



# Saint Ambrose College

## Weekly News Bulletin

 @PrincipalSAC

Friday 8th December 2023

### A Message from the Principal

Today is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Although we celebrated our weekly Mass with a focus on the feast of St Ambrose yesterday, we also included a post-Communion reflection on today's feast. Although Mary was conceived without sin, we weren't and therefore we have two opportunities for individual confessions with our local priests next week, alongside the Advent reconciliation services. Please encourage your son to let his form tutor know if he wishes to attend individual confession. Going back to the feast day of St Ambrose, we are grateful to Fr Tom for celebrating both Masses with us and for his homily which reminded all of us about the story, traits and skills of Ambrose of Milan. What I took from the homily was that Ambrose wasn't actually a theologian, having more of a background in law. The people of Milan wanted him to be Bishop despite the gaps in theology. They did so because he was seen to be fair minded, charitable and just. It was those qualities that they deemed important for their leader, particularly at a time of division.

On Tuesday afternoon there was heartbreak for the rugby U18 first XV as they exited the Natwest Vase at the quarter-final stage as a result of a last kick of the game penalty. We are proud of their efforts and for coming so close to another national semi-final for the school. The opportunity for silverware isn't over with yet however, as there is a Cheshire Cup final against King's, Macclesfield on the horizon. The same team lost at the same stage in the U16 version two years ago so there remains an opportunity to finish the season, and indeed their 15 a-side rugby at St Ambrose on a high. Tomorrow's fixtures are against Manchester Grammar School.

Tuesday also saw the Winter Concert take place in the central atrium. It was a wonderfully festive occasion and we have had some very positive parental feedback since. There was a lovely balance of secular and traditional Christmas music and it's always uplifting to listen to a full orchestra and choir. Thank you to Miss Yates, Mr Vaughton and all who helped, as well as our SAPA volunteers for organising the raffle.

Staying with SAPA, last weekend's Christmas Fair was very well attended and we managed to raise more than £7,500. We cannot thank you all enough for your contributions whether via donations or buying raffle tickets. There is a long list of prize winners in the central atrium. Seeing the number of local businesses who donated prizes reminded me to give a nudge to support local where possible in the days and weeks ahead. It tends to be the independent companies who donate most prizes so please bear that in mind when considering your shopping options in the run up to Christmas. It is a crucial period for independent and small businesses.

Our football teams have had mixed results this week with the U16A team beating St Matthew's to progress to round 6 of the ESFA national cup but the B team went down to a last-minute winner away at Tytherington yesterday. In the pool, we hosted the Trafford swimming gala on Wednesday and our year 7 and year 9 teams were crowned Trafford champions. There were excellent performances from all teams. In the national cross-country tournament in Suffolk last weekend the teams came 16th with particular individual

acknowledgement for Liam O who finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall. We have just heard that the north-west regional final of the schools water polo has concluded at Bolton School with the U18 team finishing 3rd, meaning they have progressed into the Plate regional qualifiers.

Despite the freezing temperatures last weekend, students from year 7 through to year 13 braved the elements to raise awareness of homelessness. Thank you to all the boys and to the staff who certainly led by example. Particular thanks to Dr Rousseau for organising and to Cormac McArt from the Westcourt Centre in Belfast who came across specifically for the event. Cormac and Mr Murray delivered a presentation as part of the evening.

Year 7 and 8 were treated to a visit from renowned author Aisling Fowler, who led an inspirational talk and signed copies of her latest book. See inside for more details.

This Sunday is the Carols by Candlelight service at Holy Angels and we will be represented by Chris and Oliver in year 12. Thank you to both students. For those wanting more festive carols, you are all more than welcome to our annual carol service, which will also take place at Holy Angels on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Our musicians have been busy of late. In addition to the Christmas Fair and winter concert mentioned above, they played a key role in contributing to a fantastic atmosphere in the annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon. We had dozens of our local VIPs in attendance with the 6<sup>th</sup> Form students again displaying maturity and leadership, not only in their preparations but in their general and genuine compassion for our visitors.

