

Saint Ambrose College Weekly News Bulletin

@PrincipalSAC Friday 17th November 2023

A Message from the Principal

This week's achievements in sport have been phenomenal. The school rightly has a reputation for sporting achievement and this week's successes have highlighted, once again, the fantastic standard and pedigree across a variety of sports. Both the first XV and under16A rugby teams reached the Cheshire Cup final with comprehensive wins, with Ted G breaking the school record for most points scored from kicks in a game in the process. The under 15A team beat St Mary's, Crosby yesterday and there was more success in the swimming gala vs Cheadle Hulme. Tonight sees our first GAA training sessions with coaches from St Brendan's coming in every Wednesday in future weeks. Individually, Rory F in year 11 captained the Republic of Ireland under 16 football team as they won all of their Victory Shield matches. In Lacrosse, Calum W was recently selected to England U20. Well done to all involved.

The Christmas Fair is just two weeks away now. Next Friday 24th November is a non-uniform day with bottles being collected on the day. Please see a separate correspondence sent by Mr Brady earlier in the week, also noting contributions to be received on Tuesday to help with other prizes. Raffle tickets for the main draw are now available to buy either from the students themselves or online. The first prize this year is £300 in cash but there are plenty of other prizes up for grabs as well.

This evening Mrs Taylor is leading a group of more than 30 students to watch a performance of Metamorphosis at The Lowry theatre. We hope the evening goes well and they all enjoy the performance.

This afternoon I had the pleasure of being able to welcome my (older) brother, Colm, in to school to speak to year 12 business studies and economics students about his career in investment banking and relaying some useful tips for when UCAS comes around. There were several really insightful questions from the students, some of whom have interesting lines of enquiry for their EPQ titles in this area.

Finally, we are looking for someone to clerk our future appeals. If you know anyone with the relevant skills or experience, please do email <u>mrsbrady@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk</u>.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Rainey Principal







REMINDERS

Dates for your diary		
22nd November	Year 13 Parents' Evening (booking opened 15.11.2023)	
24th November	HOME CLOTHES DAY / BRING A BOTTLE (in aid of the SAPA Christmas Fair)	
27th Nov to 1st Dec	Year 11 Mock Speaking Tests for French/Spanish	
28th November	Year 13 A Level Spanish Study Day @ HOME in Manchester	
29th November	Year 11 GCSE French Study Day @ HOME in Manchester	
2nd December	SAPA Christmas Fair	
5th December	Year 13 A Level French Study Day @ HOME in Manchester	
5th December	Winter Concert (Doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm start)	
5th - 19th December	Year 11 Mock GCSE Examinations	
20th December	School finishes for Christmas at 12.30	

For more calendar dates please visit our website Saint Ambrose College - Calendar (st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Dear Parents and Carers,



From the 5th to the 19th 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 <u>exams@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk</u>.

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



SCHOOL NEWS

POLITICS SOCIETY

On Friday, a clash of opinions unfolded within the college's Politics Society as Robert S and Laurence H, two notable members, engaged in a lively debate concerning the future of the Labour Party in anticipation of the upcoming election next year. While Laurence assured that the Labour Party was in safe hands with Keir Starmer, praising him as "the man who has the charisma to lead," Robert controversially argued that the party lacked clear policies and was internally divided over the Israel-Palestine war, following the resignation of Shadow Minister Imran Hussain. He also went on to compare the current situation to the 1992 election, whereby there was a widespread belief that Labour would secure a victory, yet Conservative leader John Major emerged victorious.

The debate concluded as an 18-15 vote emerged among members of the society, asserting the belief that the Labour party does indeed have a future.

All students are welcome to join next Fridays Politics Society discussing the Presidential election next year, which will be presented by Edmund H.

Benedict D Year 13





REMEMBRANCE DAY TRIBUTES



Stefan J 7F overcame his nerves with his rendition of the Last Post and the Rouse to frame a moving 2 minutes' silence at St Catherine's Church, Didsbury at the Sunday Mass with the community and it's Scouts group.



Alan S 9D and Felix S 8D looking impeccable in their Sea Cadets uniforms when they took part in the Remembrance Day parades in Altrincham and Hale with Seas Cadets Trafford.



Tom B 9E had a busy weekend representing 4th Warrington West Scouts at a Remembrance Service on Saturday and during the parade on Sunday. He also read out the names of the fallen at the Cenotaph as well as doing a reading at the Remembrance service at St Thomas' church in Stockton Heath.



