



# ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Be it known...*

23rd November 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

Year 7 retreats continued this week. Students have contributed positively to the opportunity for spiritual reflection and the building of community. These retreats, along with other such occasions that students enjoy as they progress here, are central to our curriculum. Our long standing success owes much to our holistic approach to education, with faith at the heart of students' growth to young adulthood and their continued formation upon leaving us.

Former colleague Mr Stephenson spoke in recent assemblies about *The Rucksack Project* from local charity **Cool To Be Kind**. Tutor groups were invited to gather items in a rucksack to support a homeless person. Detail can be found at [c2bk.co.uk](http://c2bk.co.uk). This complements our support of CHES (Churches Homeless Emergency Support Scheme), which receives donations from our non-uniform day on the final day of term.

Giving and sacrifice are at the heart of our community. We have a long tradition of charitable donation, and are proud of our partnership with CAFOD and the HCPT, established over many years. Each October we gather items for the Harvest Appeal, supporting Chelmsford Foodbank, and December always sees students eager to support Operation Christmas Child.

Next Wednesday 28th is Red Wednesday, designated by Aid to the Church in Need [acnuk.org](http://acnuk.org) in support of oppressed and persecuted Christians. ACN is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church. Students are invited to wear a red item of clothing or accessory. Items may include socks, scarves, belts, a hair band, bow, clip or brooch. Students should ask their Tutor or HOY if they wish to suggest others. As with all donations, the £2.00 payment is voluntary.

I wish to draw attention to my letter regarding the sad passing of Viv Moore, former Head of Religious Education at the school. Viv served our community for many years, and was a force behind the school's tradition of giving. She will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

Year 11 practice exams begin on Monday. These demonstrate the progress students are making towards fulfilling their potential. To familiarise students with the experience of collecting their results in August, results will be issued in the St Anne Line building on Friday 11th January during PSHE. No results or papers will be issued prior to this date.

I offer reflections I have shared with students in assembly. A teacher may teach Year 11 perhaps 40 times in a career, whereas each student is in Year 11 only once. Students are not defined by their exam results, and at SJP we know that education amounts to so much more than grades. However, the coming months are an important period in students' lifelong formation, and their efforts now will aid their future hopes and aspirations.

We look forward to continuing to work together with parents and carers to support students to be the best versions of themselves: the people God created them to be.

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.

## Events & Notices

26/11 - 14/12: Y11 practice exams  
29/11: Year 8 consultation evening

**We advise students to bring only equipment necessary for any day. We notice that some bags are extremely heavy. This places students under strain at a time that their bones are still forming.**

Please be familiar with Mr Coen's letter regarding parking at and near the school site.

Payment for Spring term music tuition due 07.12.18. Please see SIMS InTouch letter regarding online registration. Please inform [finance@sjp.essex.sch.uk](mailto:finance@sjp.essex.sch.uk) if lessons are to be discontinued.

**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.**



## Celebrations & Successes

Congratulations to Y9 Marie for passing Grade 5 Flute with Distinction.

BBC's Radio 3 broadcast of Chelmsford Cathedral Choral Evensong on Wednesday 16 January at 3:30pm. will feature Maggie & Amelia Y10. Well done, girls!

Well done to Daniel Y11 for his report on the French language drama that students enjoyed at Colchester Royal Grammar School.



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

