



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

12th October 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

It was a pleasure to attend the Jack Petchey award ceremony at the Civic Theatre on Monday evening – always an inspirational celebration of the city's young people and of the support offered by local schools.

Wednesday's Welcome Mass for Y7 students and their families was as ever a wonderful testament to the St John Payne community, extending the blessings bestowed on the school throughout this Marian month of October.

Fr Paul blessed the Bibles that I was pleased to give students during assembly at the end of their first full week with us. These are a keepsake that students use during Bible reflection as they progress through the school, and are one of the many gifts students take with them at the end of their time here.

The school has been busy with parties of families visiting to experience life here in all its colour and vibrancy following last week's open evening. Students are always keen to guide visitors on a tour, as ever serving as fantastic ambassadors for the school. We continue to receive fulsome appreciation of the atmosphere and sense of community that is experienced by anyone who visits.

Last Friday I noted how pleasant it was to spend time with colleagues in school on a retreat that afforded the opportunity for spiritual reflection on the particular responsibility invested in those who serve young people in Catholic education.

It is often observed that where any good school prepares children for life, Catholic schools also prepare children for the life eternal promised by Christ's sacrifice. This additional responsibility lends SJP its distinctive identity. In the words of a colleague new to the school, *'It speaks for itself, without words.'*

Thomas Coen, Headteacher

Events & Notices

Foppolo Ski Trip 2020 for current Year 10. Consent form to Mrs Watson no later than 19.10.18—**next Friday**.

Piancavallo Ski Trip 2019 for current Year 11. Passport renewals to Mrs Watson ASAP.

Rehearsals for Julia Caesar continue.

Y7/8 Disco tonight

Students are encouraged to attempt the maths challenges emailed home this week: **KS3 The Bridge Problem**; **KS4 Motor Racing** - available from Mrs O'Leary or Mr Newman—deadline 30.10.18

Mass for Holy Souls- Thursday 8th November, 7.30pm in Merici Hall

You are warmly invited to our annual Mass for those in our community who have died. In a change to previous years, we will record names in our book of Remembrance and pray for all during the Mass.

The book of remembrance will be placed in the chapel from Monday 15th October for students to insert names, Alternatively, email hab@sjp.essex.sch.uk (all names from last year will be included).



Celebrations & successes

Congratulations to our Jack Petchey award winners: Matthew Y13, Ifeanyichukwu Y10, Nicholas Y10, Abbie Y10, Sophie Y10, Danni Y11, Jenna Y11, Leo Y13, and Mrs Coleman for her continuing dedication and support in affirming our young people's achievements.



...to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.

