



# ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Be it known...*

14th December 2018

## Dear Parents & Carers

Monday morning saw students and staff gather in prayer and reflection in Aquinas foyer as we lit the second Advent candle, a symbol of faith. As we anticipate Christ's coming, we also look to His Passion and the eternal life we are offered by His sacrifice.

Last Thursday Mrs Lusby & Mrs Brennan attended Viv Moore's funeral in Manchester, her home city. It was lovely yesterday evening to join together as a community in prayer and thanksgiving for the service Viv gave to the school for over three decades. We thank Fr Paul for ensuring a blessed and spirit filled celebration.

I wrote last week of my inspiration at hearing our student choir rehearse. Watching Sixth Form students lead their younger peers was a powerful testament of the sense of community upon which the school is founded - a sense that will be palpable at our Advent Service, at which the choir will sing.

Year 11 practice exams concluded this week. It has been pleasing to see groups of students revising at break and lunch times and attending the support sessions offered by teachers. They can be proud of their efforts, and are assured of our prayers. They will receive their results during PSHE on Friday 11th January.

We look forward to our Certificate Evening on Monday, where we will affirm former and current students' achievements in last summer's examinations. We also extend a warm invitation to our Advent Service in Aquinas hall on Thursday 20th for what is sure to be a joyous and blessed celebration. It will be lovely to see you.

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.

**Following recent press reports, Governors assure parents & carers that no MAT decision involving SJP will be taken without proper process, involving consultation with all parties.**

## Events & Notices

- 17/12:** Y11 Business trip to Chelsea FC
- 17/12:** Certificate evening 6.00 p.m.
- 20/12:** Advent Service 6.00 p.m.
- 21/12:** Non-uniform & Christmas jumper day

Please see the following link regarding governor vacancies: [www.sjp.essex.sch.uk/about-us/governors](http://www.sjp.essex.sch.uk/about-us/governors)

Lost property has items awaiting collection, including ties, hoodies, coats, trainers, watches, glasses, school bags

Pre booking is open for Christmas lunch next Tuesday & Wednesday (£3.00)

Please be familiar with Mr Coen's recent letter regarding arrangements for the final day of term, Friday 21st December.

We will be grateful for donations of mince pies to offer guests at our Advent Service on Thursday 20th December.



Music & Drama - Wicked the musical

## Celebrations & Successes

Well done to Will Y11 for helping Essex Youth Build move to new premises. EYB Chief Executive writes, 'Will has been invaluable this week.'

Our Bake Off was a fantastic success - thank you to all who contributed. Photos of students' efforts are included on the following page.

Students have been recorded singing carols to be aired on Chelmsford Community Radio.

Our basketball success continues, with Y7 & 8 girls winning against WDF. As with our Sixth Form choir leaders, Y10 Emily, Hannah & Emma continue to offer fantastic leadership to their younger peers by coaching, tabling and refereeing. Well done all!



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







# St John Payne Bake Off

