



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

8th March 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

Year 11 P.E. & Year 13 History and Maths students attended revision conferences in London this week, and our sixth form mathematicians attended Maths in Action. Year 11 students have begun visiting the sixth form centre to become familiar with the surroundings those remaining with us will enjoy next year. We continue to be inspired by the hopes and aspirations students reveal during interviews with school leaders as they prepare for their examinations.

Year 8 students began their Retreats to Abbotswick House of Prayer this week, with the remaining Forms visiting next week. On Wednesday, students in school received ashes as we marked the beginning of Lent, a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads were marked with ashes to humble our hearts and remind us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told, **"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."** Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

On Monday Year 7 students will attend Reconciliation following a Liturgical Service with Mr Keylock and Mrs Adams, who will explain the significance of this Holy Sacrament, brought to us by Abbot Hugh, Fr Mark, Fr Pius & Fr Stephen. We are ever thankful for the blessings our Deanery Priests bring to our community. Jesus' Passion redeemed man from sin and all its consequences, especially the eternal death that is sin's due. It is significant that on the very day He rose from the dead, Jesus instituted the sacrament by which our sins could be forgiven.

Students are pleased with our newly installed basketball hoops. They are already receiving much use, proving a welcome interest. We thank the members of our PTA for their commitment to enriching students' experiences in this and a wide variety of other ways.

Today we mark World Book Day. Form tutors have shared the accompanying slide with students. Next week we welcome visitors from STEMettes to present to all girls in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 interested in a STEM career or who take Design Technology.

Please be familiar with the accompanying letter regarding school funding. Thank you in advance for the consideration and support I am sure it will receive.

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.

Information events are offered at:

Colchester Town Hall: 28.03.19 4.30-7.30

Bromfords School: 18.03.19 08.00-16.00; 10.04.19 (Easter break)

11.03: Y7 Reconciliation

14.03: Y7/8 County Indoor Athletics Final

21.03: Y12 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.

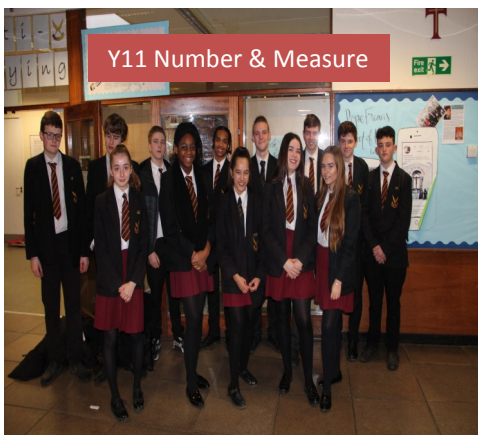
06.04.19 - Moving Into Catholic Education a Saturday networking event and free lunch in Brentwood for teachers working in any non-Catholic school. <http://tiny.cc/catholicteaching> (email agnusdei@stbons.org)

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



Celebrations & Successes

Well done to Y11 Lindsay, Eden, Martin, Connor, William, Shane, Lute, William, Dominic, Rachel, Ryan, Georgia, Jeremy & Bradley for passing BTEC L1 Award in Number & Measure. All study was completed voluntarily during morning registration - fantastic commitment!



Please see the accompanying details of a Parent Governor Vacancy. The involvement of a parent in the Governing Body is of particular importance as we plan for the school's future. We are keen to reflect the diversity of our school community and welcome applications from across the parent body.

Please contact Anne Rushton for further detail gov-ar@sjp.essex.sch.uk



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

