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Message from the Principal

This week the first year students take part in a retreat at Castlerigg in the Lake District and it is with great joy I will be joining them on Tuesday to be part of the experience.

This week I would like to highlight the work students at the college do supporting the homeless and refugees in Manchester. The Revive project in Manchester is an independent community project based in Salford, providing free and practical support to people seeking asylum and refugees. www.revive-uk.org

I ask that we could hold all those involved with their work in our prayers as the wars in North Africa and the Middle East continue. It is important that we all lead our young people in developing a strong sense of social responsibility and the realisation that what we say and do does make a difference.

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." Dalai Lama

Support Vacancies

<http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/1126/info/vacancies/>

Societies & Clubs

Website link for societies and clubs 2016-7:-

<http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/library/client/website/Societies%20and%20Clubs/Societies%20and%20Clubs%202016%202017%20SAC.pdf>

Parents' Association dates:-

Next Meeting AGM: Monday 10 October 7.30 pm located at the College. All Welcome

**Car boot - Sunday 16 Oct 2017 (POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2017)
apologies for any inconvenience.**

Christmas Fair - Sunday 27th November 2016

Fashion show - Friday 3rd February 2017

Pastoral concerns email: pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

Sport Fixtures/Scores: <http://www.schoolssports.com/School/?id=332>

Twitter: @StAmbroseColl

Rugby Twitter: @StAmbroseRugby

SAPA Twitter: @StAmbrosePA

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Saint Ambrose College Hale Barns

Inspiring great young men



SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING
Tuesday 15th November
from 7pm

0161 980 2711
st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

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Multi Mini's Interview Practice for Students applying to Medicine Wednesday 5th October

On Wednesday St Ambrose College welcomed Mr Adam Dobson and six other senior members of his medical team from Wythenshawe. They very kindly gave up their time to give interview practice to 7 Loreto and 8 St Ambrose U6th students who are in the process of applying to medicine.

A multiple mini interview consists of a series of short, structured interview stations used to assess non-cognitive qualities including cultural sensitivity, maturity, teamwork, empathy, and reliability and communication skills. It is an interview style used widely by some universities in their admissions process.

Prior to the start of each mini interview rotation, candidates received a question/scenario and had 5 minutes to give an answer. At the end of each mini interview, the interviewer evaluates the candidate's performance while the student moved to the next station. This pattern was repeated through a number of rotations. Students are currently completing their applications which are due in by October 15th. If successful they will be selected for interviews late December/early January. We wish them well with their applications.

Assistant Principal/Director of Sixth Form: Mrs P Ridgway
Careers Admin: Mrs E Bigley





SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)

Young men were made aware of their responsibilities to young women and the unborn child at a Pro Life Lecture at St. Ambrose College. Since the introduction of the Abortion Act in 1967 more than 8.4 million unborn children have been denied a chance of life with over 500 abortions every day in England and Wales.

Young men in the college's lower sixth form were reminded of their duty to cherish and care for young women. They were shown the alternatives to abortion and asked what people such as John Lennon, Marilyn Monroe and Oprah Winfrey all had in common, with many surprised to learn they were all adopted.

St. Ambrose College's former Vice Chair of Governors Robin Haig introduced Mrs Barbara Lewis from SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) highlighting the role of young men in caring for and protecting women.

Mr Haig said: "We welcome this visit to St Ambrose College by SPUC speakers because as Pope Francis has recently emphasised protecting human life, including unborn children, is the most pressing issue of our time. Boys especially have a responsibility to protect and cherish children and their mothers."

Mr Haig added: "600 unborn children are aborted every day in England and Wales; no-one is more vulnerable than those children and their mothers. I and my SPUC colleagues are delighted to have been invited to take part and feel privileged to have the opportunity to discuss this difficult subject with the thoughtful students of St Ambrose College."

M Richardson



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**For circulation to pupils for the benefit of those who attend
St Hugh's Church**

ST HUGH & ST JOHN'S PARISH, TIMPERLEY, CONFIRMATION 2017.

The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 27th January 2017, 7.00pm for those in Year 8 upwards.

If you wish to be confirmed on that occasion, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you email to shol.westtimp@talktalk.net **YOUR NAME** and a **PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS** no later than **FRIDAY, 21st OCTOBER 2016** (the start of half-term).

Any names submitted **after** that date will not be accepted for the forthcoming programme but will be invited to re-apply for Confirmation in 2018. Once the names have been gathered, we will email you details of the confirmation programme and the next step for you to take.

