



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

20th September 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

On Wednesday students in 7A & 7B attended Mass at The Blessed Sacrament. We are hugely appreciative of our relations with local Priests & Clergy, who are frequent welcome visitors to the school, and are blessed that our proximity to The Blessed Sacrament allows Fr Paul to welcome students to experience Mass together in a church. The students' walk to the church provided a symbol of the school's strong Catholic identity. As ever when our students represent the school both in the local and wider community, we have received glowing feedback from parishioners and from local residents about their sensitivity and respect.

Last night's Key Stage 4 support evening was an opportunity to strengthen the partnerships that lie at the heart of all that we do. With students in Year 10 making progress in their KS4 courses, and those in Year 11 preparing for next year's examinations, our partnerships with parents and carers become increasingly important to our efforts to support students towards their potential. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers of students in Year 7 next Thursday.

Today Sixth Form students attended a Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage Trust presentation on the Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes. Our long standing friendship with the HCPT has seen many students support the pilgrimage over the years. It always proves a truly life affirming experience for all involved. A party of students also attended the demonstration in support of the Global Climate Strike. Safeguarding our planet for future generations is a concern for us all, and it is pleasing that our students are committed to their responsibility to it and to one another, in particular to those labouring to live in areas of the world suffering great strain.

In last Sunday's Gospel the Pharisees bemoan Jesus' sympathy for tax collectors and sinners. This widely familiar Gospel always provides a stark reminder of the propensity we can all fall prey to that sees us feel ourselves more worthy, more righteous, more deserving, and simply better in so many ways than others. Yet Christ reminds us there is greater joy in one conversion - be it religious, the subtle shedding of prejudice, or the awakening of tolerance and love - than in the pious devotion and prayers of the already Holy.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher

30.09: Y8 maths trip

03.10: Open Evening 5.30-8.00 p.m (school closes 1.30 p.m.)

We will be grateful of donations of books to help increase our classroom libraries for DEAR time.

Travel Discounts and age verification: Greater Anglia discounted rail tickets for students

<https://public.greenrailtravel.co.uk/scholars.html>
Queries 03456007245

Citizencard age verification www.citizencard.com/e-form UOC code. STJEA9

The Blessed Sacrament Church will be grateful of donations of cakes for their coffee morning on Friday 27th September.

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.



**SAVE
OUR
LIBRARIES
ESSEX**

BROOMFIELD LIBRARY USERS
INVITE YOU TO
OUR DAY OF ACTION

SEPTEMBER 28th

4pm

MEET ON

BROOMFIELD
CHURCH GREEN

STILL UNDER THREAT

Student Celebrations: always our greatest ambassadors.

We thank Y11 Jacob for his continuing efforts in charity fundraising. During the summer break Jacob skated 30 miles around Chelmsford Ice Rink in support of Young Minds & Essex YMCA <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/lcemarathon>

Thank you to Y8 Grace for suggesting students be encouraged to bring a reusable container for pasta & salads at lunch. As society's habits change, more wholesale measures will come into effect to reduce waste and the use of single use plastic. In the meantime, bringing a reusable container will be a helpful step.

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.

