



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

2nd November 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

It was a pleasure to welcome parents and carers of Year 11 students on Wednesday for our sixth form open evening. We look forward to continuing our partnerships to support students towards their potential in next summer's examinations.

For students intent on progressing to A Levels, the decision regarding post-16 study is straightforward. We are pleased that each year many of our students opt to remain at SJP for the sixth form, and are likewise pleased to welcome the growing number of students who join our community from other local schools.

We are keen to offer all those wishing to remain with us the opportunity to do so, and are committed to fully supporting those whose futures will see them continue their education elsewhere.

For some students the future can seem daunting. Each year as we interview Year 11 to determine how we might support their aspirations, invariably some will express uncertainty about the next stage in their education.

The coming months offer the opportunity to speak with Mr Folkard and Mrs Fearn as respective Heads of Year 11 & Sixth Form, in addition to an interview with a member of the Leadership Team. Mr MacConville can also arrange an appointment with Mrs Hindes, our independent careers adviser.

Yesterday we celebrated Masses for All Saints' Day. We thank Abbot Hugh, Father Stephen, and Father Paul Fox for ensuring such prayerful and reflective celebrations. Next Thursday evening we will gather together in prayer for the deceased in our community at our Mass for Holy Souls. We thank Father Pius in advance for what I know will be a blessed and spirit filled occasion. All are very welcome to join us.

Next week the History department, along with students representing local Cadet groups, will lead Remembrance day assemblies. These always provide sobering and thought-provoking reflection, and I am sure will be invested with additional import in this centenary of the armistice.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher

Events & Notices

8th November: Mass for Holy Souls

15th November: Year 7 meet the Tutor afternoon

Y7 school-based Retreats throughout November

Ski trip 2020: Reminder, deposits to be paid Friday 30th November via parentpay.

Ski trip 2019: Please send in any outstanding passport information asap.

PTA Quiz: Unfortunately the SJP PTA Quiz due to take place on Saturday 17th November has been postponed.

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

It was lovely to hear from Miss Cook of the fantastic projects Y8 students produced on an African country of their choice. Well done to 8A: Eimer; Naomi & Daniel; 8D: Kamsi, Rosalie, Scarlett, Sophia, Ruvarashe, Ademola, Finn, Gracie, Mila, Alyssa; 8F: Matthew, Grace, Julia, Henry, Akua, Nicole, Evie, Erin, Susie, Samantha, Niamh & Menzel.

We thank our sixth form helpers for serving as ambassadors for the school at Wednesday's open evening.

U13 Essex Cup Basketball: Well done to the U13 squad who beat FitzWimarc on Wednesday afternoon, who they conceded to last year by 20 points.



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

