



# ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Be it known...*

Dear Parents & Carers

This week the History department, along with students representing local Cadet groups, afforded opportunity for prayer and reflection during our Remembrance day assemblies. These gatherings as a community are always sobering and thought-provoking, and this centenary year of the armistice were invested with additional import as we anticipate Sunday's reverence.

I am sure we are familiar with Peter Jackson's documentary *They Shall Not Grow Old*, its title from Laurence Binyon's *For the Fallen*.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

It was striking to reflect that our students, just as have generations before them, can anticipate happy and successful futures as they continue to fulfil their God given potential: futures denied generations of young men and women whose lives were lost or blighted by the horror of war. We give thanks for their sacrifice, and pray that conflict throughout the world may give way to peace.

The assemblies gave way to further reflection at last night's Mass for Holy Souls as we gathered in prayer for the deceased of our community. We thank Father Pius for ensuring a blessed and spirit filled occasion; also Hannah & Mr Sullivan for the organisation and beautiful accompaniment from the choir and musicians.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher



9th November 2018



## Events & Notices

**Mon 26/11 7.45 p.m. PTA AGM, Chaplaincy**

**Thu 15/11 3.00 - 7.30 p.m. Y7 Tutor evening:**  
We are always keen to strengthen the three way partnership between home, school & parish, and will be pleased to welcome parents & carers of Year 7 students to discuss their children's progress.

**26/11 - 14/12: Y11 practice exams**



## Celebrations & successes

**Congratulations to Evie Y8 for achieving 1st place in Essex County Grade 4 gymnastics.**

**Y10 Angelina, Y13 Maria and Y12 Oliver are performing in Les Miserables at Chelmsford's Civic Theatre this week. Performances: evenings 7.30 p.m.; Saturday matinee 3.00 p.m.**

**Y10 Isabella and Y8 Rosalie have secured dancing roles with the Chelmsford Ballet Company, dancing in December at the Brentwood Centre to a 200 man live orchestra and choir.**



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

