



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

12th July 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

Wednesday's Sports day and yesterday's art show & Prizegiving were wonderful celebrations of our students' many gifts, talents and graces. Equally, the dance demonstration and teaching workshop our Level 1 Bronze Arts Award students delivered to over 500 primary school students at Honywood Community Science School, and our students' support of Columbus School & College's sports days were further demonstrations of the SJP spirit at its best.

As we near the end of term there are still a number of events and activities that demonstrate the breadth of our provision. Today and Monday students will enjoy a range of enrichment activities; on Tuesday evening students will present a showcase of dance, drama & singing in Aquinas hall, organised by our Sixth Form Leadership Team; and on Wednesday we have a showcase from Essex Dance in Aquinas Hall to Year 7 and students from local Primary schools.

We were pleased to welcome long term SJP friends Fr Dominic & David Silver on Tuesday afternoon for a Mass in Merici hall followed by a meal in the St Anne Line building with students who attended the HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter; and on Wednesday evening many staff joined our Y13 students at their Leaving Ball - a fantastic culmination of their time with us as they progress to the wonderful futures that await them.

In last Sunday's Second Reading St Paul stresses to the Galatians that Christ's followers must look beyond that which distinguishes them from one another to focus instead on the faith that unites them - it is faith alone about which we can be proud; whilst Luke's Gospel calls us to be labourers at the harvest. Echoing Christ's call to his disciples to follow him and become fishers of men, we are all called to the harvest, to live our lives as a call to others.

This has been abundantly evident this week as we have celebrated the many ways in which our students - ever our greatest ambassadors - live their lives as a testament to the gifts and graces bestowed upon them by God. I end with words from a parent from Columbus School who contacted us yesterday following their sports day,

'I was blown away by the kindness & support your pupils showed ours. Thank you for encouraging your pupils to help children less able than themselves. It truly means the world. The smiling faces, support & encouragement was so wonderful to see.'

Thomas Coen, Headteacher

Please be familiar with a change to the timing of the start of the school day from September. Registration will begin at 8.45 a.m. rather than 8.40 a.m. Aquinas canteen is open from 7.30 a.m. Lesson contact will not be reduced as lunch will be shortened by five minutes. The end of the day will remain 3.30 p.m.

School ends at 1.30 p.m. on Friday 19th July. The day is a non-uniform day, with all donations being forwarded to Farleigh Hospice, Broomfield.

Children from Braintree OLQP Parish interested in joining a youth group are invited to contact Jacqui Leech jacquileech65@gmail.com

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.



Student Celebrations: always our greatest ambassadors - we're proud of you all!

Congratulations to Crystal on her success at the Blackpool Medallist of the Year National Finals.

We are delighted at the efforts of Sebastian 7D for raising over £1300 towards a new mini bus. This will make a significant contribution to efforts to enhance our extra-curricular opportunities.

Congratulations to Y8 Keeley for being selected for The Voice Kids.

Well done to Y9 Alexan, Max, Cobie, Josh, Max, Mikhail, Ronnie, Mana, Isaac, Duaine, Ella, Deborah, Katie, Katlyn, Sara, Ivet, Morotiola, Phoebe, Alena, Isabel for assisting with the Columbus School Sports Day yesterday.

Further to the Panathlon & Mini-Games Festival, our students' leadership continues to be noted across the County, with a number involved in Saturday's ESAA Track & Field National Final. Well done all - we're proud of you!

Congratulations to our Head Girl Olivia, who leaves us at the end of term to begin a full time performing arts scholarship. All who know Olivia will be sorry to see her leave us, but this is a wonderful opportunity and we could not be more thrilled for her.

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.



Prize Giving Evening 2019

