



# ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Be it known...*

14TH FEBRUARY 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

Last week's Gospel calls us to allow our gifts and graces to be light for the world, echoing Isaiah's prophecy that our light will shine like the dawn when we reach out the hand of friendship and love to those in need. St Paul again exhorts the Corinthians to dispense with oratory and philosophy in attempting to discern God's word through scripture. When we do so, the truth of Christ's service and Passion radiates in the simplicity of his greatest commandment, **'Love one another as I have loved you.'**

We were pleased last night to welcome parents and carers of Year 9 students for conversations that will help to inform students selecting their option preferences as they look forward to their Key Stage 4 study. Their success owes much to the support and affirmation they receive from their families, and we are always glad of the opportunity to strengthen our partnerships.

Year 11 students have today received a copy of the revision guide emailed to parents and carers earlier this week. We continue to be impressed by students' attitude and approach, and we look forward to continuing to support them towards their potential in the coming months. We are delighted that so many intend remaining with us for sixth form next year, when we will be pleased to continuing our partnerships with parents and carers. Whatever students' aspirations and wherever their futures lead them, they will be assured of our prayers.

On Wednesday afternoon Year 13 students presented their extended projects following months of independent study. The EPQ affords students freedom and licence to study a topic of their personal interest. Whilst they are assigned a supervisor to guide their research, the project must be directed by the student alone. It is fantastic preparation for undergraduate study, and we continue to be inspired by the range of topics students explore.

This evening a party of Year 11 students embarks for a week's skiing in Italy. The school is blessed with many members of staff committed to enriching students' experiences, with theatre company Onati well received on Tuesday. The drama was a fantastic enrichment to our MFL curriculum. We also offer theatre visits to performances of The Duchess of Malfi, Macbeth, and Wicked; sporting masterclasses, officiating opportunities & competitions; Geography field visits & foreign language experiences; exam conferences; and spiritual Retreats - Walsingham House complimenting Year 8 students' reverence and grace this week. The remaining Forms will visit after the break, and we continue our visits to Mass at The Blessed Sacrament.

As every year, I know that those enjoying a week on the slopes will return with many fond and lasting memories. As with all who organise such enriching experiences, we thank Mrs Watson, Mr Ashton-Tyler, Miss Hyman, Miss Cook, Mr Head & Mr Keylock for their dedication.

We are delighted at students' success in retaining our title as MESSA Netball Champions, Year 7 winning Division 2, and Years 8, 9 10 & 11 all winning Division 1. Well done to all involved!

I wish all in our community a restful break. We look forward to welcoming the students back to school upon our return.  
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.

SUNDAY 16TH GOSPEL, MATTHEW 5:17-37

**"DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS; I HAVE NOT COME TO ABOLISH THEM BUT TO FULFILL THEM."**

MATTHEW 5:17

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ASH WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society's Annual Charity Ball is at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge, Saturday 7th March from 7pm to midnight. £55 per person, including drinks reception and three course dinner with entertainment. Tables of 12 make it the perfect opportunity for a fantastic evening with friends, family or colleagues whilst raising vital funds for our work supporting children's emotional health and wellbeing.

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60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 7.00 P.M.

ACTIVITIES SATURDAY 20TH

OFFERS OF SUPPORT TO

MISS COOK

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## HOUSE POINTS

AUGUSTINIANS	6543
BENEDICTINES	6446
CARMELITES	6604
DOMINICANS	6101
FRANCISCANS	7093
SERVITES	8049

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 proposed 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



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