We are having particular success with our Oxbridge applications this year. We have had more than a dozen interviews take place in the past fortnight and there are more to come. Thank you to all parents and old boys who have supported the students through this process as well as staff at Loreto who we have been collaborating with.

Finally, today sees the release of the long-awaited Wonka film. The film tells the back story of Willy Wonka, the central character in Roald Dahl's classic Charlie and the Chocolate Factory novel but it is an original adaptation. It isn't just fans of Dahl who will be excited as the music features original songs by Neil Hannon (of The Divine Comedy) & a score written by Joby Talbot (previously of The Divine Comedy). There might be very slight Derry bias but I believe Hannon to be the best Irish songwriter of all time and am delighted that he has seemingly managed to receive his 'big break' with his involvement in the film. There might even be an Academy Award or Grammy around the corner.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mr Rainey**  
Principal



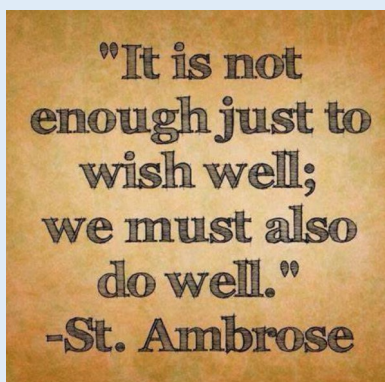
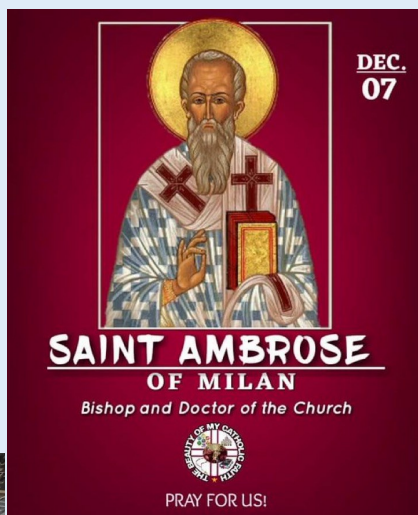


# FEAST OF ST AMBROSE

## Celebrating the Feast of St Ambrose

On Thursday 7th December the College held a celebratory Mass to mark the St Ambrose Feast Day. This whole school event was held in the Central Atrium.

We'd like to thank Fr. Tom from Holy Angels for joining us on this important day.



### Dates for your diary

5th - 19th December	Year 11 Mock GCSE Examinations
20th December	School finishes for Christmas at 12.30
8th January	Return to School
8th-19th January	Year 13 Mock A-Level Examinations

For more calendar dates please visit our website [Saint Ambrose College - Calendar \(st-ambrosecollege.org.uk\)](http://st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)



# STUDENT SUCCESS



## Well Done to Lachlan B

Who has been accepted on to the Diploma in Sporting Excellence programme 2023-2025



## Well Done to Jamie F—9E

Who competed in the World Cube Association Liverpool Winter 2023 competition against 89 competitors and gained a new personal best of solving the cube in 13.5 seconds, unfortunately he didn't make it into the final as he needed to solve it in 12 seconds. Keep trying!



## Congrats to Lucas N—9B

Mr Vaughton (HoY) and Miss Yates (Dir. Of Music) would like to congratulate Lucas on his fantastic achievement of achieving Merit in his grade 6 piano exam. We look forward to celebrating future musical successes with him. Well done, Lucas!



## Congrats to Lewis B—Y12

Who passed his grade 4 piano exam with a Merit earlier this week!







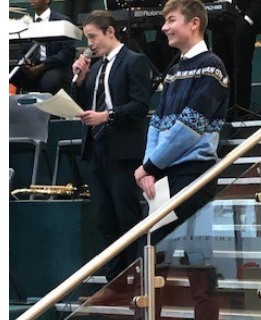
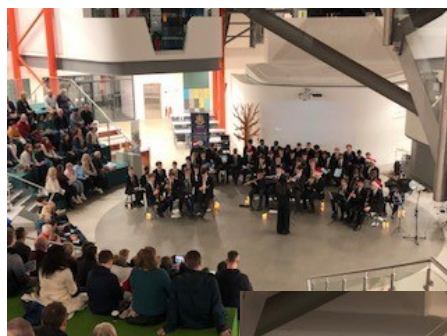
# SCHOOL NEWS

## Winter Concert



On Tuesday evening the Central Atrium was filled with music as our annual Winter Concert took place. If you were lucky enough to be part of the audience you were treated to a fantastic evening celebrating the talents and skills of our singers and musicians.

