evening, where we aim to bring together a diverse range of employers from various industries. This event will provide an excellent platform for our students to gain insights into different career paths and connect with professionals.

**Work experience for Year 12.** This will take place between **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**: During this week, Year 12 students will have the opportunity to participate in a work experience program. Students are encouraged to organise their own placements at workplaces of their interest. **We strongly recommend that students begin making inquiries and arrangements for work experience as early as possible to ensure a valuable and enriching experience.**

*If you or any contacts you may have are interested in being a delegate and presenting at our careers & Future Pathways Fair, we would be delighted to welcome new employers. Please reach out to us at the contact address provided below.*

We will continue to share further information and updates with you throughout the year. Should you have any immediate questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at [careers@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:careers@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk).

Kind regards,  
**Mr. Gunning and the Careers Team**





## Inside STORY

Our highlight this week is an epic offering from healthcare and pharmaceutical giants, Boots UK. This is a unique opportunity running over eight weeks to learn more about careers in healthcare, retail, STEM and supply chains. This eight-session virtual experience gives you a chance to connect to the Boots business and build your skills and knowledge about a range of departments. The programme is split into three two-part sessions, each of which also include an introductory session to Boots and its history, and concludes with a 'Next steps' session, helping you prepare for your future and hopefully, a career with Boots in mind!



**Date:** 10/01/2024 - 13/03/2023  
**Time:** 15.30pm - 17.00pm  
**Ages:** 14-19  
**Application deadline:** 20/12/2023  
**Opportunity:** PL-5488  
**Click [HERE](#) for booking details\***

The sessions are as follows:

Session 1: 10th January – Introduction – Discovering Boots as an organisation

Option 1 - Discover 'life-changing' careers in Healthcare and Patient Care (mandatory)

Session 2: 17th January – Careers in Pharmacy

Session 3: 24th January – Careers in Opticians

Option 2 – Discover careers that delight our customers everyday

Session 4: 31st January – Careers in Retail (Including Beauty)

Session 5: 7th February – Careers in Supply Chain

Option 3 - 'Behind the scenes' Careers at Boots

Session 6: 28th February – Careers in STEM (Including IT)

Session 7: 6th March – Careers at Boots Support office (including Marketing)

Session 8: 13th March – Discovering your next steps after work experience (mandatory)

All sessions take place on Wednesdays from 3.30pm - 5pm.

Previously 92% of those attending virtual work experience with Boots would now consider starting a career in the organisation and 93% felt the experience had useful to add to their CV, so this is an opportunity not to be missed!

\*Please note that for this virtual work experience, students will be expected to apply themselves as this is a nationwide opportunity.



# YOUNG PEOPLES SHOWCASE On EXPLOITATION

TRAFFORD STRATEGIC  
SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP



## Young Peoples Showcase on Exploitation 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 6-8pm

The showcase has been developed, produced and delivered by our Trafford young people.

Presenting various performances from young people's perspectives.

The audience will be engaging interactively to identify the “red flags” and how we have conversations about green flags/ healthy relationships with young people.

The evening is open to young people, parents/carers, professionals and the community.

Gorse Hill will open their doors and their kitchen to provide some delicious food to those that attend.

To book a place email: [tssp.learning@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:tssp.learning@trafford.gov.uk)



#TraffordWoAExploitation

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# LIFEGUARD COURSE



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Royal Life Saving Society



## **RLSS NATIONAL POOL LIFEGUARD QUALIFICATION**

**Venue: St Ambrose College 2024**

**Cost £270**

**(NOTE For St Ambrose students only)**



**Monday 12th February  
Tuesday 13th February  
Wednesday 14th February  
Thursday 15th February  
Friday 16th February  
Time 8.30am till 5.30pm  
100% attendance required on all  
days  
Candidates must be over 16.**

**For booking and more information contact Trafford Training on:**

**[Fiona.buckley@traffordleisure.co.uk](mailto:Fiona.buckley@traffordleisure.co.uk)**

**[training@traffordleisure.co.uk](mailto:training@traffordleisure.co.uk)**

**Please see Mrs Chandler with any questions**

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# **SAPA AUTUMN NEWS!**

**10th November 2023**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR 12-3pm 2nd DECEMBER 2023!**

**WE  
NEED  
YOU!**



**Please  
volunteer  
on the  
day!**

**OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR EVENT REQUIRES  
75 VOLUNTEERS  
TO MAKE IT RUN SMOOTHLY!**

**YOU CAN HELP SET UP, GIVE US 1 HOUR OR MORE OF YOUR TIME  
OR JUST HELP US TO CLEAR UP AFTERWARDS.**

**IT ALL HELPS!**

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR HELP BY CLICKING ON THE SAFE LINK BELOW  
(IN BLUE), FILL IN YOUR DETAILS, SELECT THE HELP YOU CAN OFFER  
AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH:**



[HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/233033299395361](https://form.jotform.com/233033299395361)

**NEXT SAPA MEETING: TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER - COME ALONG  
AND GET INVOLVED! 6PM IN THE CLASSROOM NEAR THE POOL.**

**RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!  
And we have an amazing list of raffle prizes!**





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**RAFFLE TICKETS**

**THIS YEAR WE HAVE  
SOME PRINTED RAFFLE TICKET BOOKS  
THAT THE BOYS WILL BRING HOME.**

**You can sell these to your friends,  
family and work colleagues!**

**Please remember to put the money  
and signed stubs into a sealed envelope  
when returning them to school.**

**Please can you also return any unsold  
tickets so we can re-use them.**

**Thank You and Good Luck!**

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**S.A.P.A.**

Saint Ambrose  
Parents' Association

# CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE

**STAR  
PRIZE  
£300  
CASH!**

TO SPEND ON  
WHATEVER YOU LIKE!

