



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

14th June 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

We thank Abbot Hugh for a wonderfully spiritual Mass in thanksgiving for the life of Nick Minnican, whose passing has filled our community with great sorrow. Witnessing Christ alongside current and former students and staff gave witness to the truth at the heart of a community of which Nick is ever a part.

One of the many blessings of Nick's life and service to education is that it enriched the lives of young people in three of the city's schools, and it was lovely to be joined by colleagues and students from the Moulsham High School and Chelmsford County High School communities. Nick touched the lives of all who knew him. His devotion, service and love epitomised the St John Payne spirit. We pray for the repose of his soul, and for his wife and family. Be at rest, Nick, our dear friend. God bless.

We are warmly invited to join our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Our Lady Immaculate community this Sunday in the Corpus Christi Procession. We are grateful for the many blessings our community receives from our friendship with Abbot Hugh and the Norbertine community, and are proud to walk in witness with them.

Year 10 internal examinations began this week and continue into next. As students approach their KS4 examinations next year, these represent a valuable opportunity to assess current achievements and identify areas in which support is needed or efforts need to be renewed.

We continue to pray for all students sitting public exams. The mood remains buoyant as they enter the halls, and it is a pleasure to be among them to offer prayers and words of encouragement. Many place a crucifix upon their desk, gifted as a symbol of our faith at the Year 11 Mass of Celebration, and still cherished by our Year 13 students. It is fantastic to hear many leave the hall confirming that God was with them. Always and forever, *even until the end of the age*.

The Year 9 Retreats to Aylesford Priory conclude on Monday. With such positive feedback following last week's visits, I am sure the students will offer an equally positive representation of our community.

We look forward to welcoming Year 5 students from our Catholic feeder schools and a number of other local schools next Thursday & Friday for a taster day; and to hosting our new September intake for their induction day the following Monday.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher.

Celebrations & Successes

Our Year 9 creative writing partnership concluded with fantastic results, our students collaborating wonderfully with their younger peers; and our Bronze Dance Award group continues to progress well. This qualification is completed entirely within students' own time - a fantastic display of commitment. We thank Mrs Coleman & Mrs Adams for enriching students' experiences in this way.

The school is closed next Wednesday 19th for a staff INSET day.

Please be familiar with Mr Coen's letter regarding efforts by the PTA to finance a new school mini-bus. <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/9721>

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places remaining for the London to Brighton Bike Ride on 15th September 2019. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'bccs'. For more information, please visit www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events or call Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912 277413

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.

Please see the attached information about the Our Lady Immaculate Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday.

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.



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 member schools of the prospective Multi Academy Trust (MAT) to influence the final structure; and to determine in the view of the Full Governing Body whether it is in the best interests of the school to join the MAT. Governors continue to assure staff, parents and carers that no MAT decision involving St John Payne will be taken without consultation with all parties. Further updates will be shared in due course.



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

