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SCHOOL THAT MATTERS:
MOMENTS THAT MATTER

We find ourselves once again at the end of a half-term, looking forward to a holiday and with one more stretch of school time to run before the race of the year is done. Inevitably, the summer exams have dominated the last few weeks since Easter.

How could they not? They are so often positioned as the reason for the existence of schools such as ours. Even though the exams are the territory of year 11, they can permeate every year group. So perhaps this is an opportunity to remind ourselves that we exist not to host exams, but to ensure that young people grow, learn and thrive in all ways.

So it is always good to be reminded of what we're really about by touring prospective pupils and staff around the school, as we often do. Hardly a week goes by without a request from an interested parent or carer, keen to know why their child should attend St. Ambrose Barlow.

This week on one such tour for a Year 5 pupil and his family a Year 10 pupil interrupted the tour unprompted to tell the family just how much she 'loved' her school – quite an indication of something good.

As this week finishes year 11 will spend a morning reflecting on their journey through the last five

years, signing shirts and taking pictures after they have been cheered out of the school by a Year 7 guard of honour. It's become an Ambrose tradition, started during the dark days of COVID. It remains because it seems to say something deep about what school is really about; it seems to capture the sense of connection and belonging that even the most disgruntled student grudgingly admits to. It is also a moment of great warmth and love – the very essence of our Catholic school.

As this newsletter shows each week, schools such as ours with all of their human messiness and complexity are vital and necessary places. They remind us all of the hope that young people represent, they offer a place to make mistakes as well as celebrate success and they are where our faith meets reality in the form of young and slighter older working side-by-side, learning from one another.

Thank you for your support this half-term and I wish you a good holiday in the week ahead.

Ben Davis
Headteacher

CALENDAR

Year 11 - GCSE Exams

12th May - 18th June

School Closes for Half Term

Friday 23rd May at 3.15pm

School Re-Open

Monday 2nd June

YEAR GROUP LEADERSHIP



Year 7

Year Manager: Mr Healey
(Senior Leader: Mrs Johnston)



Year 8

Year Manager: Mr Marshall
(Senior Leader: Mr Jordan)



Year 9

Year Manager: Mrs Vincent
(Senior Leader: Mr Jones)



Year 10

(Senior Leaders: Mrs Tullock/
Mrs Johnston)



Year 11

Head of Year: Mr. Pemberton
(Senior Leader: Miss O'Leary)

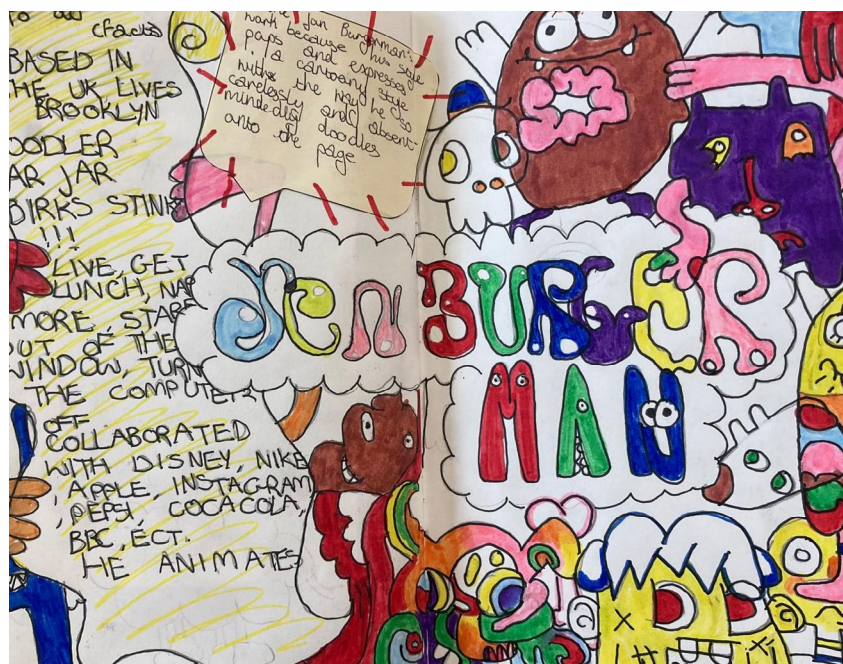
70 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

As part of our **70th anniversary celebrations** and to raise the profile of the school further in the community, please can you help us to get in touch with former pupils?

Were you, or do you know anyone who was a pupil of St Ambrose Barlow or St George's?

If you know someone, or if you are that person please contact us via email on

office@stambrosebarlowswinton.org.



ART FOCUS:

Isla, Year 8 Jon Burgerman Research page.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Student Recognition - Florence Year 9 - Florence has been enjoying a successful time with her football club! Starting with a match last Friday for Wrexham U16s where they secured a 3-0 win! Saturday saw her U14s team, the Leopards, win the league with a 3-0 victory - Florence opened the scoring with the first goal, and to round off an amazing weekend, Florence picked up two trophies at her presentation afternoon, Player's Player of the Year for the U15 Lionesses and Manager's Player of the Year for the U14 Leopards! What a star!





BOOK OF THE WEEK

Code Name Kingfisher by Liz Kessler.

When Liv finds a secret box from her grandmother's childhood she uncovers an extraordinary war-time story of bravery, betrayal and daring defiance. A story that will change Liv and her family forever...

Holland, 1942. The world is at war and as the Nazis' power grows, Jewish families are in terrible danger. Twelve-year-old Mila and her older sister Hannie are sent to live with a family in another city with new identities and the strict instruction not to tell anyone that they are Jewish.

Hannie, determined to fight back, is swept into the Dutch resistance as an undercover agent: Code Name Kingfisher. And though Mila does her best to make friends and keep out of trouble, there is danger at every turn and the sisters are soon left questioning who they can trust...

"A breathtaking WW2 story of bravery and sisterhood, told with the utmost care, beauty and hope by an extraordinary storyteller." - A.F. Steadman

SPORTS FOCUS:

On Wednesday, our Y10 football team took part in the final of the Greater Manchester Plate, one of the only Ambrose teams to ever make it to the final. After a tough 3-3 game with St Matthews, the game went to penalties with St Matthews winning 5-4. The lads showed great determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout. We are so proud of them all and how well they played throughout.



SUBJECT FOCUS: GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Last week, 30 Year 8 students visited RHS Bridgewater. Students enjoyed taking part in an interactive workshop with the education officer at RHS. This fabulous workshop allowed students to enhance their class learning on climate change. Students completed activities such as a food miles tracker and calculating how much carbon is in one tree. These activities provided real hands-on experience of the issues facing our planet. After the workshop and a lovely lunch, students completed some self-guided activities around the park as well as enjoying the independent time in the sunshine.