Congratulations to all the students involved. Many thanks to the St Ambrose Music Department and to all who supported the event.



## SVP Christmas Party

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed the senior members of the parish to our annual SVP Christmas Party hosted by the 6th form students.

Our VIP guests were treated to a delicious afternoon tea, live music performed by the school orchestra, a quiz expertly written by Will F (Y13) and a nail biting game of Bingo perfectly called by our Head Boy, Ben H and Rocco J (Y13s). A fantastic afternoon that was enjoyed by everyone.

It really is one of our favourite events of the year and we're already looking forward to the next one! Thanks as always to our wonderful catering team, our Music department and to everyone who supported the event.





# SCHOOL NEWS

## ERI SLEEPOUT

Well done to the 27 boys, from year 7 to year 13, who participated in a sleep-out on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, one of the coldest night of the year, to raise awareness on homelessness. We recorded temperatures as low as -6 degrees. This was a great experience of resilience and it gave the boys an idea of what it is like to face homelessness. They were joined by Cormac McArt from the Westcourt Centre for Social Justice, Belfast (an Edmund Rice Ministry) who had delivered a presentation on homelessness to Year 7 and Year 8 that day. He was very inspirational and motivated the boys to carry on their advocacy campaign on homelessness.

Dr Rousseau

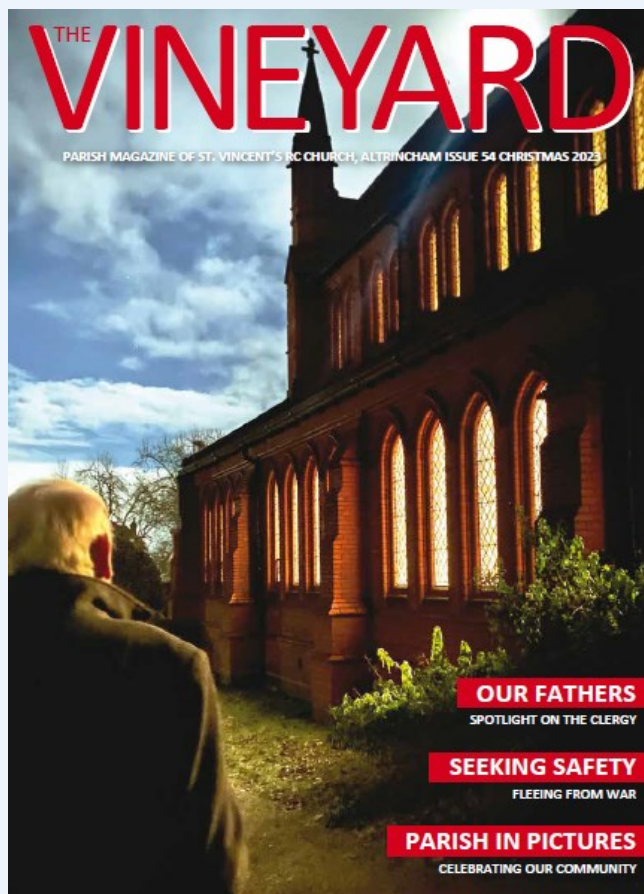


## PARISH NEWS

One of our local parishes, St Vincent's in Altrincham have produced a newsletter, The Vineyard, which includes an article featuring members of our Sixth Form team. You can view the newsletter by following the link below.

[ST Vincent's RC Church Newsletter](#)

Mr Groves





# SAPA CHRISTMAS FAIR



## SAPA Christmas Fair

On Saturday we saw the Central Atrium transform into a winter wonderland as members of the St Ambrose Parents' Association worked their magic to hold the annual SAPA Christmas Fair.

