

# Ashton on Mersey School Sixth Form, Newsletter Newsletter

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## Ashton on Mersey V's St Ambrose

Ashton on Mersey 6<sup>th</sup> Form Football team resumed their season with an important game against St Ambrose. The match was decided to be a worth double the points due to their being no alternative date for the reverse fixture. Within the first minute St Ambrose took the lead. Following on from this, AoM piled on the pressure forcing the visitors ever closer to their goal line. Helped by the watching group of Year 9 pupils participating in a sport related project, AoM created a number of half chances yet had to wait almost twenty minutes for the first clear cut opportunity. Captain Ben Shawcross spotted a clever run by Matthew Warburton and delivered an inch perfect pass for the forward to control, which was equally as good, only to see his shot go wide of the post. The pace and work rate of Warburton's strike partner, Martin Winstanley, was constantly troubling the St Ambrose defence and they had to be alert to the threat he was causing.

Although almost all the play was in the visitors half, the defenders, Rory Bradbury, Reece Gilsenan, Anthony Tierney and Shawcross were in an unforgiving mood and quickly stopped any attacks that threatened. Shawcross cleared a ball off the line and Gilsenan showed his pace and power with a fine tackle following a through ball. Goalkeeper Rob Leach was virtually a spectator for most of the half and had a perfect view of a free kick from the edge of the area that Shawcross dispatched with precision into the bottom corner to draw the scores level.

Dale Whittam who tormented the St Ambrose left back all half, including a fine piece of skill to nutmeg the defender saw his corner land to the feet of Winstanley whose shot was blocked on the goal line. Winger Aaron Best was gradually getting into the game with a combination of some great footwork and powerful runs and was keen to get in on the act as he controlled a ball just outside of the area then on the turn fired a shot which left the crossbar shaking.

The second half turned into a real battle as both teams were clearly going for the win. Every ball was contested and the excellent centre midfield duo of Stefan Kordecki and Joe Gubba were at the heart of this, throwing themselves into numerous tackles and scrapping continuously to win possession for their team. Winstanley headed a ball over the bar and both Whittam and Warburton had shots saved by the keeper. The defence was still doing their job and keeping the visitors shot tally to a minimum. With ten minutes remaining AoM deservedly took the lead when Whittam saw his volley from inside of the area find the back of the net for AoM to take the lead. Tom Grimshaw was introduced for the final part of the game and quickly replicated the work of the defenders by repossessing the St Ambrose striker and setting up an attack.

The final whistle blew on the game with the score finishing 2 – 1 meaning all 6 points go to Ashton on Mersey. An excellent performance which sets up a strong challenge for the title.



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Monday 9th March,  
3pm

**Janet Lakin Wood,**  
The Head Teacher from the  
Firs Primary School will be  
coming into our assembly  
to talk to students about  
careers in teaching.

Don 't forget our  
new website:

Did you leave an Audi  
car key and some door  
keys near the Pool ta-  
ble? They are in the  
Student Service office.



### Police officer visit

**Simon Collister, our local crime reduction officer recently visited the 6th Form to talk about the career options in the Greater Manchester Police Force. He discussed the many different career paths that are available - up to 500 different roles including I.T, admin, vehicle maintenance, catering, dog handling, horses care, gardening etc., in addition to explaining the requirements and application process for becoming a Police Officer. There are lots more careers talks and networking sessions planned from now until July. If there is a career you would like to find more information about please see Val Berry or our Connexions advisors based in the Common Room.**

**Further information is available on the excellent GMP website which lists current vacancies, information and tips or see Mrs Berry for contact with Simon if required.**

### Red Nose Day 13 March 2009

The Student Council are currently planning events / ideas to make Red Nose Day as memorable an event as Children in Need. Here are the options for you to choose. See a student Council member with your favourites, they will then try their best to get the day planned.

- Pyjama day
- Red Clothes day
- Raffle (do you or a family member have a prize to donate?)
- Cake Sale
- Face Painting
- Friday night event?
- Red Nose merchandise sale
- Any other wacky ideas welcome (anyone for leg waxing, sponsored silence or wet sponge)
- Tuck shop
- Red Nose day quiz 50p entry, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

#### Don't forget:

You can fundraise online  
or download more forms  
at [www.rednoseday.com](http://www.rednoseday.com)



### Study in the Sixth Form! Are you really learning or pretending?!?!

*I get a little disappointed at the amount of time students say 'I have nothing to do and I have done all my work!'*

#### *When does learning end?*

In Sixth Form we have expectations that students have bought into a wider learning experience. Surely learning is much more than the lessons you are taught by our teachers. Independent research, redrafting / improving work, revising topics, researching, wider reading are all key tasks we expect our learners to address.

Despite constant reminders too many students have allowed the Common Room to dominate study periods and we have to change this culture if we are to get you to reach your potential in your subjects.

With this in mind from February Half Term all students will select two silent study periods to have supervised study periods either with myself or Mrs Evason. AS Students will be taught General Studies during this time. These opportunities have been created to allow BTEC students to improve assignments and related work and provide the AS students with the skills to do General Studies AS exams in May. Students may be unhappy with these changes originally but I am convinced this will allow all students the opportunity to make the most of learning in the Sixth Form.

Thank you

Aidan Moloney, Director of Sixth Form