With thanks

Julia Hathaway
Parish secretary



The Lampedusa Cross: symbol of rescue: sign of hope 'sign of our times' is at Holy Angels, Hale Barns 7 – 14 October

Church open daily dawn till dusk



Cafod, CSAN(Caritas), and JRS(Jesuit Refugee Service) special project

Lampedusa, the tiny Italian island (visited by Pope Francis in March 2013) was the scene of one of the many shipwrecks of boats carrying refugees. Sicilian carpenter Francesco Tuccio made rough crosses from wreckage and offered them to survivors as a symbol of their rescue and as a sign of hope (one in the British Museum also as a 'sign of our times').

All are invited to come and write (or draw) your own message of hope and commitment on special cards. Messages will be shared with refugees in the UK and around the world at the end of the Year of Mercy.

Concluding **silent vigil Friday 14 October 10 to 11 am**

All welcome: people of all faiths and none.

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Edmund Rice Schools New Staff Induction Day

Last Friday saw the first of two annual Edmund Rice Schools New Staff Induction days, held at Woodeaves for any staff who have recently joined an Edmund Rice school in England. The day introduced new staff to the unique charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, the ethos of the Edmund Rice schools, the Eight Essentials of Edmund Rice Education and the good work that is carried out locally, nationally and internationally by the Edmund Rice Network. Invited to speak during the day were Upper Sixth students Shane and Max, Youth Ambassadors for the St Ambrose College Edmund Rice International Group.

Following the day, Shane said, "There were plenty of staff there, more than I realised there would be, and it felt a bit strange lecturing our teachers (for once!) but we really enjoyed it and I think it gave them more of an idea of how they could get involved in social justice in their own schools. Meeting the teachers and support staff and seeing how passionate about Catholic education they were really made me think about one of the Eight Essentials that I never really got my head around before: Education as a Christian Calling. Being present at this induction day made it clear to me that working in an Edmund Rice school is something special, as is attending one as a pupil!".

Max summed things up well by saying, "We hope that the new staff felt really welcomed into the Edmund Rice schools family and that the sharing of mine and Shane's own experiences on the day will serve to encourage them to get involved with Edmund Rice ministries and social justice at their own schools".





The Feast Day of Blessed John Henry Newman

Friday 7th October saw the Feast Day of Blessed John Henry Newman celebrated in style by teachers and pupils of Newman House. Following the hard work of Mrs Allen and her catering team and the fundraising amongst the Newman teachers and pupils, all were able to enjoy specially made Newman cakes during Newman Assembly. Jovial conviviality ensued over this most extravagant refection whilst conversation, stimulating or jejune in equal measure, flowed prodigally, as did the orange cordial. All Newmanites were given a special prayer card as a memento of the day and were provided with a reminder of the key attributes that made Newman such an influential figure in the Catholic Church: a strong sense of humour, an excellent work ethic, and a passionate desire to emphasise Jesus' teachings on love and compassion. Pictured are Upper Sixth students Tom Reid and Jack Waywell rightly enjoying their specially made Newman cakes.





College Production

- The rehearsals for the 3rd year GCSE students have started for this year's production of 'The Hunting of the Snark'.
- If your son would like to be involved as either an actor or backstage, please complete the permission slip sent out via ParentMail and return to the office by the end of this half term (by hand or email mrsebigley@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk) **Rehearsals for all other actors start after the October half term.** Students should check the Drama notice board for their rehearsal.
- **Recycling** – please bring in items such as bottle tops, string, buttons, silver foil, coloured material, feathers etc. to use to make costumes. Students are making their own costumes in the **Costume Club, Thursday lunchtimes** in the Design Technology area.
- **Special thanks to the Maddox and Mitorabi families** for their generous donations towards the costs of the production. The production is self-funded, covering costs such as rights, scripts, set etc. If you would like to offer a **donation please email Mrs Bigley** on the above address.
- All raffle prizes should be handed in at the front office please.
- **Tickets** can be bought for the production via **ParentMail**.



Thank you
Mrs M Bull
Head of Drama



IGNATIUS NEWS

Dominic Longhorn IGS Year 10

Congratulations to Dominic for winning
The DFS Design Competition last year.

The awards ceremony takes place
11 October at the Furniture Maker's Hall.

The poster for this ceremony will go out
to over 1000 schools and acknowledges

Dominic as a pupil of
St Ambrose College and his award.

Well done

From Mr Krause, Mr Vaughton

And the DT Department