**SIGNED  
SALE  
SHARKS  
SHIRT**

**£150  
AND £50  
CASH  
PRIZES**

**SIGNED  
MAN UTD  
PHOTO**  
with Certificate  
of Authenticity

**£10  
BOOTH  
VOUCHER**

**4X VIP  
WEEKEND  
PASSES FOR  
HALE BARN  
CARNIVAL**

**SLATERS  
MENSWEAR  
VOUCHERS**

**SKIN  
FIRST  
VOUCHER**

**£25  
CHILL  
FACTORE  
VOUCHER**

**4X  
BLUE  
PLANET  
AQUARIUM  
TICKETS**

**KUKRI  
VOUCHER  
FOR  
£25**

## PLUS SO MUCH MORE, INCLUDING...

£100 voucher for XP Factory Escape Hunt/  
Boom Battle Bar

Ringway Golf Club (1 round of golf for 4 people)

Dino Falls Adventure Golf for 2x adults & 2x children

PEAK Adventure Voucher for £15 towards activities

2x £5 vouchers for Chris Walker Plants

2x Tickets for a Day's Play at a Home Game  
at Lancashire Cricket in 2024

The Entertainer Toy Shop Altrincham voucher for £15

30 Minute Guitar Lesson at Altrincham Guitar School

Old Hall Timperley Meal for 2 voucher of £40 for food & drink

Outscape Games Manchester Voucher for 4 people x 2

Clare Tanner School of Dance voucher

5 Free Day Passes for Brooklands Health Club worth £15 each

Voucher for 4 People to Breakout Escape Room in Manchester

Bartley Studios Photoshoot x2 Vouchers worth £250 each

Large Hamper of Brioche Products

£25 Amphora voucher

M&S voucher

Litre of Gin

Tin of biscuits

**WITH  
EVEN MORE  
PRIZES TO  
FOLLOW!**

**£5  
FOR A  
BOOK OF 5  
TICKETS**

**Buy your raffle tickets via ParentPay NOW!**

**RAFFLE SALES WILL CLOSE ONLINE WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2023!**





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**BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS VIA ParentPay NOW!**

## **SAPA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

### **How does it work?**

**Your questions answered.**

- 1. Log on to the school ParentPay payments system with your usual details**
- 2. Go to the menu on the left and click on the 'Active Payment Items'**
- 3. Select the option for 'Christmas Raffle Tickets'**
- 4. Where it says 'How many would you like to buy'**  
if you add in '1' (cost £5) that means you will get 5 separate tickets (1 book of 5)  
if you add in '2' (cost £10) that means you will get 10 separate tickets (2 books of 5)  
and so on.

**Tickets are £5 for 5 single tickets.**

**You will get 5x single raffle tickets, all 5 go into the draw separately for 5x chances to win!**  
**Tickets are only sold in a book of 5.**

**Please note: You will NOT receive a physical ticket!**  
**But please be assured that if you have made your payment then your ticket purchase will be registered with us.**

**Here is what happens after you have selected and paid for your ticket:**  
The SAPA committee take the list of all the names of people who have bought tickets from the ParentPay system, we then physically write your name and number onto paper tickets, these will then be mixed up with all the tickets sold on the day of the Christmas Fair where everything is given a good shake and the live draw is then made.

**Please note: Tickets can also be bought on the day.**

For more information email [Chair@sapa.org](mailto:Chair@sapa.org)

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



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## **STALL HOLDERS WANTED FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR**

### **DO YOU MAKE AND SELL YOUR OWN PRODUCTS?**

**This year we have decided to include a small number of external craft stalls to the hall.**

**There is a very limited number available so please register your interest as early as possible to avoid disappointment.**

It will be on a first come first served basis and also suitability of product.

**You will need your own Public Liability Insurance Certificate** which you will need to bring with you on the day. Without this unfortunately you will not be able to sell on the premises. Tables are £20 each and if electricity is required it is an extra £5.

Only sealed food products will be allowed and we will not have more than one stall selling the same product type.

Once you have had confirmation of your acceptance your table is only secured once payment is received via PayPal. All details will then follow.

Please email [events@sapa.org.uk](mailto:events@sapa.org.uk) to register your interest and we will get back to you with payment details if you are successful.





# LAST UNIFORM SALE OF 2023

The last uniform sale of the year will be in December after the Christmas Fair (date to follow). We will be in the new location: The classroom near the swimming pool at the back of the college.

## PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no uniform sale at the Christmas Fair this year

## We still need your items:

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY SHIRTS OR TROUSERS, WE ARE AT CAPACITY WITH THESE ITEMS, THANK YOU!**

But please keep sending in other donations as usual.  
We are once again low on ties and socks!

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





# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>