



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

11th October 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

In last week's Second Reading we were called to fan into flame the gift of God's spirit - a spirit of power and love. St Paul's words were particularly resonant at Monday evening's regional Jack Petchey Awards at The Civic Theatre. It is always a pleasure to hear of the efforts and achievements of the city's young people, all supported by devoted professionals committed to nurturing and guiding them to fulfil their potential.

From St John Payne Y12 Lucy & Lauren; Y11 Skye, Esme, Jacob; and Y10 Josh received awards. Lauren and Y10 Breanna were also invited to provide entertainment, Lauren singing beautifully and Breanna dancing with great grace. We thank Mrs Adams - a worthy recipient of a Leader award - for organising the nominations. I provide a selection of photos.

We continue to receive glowing feedback following last week's open evening, and are pleased to welcome visitors to tour the school throughout the coming weeks. Our students are always keen to showcase their school and share their experiences.

This week saw two key events for our Year 7 students. Yesterday evening's Welcome Mass was a wonderfully joyous and spirit filled occasion as we gathered together with parents and carers in witness to the faith to formally welcome our Year 7 students to the school. We thank Fr Paul for bringing Christ to our community.

Today Year 7 attended a presentation by John Woodley, former Detective Sergeant of the Essex Police Online Investigation Team. The presentation offered advice and guidance on how to remain safe online. We urge students to speak to their Tutor or Head of Year if they are ever concerned by online activity. Parents and carers of students in all Years are invited to attend the presentation on Monday from 6.00 p.m in Aquinas Hall.

Following this morning's Y12 subject fair, which saw Year 11 students visit post-16 subject ambassadors to learn about our sixth form curriculum, next Wednesday 16th is our Sixth Form Open Evening from 5.00 - 7.00 p.m. Students are encouraged to attend with parents and carers to become familiar with the options available.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher



Events & Notices

We will be grateful of donations of books to help increase our classroom libraries for DEAR time.

Travel Discounts and age verification: Greater Anglia discounted rail tickets for students

<https://public.greenrailtravel.co.uk/scholars.html>
Queries 03456007245

Citizencard age verification www.citizencard.com/e-form UOC code: STJEA9

14.10: Online safety presentation to parents & carers 6.00 p.m.

16.10: Sixth Form open evening 6.00 p.m.

SJP is a proud Teacher Training Partnership School to Billericay Education Consortium & West Essex Teacher Training School Alliance. Please contact us if you are interested in a career in teaching and/or work experience.



Students are encouraged to bring a reusable container if opting for pasta or salad at lunch. This small effort will support attempts to reduce plastic waste.

Student Celebrations - always our greatest ambassadors.

Well done to our Jack Petchey Award winners Jacob, Josh, Lauren, Skye, Esme & Lucy.

Online applications via Essex County Council website are open for 2020 Year 7 entry. The SJP supplementary information form will also need to be completed by 31st October 2019. This is available from the school office or website - **Admissions**.

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.



