



# ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Be it known...*

8th February 2019

## Dear Parents & Carers

On Monday our Year 13 students spent the day commemorating last week's Holocaust Memorial Day. Students reflected on the horrors of last century, contemplating the role we all can play in combatting prejudice and persecution.

It can sometimes be easy to feel comfortable in the knowledge that we inhabit and contribute to a modern, tolerant, and inclusive society. Monday, following the school's representation last week at the service at Chelmsford Civic Centre, was a reminder of the precious nature of the freedoms we enjoy.

Last night we hosted our Options evening to inform students' choices as they consider their Key Stage 4 curriculum preferences. The Year 9 consultation evening on February 28th will provide opportunity for further conversation with teachers. We enjoy positive partnerships with parents and carers and always enjoy the opportunity to strengthen this aspect of the school's success.

It was lovely at last weekend's production of The Tragicomedy of Julia Caesar to see students enjoying the fruits of many months' commitment rehearsing. The school is blessed by students' talents, and by the support of Mrs Adams and her team who worked tirelessly to ensure such a wonderful showcase of our students' gifts. I include a selection of photographs.

I am pleased to confirm Ms Hyman's appointment as Head of English. Central to the department's success since joining the school in 2016, Ms Hyman's leadership will continue the fantastic provision students have long enjoyed in this area.

I am equally pleased to announce that upon guiding Year 11 to their examinations, Mr Folkerd will become our SENDCO from September. Mr Folkerd has offered students fantastic care and guidance for many years, formerly as Head of P.E. and most recently as Head of Year. We are delighted that his leadership will continue to strengthen our provision.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher.

## Celebrations & Successes

Our Year 10 girls' basketball team continues to enjoy success, reaching the semi-final of the Essex cup for the third year running. Unfortunately they again narrowly missed out on a place in the final. We could not be prouder of the girls' friendship, dedication and response to disappointment in the best traditions of the SJP spirit. Elsewhere, our Year 9 Netball team has reached the semi-final of the Essex Cup. Well done to all the girls!



We were pleased to welcome David Silver of Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) to the school yesterday to present grants on behalf of the Catenian Association to our sixth form students travelling to Lourdes during the Easter break.

David is a long term friend of the school, and has provided transformative experiences for students supporting HCPT pilgrimage over many years.

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.

**15.02.19: Y11 Dead End road safety drama**

**28.02.19: Year 9 Consultation 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](mailto:agnusdei@stbons.org))

The PTA is holding an Afternoon Tea Dance on Saturday 16th February to help raise money for a new school minibus. Any donations of cakes, bought or homemade, would be greatly appreciated. They can be brought to the school office or to Miss Cook in M004

SAVE  
OUR  
LIBRARIES  
ESSEX

All-Essex  
March and Rally

Stop County Council Cuts-  
**KEEP ALL OUR  
LIBRARIES OPEN!**

**Saturday 9th February**

Meet 12pm, High Street,  
Chelmsford  
(outside Saracens Head Hotel)

- Say YES to local libraries!
- Say YES to a professional library service!
- Say NO to cuts and closures!



f Save Our Libraries Essex - SOLE

SJP & Mid-Essex schools are proud to support opposition to proposed library closures across the County. Please be familiar with Mr Coen's letter regarding tomorrow's demonstration and the online petition.



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



