



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

18th October 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

Following the success of our recent open evening, this week's Ofsted inspection offered further opportunity to showcase our school, and to demonstrate the provision students enjoy here. Inspectors were struck by our spirit of community; by the dedication, expertise and professionalism of staff; and of course by the wonderful spirit radiated by our students. They have delighted in showcasing all that is best about our community, and we are as ever proud of their service as ambassadors for their school.

I wish to thank parents and carers for taking the time to complete our internal survey and Ofsted parent view. It is essential that all stakeholders have the opportunity to share their experience of our partnerships, and we are grateful for the many endorsements and testimonies to the strength of our shared endeavour; and to the support, guidance and love that surrounds the young people in our care. You will be notified of a letter from the Lead Inspector in due course.

On Monday evening we again welcomed The 2 Johns to present to parents and carers on how to support their children to remain safe online, having presented to Year 7 students last Friday. Students are encouraged to speak with their Form tutor, Head of Year, or member of our Pastoral team if they are ever troubled by online activity. Our Network Manager Mr De Vries is also a wealth of information regarding blocking, reporting and privacy settings.

We were pleased to welcome visitors to our Sixth Form open evening on Wednesday to become familiar with the range of subjects available in what has always been an area of huge strength within the school, and that makes a hugely significant contribution to the school's reputation both in the local and wider community.

I look forward to attending *Art @ the Heart or our wellbeing* this evening in the Columbus College Atrium, an installation of pieces by students of Columbus School & College and St John Payne. We enjoy fantastic relations with the school and college, collaborating with them on many projects over the years, and I am excited at what I am sure will be a further demonstration of the students' many gifts and talents.

Next Friday's Sixth Form Fancy Dress day is always a much anticipated event, with students wearing an array of fantastic costumes to raise money for a chosen charity. In addition to a student netball match, our leadership team has organised a cake sale and tuck shop, with all proceeds being donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher

Events & Notices

25.10: Sixth Form Fancy Dress Friday

07.11: Mass for Holy Souls 6.00 p.m.

We share an appeal from local residents for consideration when parking along roads within close proximity to the school. A number report recently access difficulty.

Thank you for the continued donation of books to build our Form libraries.

SJP is a proud Teacher Training Partnership School to Billericay Education Consortium & West Essex Teacher Training School Alliance. Please contact us if you are interested in a career in teaching and/or work experience.



Students are encouraged to bring a reusable container if opting for pasta or salad at lunch. This small effort will support attempts to reduce plastic waste.

On Wednesday students in Year 7 C & D celebrated Mass at The Blessed Sacrament. We thank Fr Paul for his warm welcome.



Student Celebrations - always our greatest ambassadors.

Well done to students in Year 7 Carmelites & Dominicans for representing the school with such reverence at Mass at The Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, and for their conduct to and from the church.

Online applications via Essex County Council website are open for 2020 Year 7 entry. The SJP supplementary information form will also need to be completed by 31st October 2019. This is available from the school office or website - **Admissions**.

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.