There were raffles, tombolas, games, prizes and festive treats galore, we were even treated to a visit from Father Christmas himself. The event raised an incredible £7000, a phenomenal amount of money which will be reinvested into the school.

Huge thanks to Julie Bastin and her SAPA team and to all members of our school community who supported the SAPA Christmas Fair so generously.

We still have some raffle prizes to be collected:

Daniel I Y13

Felix M Y9

Calum W Y13

Calan W Y10

Daniel S Y8

Zac G Y11

Kieren M Y11

Finlay W Y8

Luke L Y11

Lucas C Y7

Tristan D Y7



Please collect prizes from the office







# SPORTS UPDATE

**ALL sports hall lessons for the next 2 weeks will be outside due to the mock exams. Please ensure shin pads are brought to every games/PE lesson.**

## Gaelic Football

**Training has started for year 8&9 initially! This will continue every Wednesday after school on the Astro.**

**Handball**—No Handball after school due to mock exams.

**Basketball & Badminton**—lunchtime sessions are cancelled till January due to the mock exams.

## 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>

## RESULTS THIS WEEK

### Rugby

All fixtures V Cheadle were cancelled at weekend due to frost.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December our 1<sup>st</sup> XV played Felsted College in Essex in the National Vase quarter-final. For those who followed on

X (formerly known as Twitter) you will know that the lost on the final kick of the game 22-20.

### Football

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec our U16A took on St Matthew's RC High School in the ESFA Cup. They progressed to the next round with a 3-2 win.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec our U16B took on Tytherington High school in the ESFA trophy. Unfortunately, they lost in the final minutes 2-1

### Swimming

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December we hosted the Trafford Schools Boys swim gala with years 7-10 competing.

Our year 7s finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 8 finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 9 finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 10 finished 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

Year 7 and 9 crowned Trafford Schools Swim Champions!

**Cross Country**—see Sports Report

## THIS WEEKS FIXTURES

### Rugby

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December we take on MGS

1<sup>st</sup> XV, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, U12A&B are at home

U15A, U14A&B, U13A are away

**All ko at 10am**

### Football

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec our U18B travel to Calday GS in the ESFA trophy. Ko 2pm

### Swimming

The swimming gala on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec v MGS has been postponed

### Cross Country

Also on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec our junior, intermediate and senior cross county teams will be competing in the Trafford Schools Cross Country Tournament (1pm start).

### Basketball

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December both our U16 and U14 teams travel to AGSB for their fixture.

**Games lessons for Year 7, 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

## CROSS COUNTRY FINAL

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December saw the Intermediate and Senior boys cross country teams compete in the Cross Country Cup National Final, in Woodbridge School, Suffolk. Just being in the final meant that the teams were already in the top 27 in the country, but everyone involved wanted to try and get an elusive top 10 finish after the seniors placed 13<sup>th</sup> in 2022 with a young team.

The journey down to Ipswich on Friday afternoon was longer than expected, with a main road closure making an already long journey last an extra hour and a half longer than it could have been. But we arrived in time for some of the boys to have a short shake-out run, before heading into the city centre for a group pre-race carb loading meal.

The day of the race was bitterly cold, and after arriving at Woodbridge School, walking the course and seeing how firm the ground was, the boys knew they were in for a fast race against some of the best young athletes in the country. The Intermediate boys were up first for us running 4.3km and Liam O had one of the best races of his life to finish in a very impressive 12<sup>th</sup> place individually. Only 16 seconds behind was Thomas A in 26<sup>th</sup>. Gabriel Mc had a great start to the race but started to fade in the last 600m, he should still be happy with a 69<sup>th</sup> place finish though. The fourth counter for the team was James S in 115<sup>th</sup> place, followed by Adam L in 139<sup>th</sup>. This all meant as a team, they finished in 16<sup>th</sup> place which is still one of our best finishes in the competition.



