



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...



8th November 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

This week Miss Grant and the History department along with student Cadets ensured great reverence and respect during our Remembrance assemblies.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years contemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon *For the Fallen*

Just as their teachers, parents and carers have been able to enjoy happy and successful futures, our students can grow to fulfil their God given potential free of the horror visited upon generations of young men and women whose lives were lost or blighted by the two world wars and in countless conflicts since. We give thanks for their sacrifice, and pray that conflict throughout the world may give way to peace.

The assemblies led to further reflection at last night's Mass for Holy Souls as we gathered in prayer for the deceased of our community in Aquinas Hall. We thank Abbot Hugh for bringing Christ to our community and ensuring such a blessed and spirit filled occasion; and our Chaplain Katy for the organisation, which included beautiful accompaniment from the choir and our musicians Mr Newman & Mr Acton.

Next Thursday we welcome parents and carers of Year 7 students to discuss with tutors how their children have settled since joining us. It is striking each year how quickly the newest members of our community become immersed in the life of the school, many within weeks of arriving supporting with open evening tours and visits of prospective parents and carers, as so soon after a new academic year begins we find ourselves preparing the process of welcoming the following year's intake.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher

The Governing Body has a vacancy which they are looking to fill with a candidate who has finance skills. For further information please email Vice Chair Anne Rushton gov-aru@sjp.essex.sch.uk

Governors are keen to increase the diversity of the Governing Body and welcome applications from all sections of the school community.



Thank you for the donations of food items for the Harvest collection in aid of many local people in need, and for the support of the sixth form fundraising on fancy dress Friday. We have donated more than £700 to GOSH.



Events & Notices

14.11: Year 7 Tutor afternoon 3.00 - 6.30 p.m.

21.11: Y13 parents' evening

We share an appeal from local residents for consideration when parking along roads within close proximity to the school. A number report recent access difficulty.

Thank you for the continued donation of books to build our Form libraries.

The Full Governing Body has voted in favour of the motion that St. John Payne Catholic School will engage in discussion with the Diocese of Brentwood and members of the prospective Multi Academy Trust (MAT) to influence the final structure and determine whether in the view of the Full Governing Body it is in the best interests of the school to join the MAT. Governors continue to assure parents and 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.

