



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

18th January 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

Following a retreat day for Year 12 students in school on Tuesday, our Sixth Form leadership team enjoyed their retreat at Walsingham House from Wednesday to Friday. It was a pleasure to join them throughout Wednesday evening. They engaged in the activities with great sensitivity and grace, and it is clear they will continue to make a wonderful contribution to our community.

Last night's Year 11 consultation evening was a welcome opportunity to strengthen the partnerships with parents and carers that are so vital to our students' success. Last week there was much cause for encouragement as students received their results, before which I asked tutors to share the following observation.

In 2002 the Ireland World Cup football team placed a sign on the reverse of their dressing room doors that players passed on their way to the pitch: **No regrets**. Players, the manager, coaches and all involved were intent that on returning to the dressing room after a match, they would have given their all.

I have stressed to Y11 & Y13 students the need to begin with the end in mind, to visualise how they want to feel upon receiving their results in August. Whatever their achievements to date, there is much opportunity for continued improvement throughout the coming months.

We want students to enjoy their time here, to have fun, to live, to grow and to revel in the joy and excitement of being young and growing towards adulthood. Most importantly, we want that they achieve, progress, and fulfil their God given potential; that there be no regrets.

I was pleased to welcome Chelmsford MP Vicky Ford to the school this morning. She visited lessons and was impressed with the wonderful provision students enjoy here. I shared some of the current challenges facing education, such as the continuing pressures presented by reduced funding for schools, the difficulty of recruiting and retaining staff in shortage subjects, and the growing demand for mental health & wellbeing services. She was very sympathetic, and assured me she would continue to champion the cause of all involved in education.

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.

31st Jan—2nd Feb: School Play

27th Jan: Feast of St Angela Merici

28th Jan: Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

31st Jan: Feast of St John Bosco

7th Feb: Options evening

21.03.19 4.00p.m.-7.00 p.m. Canon Roche Hall, Billericay: *Get into Teaching: Catholic Education*, a recruitment evening for all interested in teaching in Brentwood Diocese Catholic schools.

06.04.19 - *Moving Into Catholic Education* a Saturday networking event and free lunch in Brentwood for teachers working in any non-Catholic school. <http://tiny.cc/catholicteaching> (email agnusdei@stbons.org)

The school office now receives calls from 08.00 rather than 07.30.

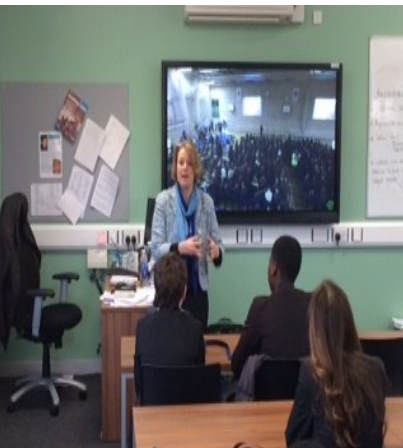
The PTA is holding an Afternoon Tea Dance on Saturday 16th February to help raise money for a new school minibus. Detail is provided in the accompanying flyer. Donations of bottles and gifts for the raffle will be gratefully received.

Celebrations & Successes

Well done to Amelia & Maggie Y10, who sang at Evensong in Chelmsford Cathedral on Wednesday, broadcast on BBC Radio 2. It was a lovely occasion.



Sixth Form Leaders



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