The Senior boys race started extremely fast and a lot of the team are used to starting steady and progressing through the field. With the quality of the opposition it is very hard to gain places and get into the top 50 when everyone is running so fast. Gabor P was our first counter in 80<sup>th</sup> place, then the next three team counters were all very close with Joseph D, James O and Ben H coming home in 90<sup>th</sup>, 92<sup>nd</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup> respectively. Despite coming so close, they all ran very different races, with Ben making his way back from second last after the first 200m! Andras P found the race tough after a lack of running training due to a long layoff earlier in the year, he finished in 120<sup>th</sup>. Benedict K was also struggling with a knee injury and placed 151<sup>st</sup>. The Senior boys team finished in 22<sup>nd</sup> place, which on the day was disappointing for the boys hoping for higher, but they still have to remember that they are the 22<sup>nd</sup> best team in the country.

Next year, the boys will hopefully be closer to the top 10 as the year 10's will come into the senior team to add strength in depth.

**Mr Aspinwall**



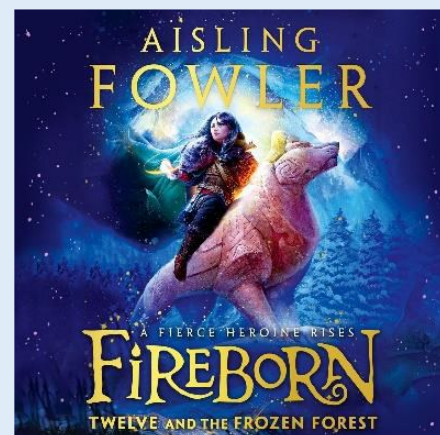


# AUTHOR VISIT

## Year 7 – Visit from author Aisling Fowler

We were thrilled to welcome the talented author Aisling Fowler to our school last week, where she shared captivating insights into her latest book from the Fireborn series with our enthusiastic Year 7 students, as well as Year 5s and 6s from St Ambrose Prep. Aisling's visit proved to be an inspiring and memorable experience for all students.

Aisling Fowler, acclaimed for her imaginative storytelling, held our students spellbound with tales from the fantastical world of the Fireborn series. Her ability to weave intricate plots and craft compelling characters left the students feeling inspired. As she spoke about her creative process, the students were not just passive listeners; they actively engaged with her ideas and found themselves drawn into the realm of storytelling.



The session involved a dynamic exchange of ideas. Aisling encouraged the students to think about their own creative ventures, urging them to explore the realms of protagonists, monsters, and settings. The lecture theatre buzzed with energy as students shared their thoughts and discussed potential storylines, demonstrating the impact of Aisling's ability to ignite the spark of creativity.

A highlight of the day was the book signing session, where students had the opportunity to personally interact with Aisling. She graciously shared her experiences and insights, making each interaction a cherished memory for the students. The joy of having a signed copy of Aisling's book will undoubtedly serve as a lovely reminder of the day!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Aisling Fowler for generously sharing her time, knowledge, and passion for storytelling with our students. Her engaging presence and genuine enthusiasm for fostering creativity left an enduring impression on our boys, encouraging them to explore their own imaginative potential.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the Year 5s and 6s from St Ambrose Prep who joined us for the talk. Their exemplary behaviour and attentiveness added to the overall positive atmosphere of the event. It was heartening to witness a gathering of young minds eager to embrace the magic of literature.





## CORMAC H—STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

Suicide is the biggest killer of young people under the age of 35 in the UK, every year over 1800 young people took their own lives. PAPYRUS is a national charity who provides confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person through their helpline, HOPELINE247.

Cormac wants to raise awareness to help all young people who deal with suicidal thoughts and will be running a 5k every day for the 25 days up to Christmas to raise money for PAPYRUS. Cormac has created a Strava Challenge dedicated to this and encourage everyone to give it their best shot.

He says, "I think that young people have many stressful problems that they are very good at hiding to the naked eye, and especially with the need to have a perfect social media nowadays, it's even more of a problem that needs to be stopped.

