



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

1st February 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

On Monday evening Miss Grant & I were accompanied by a group of sixth form students at the Civic Centre to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. It was a powerfully reflective service, and a sobering reminder of the horrors visited upon the world last century. With survivors ever fewer in number, we were reminded of our duty to ensure that their voices and stories, and those of all the world's persecuted peoples, continue to be heard.

We hosted our Careers evening on Wednesday, with students from Years 9 - 13 attending with parents & carers to gain insight into future opportunities from universities, colleges and Apprenticeship providers. Students are encouraged to see Mr MacConville if they would like an appointment with Mrs Hindes of Rayleigh Careers Advice & Guidance.

A group of Year 10 students enjoyed public speaking training yesterday from Jack Petchey Speak Out. The school enjoys a long association with the competition, and with the many other opportunities offered by the Jack Petchey Foundation, founded by Jack Petchey in 2000 to improve the life chances of young people across London and Essex. Students presented speeches on a range of topics with great sensitivity.

Today Year 11 received a revision guide to support their preparations for the summer's examinations. We are impressed with their efforts, and look forward to supporting them towards success in the coming months. We are delighted that many intend remaining with us next year. Wherever their futures take them, they are all assured of our prayers.

This weekend sees our production of The Tragicomedy of Julia Caesar, beginning with yesterday's matinee performance enjoyed by students from Our Lady Immaculate and Columbus College. The cast has rehearsed throughout the autumn and winter, supported by Mrs Adams, Mrs Daly, Mrs Watkins, Mrs Kelly, Miss Grant, and Mr Kelly. Attendance is warmly encouraged for what I know will as ever be an enjoyable evening, and a fantastic showcase of our students' gifts and talents.

Mr Marsh has written to parents and carers of Year 9 students regarding Options evening on Thursday 7th February. Along with our consultation evening on Thursday 28th February, this will help to inform students in selecting their preferences for Key Stage 4 study.

As noted week, Friday 5th April - the final day of this term - will be a full teaching day. Buses will arrive as usual to collect students at the end of Period 6.

Accompanying today's newsletter are letters regarding the school's support of SOLE (Save Our Libraries Essex), and Essex Police Project Enlightenment.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher

SJP is a proud Teacher Training Partnership School to Billericay Education Consortium and West Essex Teacher Training School Alliance. Please contact us if you are interested in a career in teaching and/or work experience.

Following recent press reports, Governors assure parents & carers that no MAT decision involving SJP will be taken without proper process, involving consultation with all parties.

31st Jan—2nd Feb: School Play

7th Feb: Options evening

21.03.19 4.00p.m.-7.00 p.m. Canon Roche Hall, Billericay: *Get into Teaching: Catholic Education*, a recruitment evening for all interested in teaching in Brentwood Diocese Catholic schools.

06.04.19 - *Moving Into Catholic Education* a Saturday networking event and free lunch in Brentwood for teachers working in any non-Catholic school. <http://tiny.cc/catholicteaching> (email agnusdei@stbons.org)

The school office now receives calls from 08.00 rather than 07.30.

The PTA is holding an Afternoon Tea Dance on Saturday 16th February to help raise money for a new school minibus. Detail is provided in the accompanying flyer. Donations of bottles and gifts for the raffle will be gratefully received.

Please be familiar with the accompanying letter from Chief Inspector Gerry Parker. Our partnerships with Essex Police, Mid Essex schools and associated agencies make a vital contribution to safeguarding young people in schools across the city and surrounding areas.

Celebrations & Successes

Congratulations to Kate Y9 for her success with her Academy Arts group. Last Saturday evening they progressed in the Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge, and will appear at the finals at the London Palladium in March.

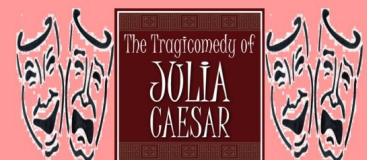
We love hearing of students' interests and achievements – please continue to share.



Saints Angela Merici, Thomas Aquinas & John Bosco

Saint John Payne Catholic School

Presents



Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd February 2019, 7pm

Tickets are £5 on ParentPay or £6 on the door.

Family tickets are £15

Sarah and Davina think it would be fun to direct a play for the drama club - they both love Julius Caesar. What could go wrong? How about a drama diva who wants to play the lead, wants her way with the story, and wants a post-death dance number? Julius is now played by a girl, Brutus is allergic to peanut butter, and the directors are slowly losing the plot. Nothing wrong at all?

For more information, please see ParentPay or email the school office.

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