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 <u>https://keepyourbootson.co.uk/rugbysafe-</u> 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 <u>office@st-</u> <u>ambrosecollege.org.uk</u> 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 : <u>http://</u><u>www.sacsport.org.uk/?id=332</u>

FANTASTIC RESULTS in a BIG WEEK OF SPORT

<u>Rugby</u>

On Saturday 11th November we had a block fixture v Sandbach School with 7 wins out of 8.

On Tuesday 14th our U16 took on King's Macclesfield in the semifinal of the Cheshire Cup. They were victorious 69-13 and booked their place in the final.

On Wednesday 15th November our 1st XV travelled to Stockport GS in the semi-final of the Cheshire Cup. They too booked their place in the final with a 28-11

On Thursday 16^{th} November our U15 took on St. Mary's Crosby in the Natwest Cup. They progressed with a 34-14 victory to make it to the $\frac{1}{4}$ finals

Also on Thursday 16th November our U13B took on Kingsway School in a friendly. The U13B won 35-20

Football

On Wednesday 15th November our 1st XI took on Sale GS in the Trafford League. It ended 3-3.

Swimming

On Wednesday 15th November we hosted Cheadle Hulme GS in our 2nd gala of the year. The squad were victorious 134-86

Basketball

On Thursday 16th November the basketball matches got underway with our Year 7 team hosting Broadoak. A great start resulted in a 58-0 win

THIS WEEKS FIXTURES

This week the fixtures are:

<u>Rugby</u>

On Saturday 18th November we have a block fixture v Merchant Taylor's School: 1st XV, U13A, U12A are at home U15A, U14A, away All ko at 10.30am

Football

On Monday 20th November our 1st XI take on BTH (home) in the Trafford League ko 3.45pm

On Wednesday 22nd November 1st XI take on Stockport GS (home) ko. 2pm

Swimming

On Tuesday 21st November we host Sandbach in a home gala.

Basketball

On Wednesday 22nd November the basketball matches continue with our Year 7 team travelling to BTH. 4pm start.

On Thursday 23rd, Y8/9 will be playing BTH at home.

Water Polo

On Wednesday 22nd November our u15 team take on MGS at home.

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

SALE SHARKS Special Offer





We have been given the opportunity to offer tickets at 50% off for anyone associated with St Ambrose for the Sale Sharks v Bath fixture on

Friday 24/11/23.

Please use the following link to get your discount and feel free to book as many as you would like:

https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CSNL

Prices are below

Adult Ticket SEATED EAST STAND	£19.00
U16 Ticket SEATED EAST STAND	£9.00
Adult Ticket STANDING NORTH	£15.00
U16 Ticket STANDING NORTH	£8.50



WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

Uinter Music Concert Available for Adults Door or on Parent Concessions - £3 Pau! uesday 5th of Decem

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 5th December** Time: Doors open at **6:30pm for 7pm** start

Location: School Atrium (enter through 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 Wonderlandthemed 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

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

How and why YOU should get involved:

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 high-light 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 (<u>https://movember.com/</u><u>m/timeforachange?mc=1</u>) 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 question, 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, (<u>17joelscaria@st-</u>



Here's me!

<u>ambrosecollege.org.uk</u>), me (<u>18samuelelghaoui@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk</u>), or speak to your Form Tutor.

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





CAREERS—Upcoming Events

Wednesday 28th 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.

Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June 2024

Work Experience for Year 12

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. <u>We strongly recommend that students begin making inquiries and arrangements for</u> 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 <u>careers@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk</u>.

Kind regards, Mr. Gunning and the Careers Team





Congrats to Oliver W - 9B

Years of hard work and dedication has paid off for Oliver who recently gained his black belt in Karate!



Congrats to James F—9E

For being awarded his Chief Scouts Gold Award last week. This award generally takes a few years to work towards which shows James' determination to this achievement.



Congratulations to Lachlan B—12B

Who won not only gold but silver and 3 bronze medals at the North West Regional Championships earlier this month, achieving PB's across all events! Lachlan has gone on to qualify for the Swim England National Winter Championships in December.









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 training@traffordleisure.co.uk Please see Mrs Chandler with any questions

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PARENTS & GUARDIANS

A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase your children's presents.