I think that running is a great form of escapism, regardless of pace. It can be a place where you can clear your head, appreciate nature or the community, listen to your favourite music or even just get out of the house and feel accomplished about yourself. For me, it gives me purpose to my day and if I can raise money for a charity by doing it that's amazing. "

Every £5 raised can contribute towards a life-saving contact to HOPELINE247.

If you would like to donate to Cormac's JustGiving page, the link is [https://www.justgiving.com/page/5k-advent-calendar?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2F5k-advent-calendar&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/5k-advent-calendar?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2F5k-advent-calendar&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

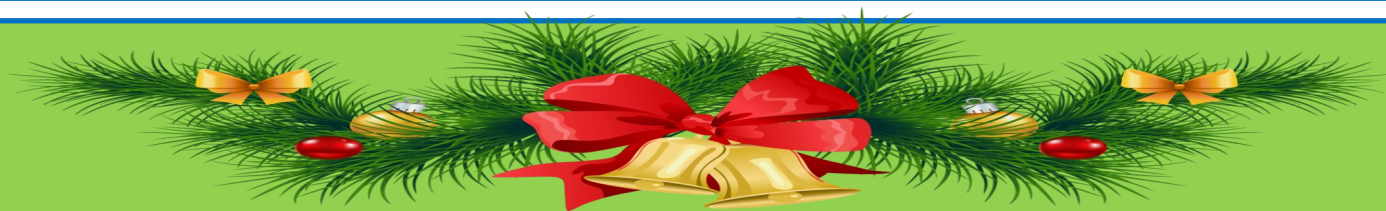
Updates will be posed on Cormac's Instagram page: **@cormachogan**







# CHRISTMAS LUNCH



## TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Tickets must be purchased in advance for the Christmas Lunch

Tickets can be purchased from all tills at break/lunchtimes from Monday 4th December

Last day to buy is WEDNESDAY 13th December

Only £3.50 (Price held from last year)

*Turkey with all the trimmings, festive dessert & a drink*

Or

*Mac & Cheese festive bites with French fries*

*Merry Christmas!*





# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



## Christmas Jumper Day

@ St Ambrose



## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

(also Christmas Dinner Day!!)



Save the Children  
**FUNDRAISER**

Suggested  
donation

**£2**





## 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.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

### **Work Experience for Year 12**

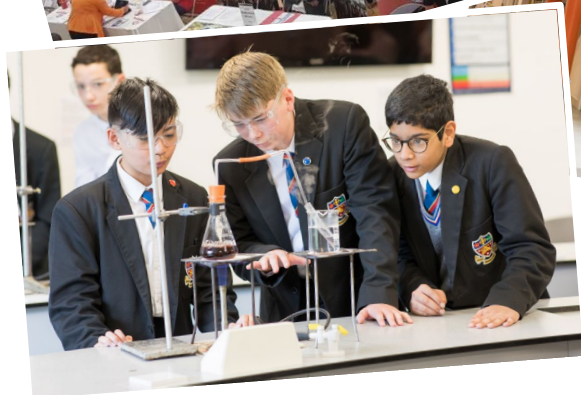
During this week, Year 12 students will have the opportunity to participate in a work experience program. Students are encouraged to organise their own placements at workplaces of their interest. **We strongly recommend that students begin making inquiries and arrangements for work experience as early 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**

# St. Ambrose College Careers Day 2024



**St. Ambrose College is looking for employers and further/higher education providers to deliver and promote careers within their companies for our Careers Day 2024**

- St. Ambrose College is a selective school and one of the top performing schools in the country
- St. Ambrose College has a wide range of high achieving students and future talent from across Greater Manchester, that are keen to learn about possible career paths and the world of work

**We would like companies and providers to to:**

- Send representatives to run a stall to promote the company and possible careers with the company and pathways into employment
- Students will rotate with a new year group each hour (5 hours in total)

Twitter: [@stambrosecoll](https://twitter.com/stambrosecoll)



# St. Ambrose College Careers Day 2024



**St. Ambrose College is looking for employers to deliver and promote careers within their companies for our Careers Day 2024**

**DATE:** Friday 1st March 2024

## **START TIMES:**

Year 7	Period 1	9.15 - 9.40
Year 8	Period 1	9.45 - 10.10
Year 9	Period 2	10.15 – 11.15
Year 10	Period 3	11.35 – 12.30

## **Lunch Break**

Year 11	Period 4	1.40 – 2.35
Post 16	Period 5	2.40 – 3.35

## **Benefit to Companies:**

- Links to one of the top performing schools in the country
- Access to high achieving learners and future talent
- Positive Social and Corporate Responsibility exposure

## **EVENT INFORMATION:**

For each session, students will register with their classroom teacher before being escorted and accompanied to the sports hall for the duration of the session by teaching staff. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will also be present throughout the day.

