



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

17th January 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

My assemblies this week focused upon the Baptism of the Lord. John the Baptist foretold that one greater than he would come to baptise not with water but with the Holy Spirit; yet Christ humbled himself before John. We see this humility again at the last supper, Christ admonishing Peter for recoiling at the notion that He should wash Peter's feet.

Our prayer at St John Payne is that like Christ we may humble ourselves, submitting to the Father's will. We cannot emulate Christ's sinless perfection in our earthly life; we can only hope to attain this reward in the next by attempting to model ourselves on His example, each in our own way helping to establish a portion of His kingdom here on earth.

Last night's meetings with parents and carers of Year 11 students were a valuable opportunity to discuss how we can best work together to support their children towards their potential in the summer's public examinations. Students continue to demonstrate a conscientious approach.

Year 13 students continued their practice examinations this week. As with the Year 11 exams in December, these provide valuable insights into how students are progressing, and to where support is needed. Equally, they inform students of where efforts may need to be improved if they are to realise their potential.

For Year 13, this will see many progress to university, apprenticeships and the workplace; for Year 11, it will see many remain with us to continue their progress in the sixth form. We would greatly welcome the opportunity to further develop the partnerships with parents and carers that have shaped students' formation since they joined our community in Year 7.

The summer examinations are a culmination not only of students' time at St John Payne, but of twelve or fourteen years' education since Reception year. Whatever the current outcomes, and I am sure there will be much cause for optimism, I remind all those approaching examinations of the huge potential for improvement presented by the coming months of preparation.

A party of sports leaders spent the day assisting at a swimming gala at the aquatics centre in the Olympic park on Wednesday, in conjunction with our partnership with Columbus School & College, which continues to offer a wealth of wonderful opportunities for students from both settings. Meeting Tom Daley proved a particular highlight.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher



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

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.

22nd Jan: Careers Fair

27th Jan: Feast of St Angela Merici

28th Jan: KS4 Options Eve; Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

31st Jan—1st Feb: School Play

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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.

Contact Julie 01268 784544/
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Well done to Y11 Grace, who on Wednesday played two personally composed Christian compositions to an audience of professional composers at the Cramphorn Theatre.

HOUSE POINTS	
AUGUSTINIANS	5286
BENEDICTINES	4731
CARMELITES	5219
DOMINICANS	4783
FRANCISCANS	5893
SERVITES	6425



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