WARNING – We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth? STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched days/ weeks ago? **STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD**

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options. STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price/deal. STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt/invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders. STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD





SAPA AUTUMN NEWS! 17th November 2023

CHRISTMAS FAIR 12-3pm 2nd DECEMBER 2023!

Can you

volunteer

on the

day?

WE

NEED

YOU!

THERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN HELP, AND HAVE FUN TOO!
HELP WITH SETTING UP BEFORE THE START.
MAN A STALL FOR 1 HOUR, OR MORE IF YOU CAN!
HELP US TO CLEAR UP AT THE END -

CLEARING UP IS ALWAYS DONE BY THE SAME VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE FAIR SINCE 8AM SO SOME FRESH HELP WOULD BE BRILLIANT IF YOU CAN OFFER IT!

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

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 ON SALE ONLINE! And we have an amazing list of prizes!

Christmas Fair Donations

AS USUAL, EACH YEAR WE ASK YOU FOR DONATIONS FOR OUR SAPA CHRISTMAS FAIR. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS. WITHOUT YOUR GENEROSITY, THE FAIR WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL SO WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP.

THERE ARE 2 DAYS NEXT WEEK FOR DONATIONS. PLEASE SEND IN WITH THE BOYS ON THE DATES SHOWN BELOW.

THE COLLEGE IS ORGANISING AN OWN CLOTHES DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A BOTTLE FOR THE TOMBOLA.

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 24th OF NOVEMBER



FOR OUR OTHER TOMBOLA STALLS PLEASE SEND IN DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

YEARS 7,8 & 9 - TO BRING IN CHOCOLATES.

YEARS 10 & 11 - TO BRING IN NEW TOILETRIES.

YEARS 12 & 13 - TO BRING IN GIFT SETS & CANDLES.

COLLECTIONS FOR THESE ITEMS WILL BE MADE ON TUESDAY 21st OF NOVEMBER

RAFFLE TICKETS BOOKS WILL ALSO BE SENT HOME WITH THE BOYS AND WE HAVE AN AMAZING LIST OF RAFFLE PRIZES! PLEASE RETURN ANY UNSOLD TICKETS.



CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE

SIGNED SIGNED **MAN UTD** SALE РНОТО £150 **SHARKS** with Certificate **AND £50** of Authenticity **4X VIP** SHIRT WEEKEND CASH **PASSES FOR** 1() PRIZES BOOTHS HALE BARNS VOUCHER CARNIVAL TO SPEND ON **PLUS SO MUCH** WHATEVER YOU LIKE! **MORE, INCLUDING... SLATERS** £5 **MENSWEAR** £128 Voucher for 4 people for VOUCHERS FOR A **Outscape Games Manchester x 2 BOOK OF 5** £100 voucher for XP Factory Escape Hunt/ **Boom Battle Bar** TICKETS **Ringway Golf Club (1 round of golf for 4 people)** Dino Falls Adventure Golf for 2x adults & 2x children **Voucher for 4 People to Breakout Escape Room in Manchester** Bartley Studios Photoshoot x2 Vouchers worth £250 each 2x Tickets for a Day's Play at a Home Game at Lancashire Cricket in 2024 **SKIN FIRST PEAK Adventure Voucher for £15 towards activities** VOUCHER The Entertainer Toy Shop Altrincham voucher for £15 30 Minute Guitar Lesson at Altrincham Guitar School **KUKRI** Old Hall Timperley Meal for 2 voucher of £40 for food & drink VOUCHER **Clare Tanner School of Dance voucher** FOR Family ticket to a game at Altrincham Football Club £25 Amphora voucher Free Day Passes for Brooklands Health Club worth £15 each 2x Speak Greek Lessons 2x £5 vouchers for Chris Walker Plants **4X** BLUE Large Hamper of Brioche Products PLANET Maggie's Choco Pops Voucher AQUARIUM TICKETS £25 M&S voucher CHILL Litre of Gin **FACTORE** Tin of biscuits VOUCHER

Buy your raffle tickets via ParentPay NOW!

RAFFLE SALES WILL CLOSE ONLINE WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2023!



SAPA AUTUMN NEWS! 10th November 2023

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

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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

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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 (st-ambrosecollege.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 <u>Saint Ambrose College - Online Safety (st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)</u>

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 <u>https://www.net-aware.org.uk/</u>