During the session students will have the opportunity to gain information and ask questions to a range of employers, employees, apprenticeship providers and FE and HE institutions.

If companies have stands/displays that they would like to bring to market and promote their company we would welcome this alongside any literature about the company and employment pathways.

Please contact the following if you would like to take part in helping support the future generation of talent from St. Ambrose College:

**Careers Team**

[careers@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:careers@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)

**St Ambrose College, Hale Rd, Hale Barns, Altrincham, WA15 0HE**

**Tel: 0161 980 2711**



# LIFEGUARD COURSE



**LIFESAVERS  
DIRECT**  
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!**

**8th December 2023**

## **WOW!! A HUGE THANK YOU!**

**To all parents and staff on behalf of SAPA  
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING OUR CHRISTMAS  
FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST  
WE HAVE EVER HAD!**

It was an amazing turnout and really lovely to see so many parents there supporting the event. We made a huge total of:

# **£7100**

**I WOULD LIKE TO SEND MY PERSONAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE AMAZING PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEERED WHETHER IT WAS ON THE DAY, THE PLANNING MEETINGS BEFOREHAND OR BY MAKING DONATIONS. IT WAS AN AMAZING TEAM EFFORT AND YOU SHOULD ALL BE SO PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED.**

**WE HAD OVER 45 PEOPLE OFFER THEIR TIME AND WITHOUT YOU THE DAY JUST WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL!**

**THANKS ALSO GO OUT FROM SAPA TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF OUR EVENTS:**

- **MR BRADY FOR HIS CONTINUING, PASSIONATE SUPPORT & CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND BEYOND.**
- **OFFICE STAFF WHO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN OUR PLANS.**
- **ALL OF THE STAFF WHO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR EVENTS.**
- **CARETAKERS WHO ARE ALWAYS THERE TO HELP AT EVERY EVENT**
- **KITCHEN STAFF WHO DO AN AMAZING JOB OF THE FOOD**
- **THE YOUNG BOYS AND SIXTH FORMERS WHO HELPED US ON THE DAY**
- **EVERYBODY ELSE WHO WAS INVOLVED**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR VITAL INPUT!**

**MRS BASTIN, CHAIR OF SAPA - CONTACT: CHAIR@SAPA.ORG.UK**



# SAPA AUTUMN NEWS!

8th December 2023

## TOP RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

**1st PRIZE - £300 CASH**

WON BY ROHAN J YR7

**2nd PRIZE - £150 CASH**

WON BY PHILIP K YR10

**3rd PRIZE - £50 CASH**

WON BY THEO B YR7

PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR THE FULL LIST OF WINNERS.

PRIZES CAN BE PICKED UP FROM THE SCHOOL THE OFFICE.

