



# ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Be it known...*

7th June 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

Y10 Business students spent Tuesday at a local farm learning about the operation of the industry. Yesterday we hosted a Panathlon Essex Multi Event Final, which saw our students lead and supervise events for children from local primary schools; whilst at Chelmsford Sport & Athletics Centre other students displayed great leadership in supervising the primary school mini games in conjunction with Chelmsford Sport Partnership. We thank Mr Falvey, Mrs Peach and all supporting colleagues for affording students these opportunities. Students have received glowing praise.

Our Year 9 Retreats to Aylesford began this week. Students were blessed to hear from former SJP Head Boy & Seminarian Michael Barwick. It has been lovely to receive praise from Priests and Friars, along with members of the public who spoke with students and reported to staff how impressed they were with their reverence and grace - the SJP spirit of witness at its best. Thank you to Mrs Adams, Mrs Coleman and all supporting staff for ensuring such a prayerful experience.

We are warmly invited to join our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Our Lady Immaculate community on Sunday 16th June in the Corpus Christi Procession. We are grateful for the many blessings our community receives from our friendship with Abbot Hugh and the Norbertine community, whom we prayed for yesterday on the Feast of St Norbert; and we are proud to walk alongside them in witness to the faith.

In an increasingly secular age, faith can sometimes seem remote, a relic of an age long past. It is therefore pleasing to see it invested with new life, made forever new; steeped in tradition and the sacrifices of our forefathers, yet alive and current. This is witnessed with powerful simplicity by Jurgen Klopp's reflection, *'There is nothing so important that I cannot bear to lose it, that is why I have no reason to fear...this lust for life is connected to my faith. I am a Christian and I see life as a gift.'*

More powerful still were Klopp's final words to a terminally ill fan who recently emigrated to New Zealand, weeks later being diagnosed with incurable illness that left him unable to fly to Madrid to watch his beloved Liverpool in the Champions League Final. Klopp sent a moving video message extending friendship through the shared joy that his players had created throughout the season. As Klopp signed off, in witness as powerful as any prayer, he ended, *'I'm a Christian, so see you.'*

We continue to pray for all students sitting public exams. The mood is buoyant as they enter the halls, and it is a pleasure to be among them to offer prayers and words of encouragement. Many place a crucifix upon their desk, gifted as a symbol of our faith at the Year 11 Mass of Celebration, and still cherished by our Year 13 students. It is fantastic to hear many leave the hall confirming that God was with them. Always and forever, *even until the end of the age.*

Thomas Coen, Headteacher.

## Celebrations & Successes

We are delighted to share news of former student Lucy Green's success in securing a position as a midwife at Broomfield Hospital. A fantastic ambassador for the school throughout her time here, we wish Lucy every future happiness and success.

Congratulations to Y10 Michael, Michaela, Ellie, Laurel, Jenna, Jacob, Erin & Bobby; to Y9 Destiny; and to Y8 Melissa, Elza, Shannon, Ben & Jacob for their leadership at the Panathlon Essex Multi Event Final held here yesterday morning.

Congratulations to our Y7 & 8 girls Rounders teams - both Champions in this week's rally.

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.

Please be familiar with Mr Coen's letter regarding efforts by the PTA to finance a new school minibus. You may have noted via twitter that our current mini-bus is at present home to two nesting pied wagtails and therefore cannot be used. <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/9721>

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places remaining for the London to Brighton Bike Ride on 15th September 2019. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'bccs'. For more information, please visit [www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events](http://www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events) or call Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912 277413

We are pleased to support the SOLE demonstration & carnival from midday tomorrow in the city centre in support of opposition to cuts to Essex libraries.

**Please be familiar with a change to the timing of the start of the school day from September. Registration will begin at 8.45 a.m. rather than 8.40 a.m. Aquinas canteen is open from 7.30 a.m. Lesson contact will not be reduced as lunch will be shortened by five minutes. The end of the day will remain 3.30 p.m.**

**Please see the attached information about the Our Lady Immaculate Corpus Christi Procession next Sunday 16th June.**



**Governors assure parents & carers that no MAT decision involving SJP will be taken without consultation with all parties.**



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