## GUESS THE NAME OF THE BUNNY

THE WINNING NAME  
OF THE BIG CUTE FLUFFY GREY BUNNY WAS  
**'EMMA'**

WON BY MARIE P (JOSEPH)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!**







# FULL LIST OF RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Prizes can be picked up  
from the college office

**Top prize of £300 Cash - Rohan J Y7**

**£150 Cash - Philip K Y10**

**£50 Cash - Theo B Y7F**

**Signed Sale Sharks Shirt - Matthew S Y10**

**Signed Man Utd Photo with Certificate of Authenticity - Daniel I Y13**

**4x VIP Weekend Passes to Hale Barns Carnival - Felix M Y9**

**£100 voucher for XP Factory Escape Hunt/Boom Battle Bar - Hamish M Y7**

**Ringway Golf Club (1 round of golf for 4 people) - Baily P Y7**

**Dino Falls Adventure Golf for 2x adults & 2x children - Harrison B Y7**

**Slaters menswear £100 Voucher - Clare Brook**

**Slaters menswear £100 Voucher - Mike**

**PEAK Adventure Voucher for £15 towards activities - Henry F Y7**

**£128 Outscape Games Manchester Voucher for 4 people - Jake J Y12**

**£128 Outscape Games Manchester Voucher for 4 people - Will B 7F**

**Ticket for 2 for Lancashire Cricket Home Game 2024 - Imelda Watson**

**Chill Factore Voucher for £25 - Calan W Y10**

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

**The Entertainer Toy Shop Altrincham voucher for £15 - Luke SG Y9**

**Blue Planet Aquarium 2x Under 12's Junior tickets and 2x over 13's tickets - Eddie V**

**Microderm & Radio Frequency Voucher for Skin First in Hale worth £145 - Daniel S Y8**

**Gel Manicure & Pedicure Voucher for Skin First in Hale worth £80 - Alex M Y8**

**Breakout Voucher for 4 People - Valentine C Y7**

**£50 TOAST voucher - Zac G**

**Clare Tanner School of Dance voucher - James S Y9**

**M&S voucher - Mrs Yaxley**

**Family ticket to Altrincham Football Club - Kieran M Y11**

**5 Free Day Passes for Brooklands Health Club worth £15 each - Adam O Y13**

**£250 Bartley Photoshoot vouchers - Finlay W Y8**

**£250 Bartley Photoshoot vouchers - Luke L 11E**

**£25 Amphora voucher - Harry L Y7**

**Kukri - £25 voucher - AJ HC**

**2x vouchers for online or F2F Speak Greek lesson - Flynn S Y8**

**2x £5 vouchers for Chris Walker Plants - Zachary De L**

**Large Hamper of Brioche Products - Emily G**

**30 Minute Guitar Lesson at Altrincham Guitar School (Paul Anderson) - James M**

**Maggie's Choco Pops - £10 voucher with chocolate slab - Lawrence C Y7**

**Booths voucher - £10 - Tristan D Y7A**

**Litre of Gin - Cillian H Y7**

**Tin of biscuits - Cillian H Y7**



# **SAPA AUTUMN NEWS!**

## **8th December 2023**

**But it doesn't stop there!**

### **The biggest bottle tombola in the North West!**

We had a fantastic response to our none uniform day (thanks go to Mr Rainey for allowing that to go ahead) and we gathered more bottles than we had ever seen in our lives!

Because of this we were able to do a second hampers raffle at the Winter Concert on Tuesday evening using the remainder of the donations and we managed to make up 10 hampers! Yet again the generosity of the parents made an amazing

**£440**

This goes straight back in to the SAPA funds and all the funds we have raised will go directly to support the boys in the furthering of their academic, spiritual and physical education.

### **NEXT SAPA MEETING**

**Is Wednesday 13th December at 6pm. All welcome!**

The main discussion will be feedback on the Fair.

A huge **welcome** goes out to our new SAPA volunteers. It was lovely to meet you all at the fair. If you wish to be part of the group or just want to come and give your feedback please just turn up at the next meeting in the classroom at the back of the college near the pool entrance (bottom of the stairs)

or message us on the email below for more information.

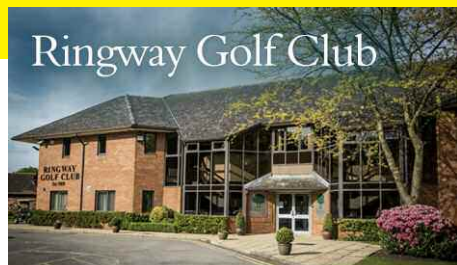
**We promise you a warm welcome!**

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

**See the next page for all of our amazing raffle sponsors!!**



THANKS TO ALL THE AMAZING COMPANIES WHO DONATED A PRIZE TO OUR RAFFLE!





# 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/>