



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

24th January 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

Our sixth form leaders greatly enjoyed last week's Retreat at Walsingham House, which always offers many opportunities for prayer as the students reflect upon the responsibility invested in them, and pray for God's aid to exercise it with spirit and grace. Retreat leaders report that our students were a delight to work with and that their graces radiated throughout the three days. We look forward to their continuing contributions to our community.

Wednesday's Careers Fair offered students opportunity to explore a range of post Year 11 & Year 13 pathways as they continue to prepare for the next stage in their education and development. The evening is always well attended, and we are hugely appreciative of our partnership with Wendy Hinds of Rayleigh Careers Advice & Guidance for the fantastic support she offers our students. It was lovely to see former students Jennifer, Minel & Michael promote Degree Apprenticeships. They were fulsome in their praise of students' engagement.

It has been fantastic to see the launch of our Sports Readers' breakfast programme this week, with students in Years 10 & 12 demonstrating great leadership in supporting and promoting reading in their younger peers. We thank the student leaders for their service, and Miss Hyman & Mrs Peach for driving the initiative. Elsewhere, Action Jackson's visit yesterday proved a great inspiration to Year 10 & 11 students, who were inspired by his message of happiness and positivity in pursuit of their God given potential.

Mr Marsh has written to parents and carers of Year 9 students regarding Options evening next Tuesday 28th. Along with our consultation evening on Thursday 13th February, this will help to inform students in selecting their preferences for Key Stage 4 study.

The coming days see the feasts of the Saints for whom our main three buildings are named, with St Angela Merici celebrated on Sunday 27th January, St Thomas Aquinas on Monday 28th, and St John Bosco on Thursday 31st.

St Angela Merici founded the Company of Ursula, serving the Church through the education of girls, a legacy that continues in the many Catholic schools named for her. St Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican friar, Catholic priest and Doctor of the Church, an influential philosopher and theologian. St John Bosco, a Catholic priest, writer and educator, devoted his life to the education of vulnerable children. All three are an example to all involved in Catholic education.

The Feast of St Anne Line, who sheltered Catholic priests during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, and for whom our sixth form block was named and blessed by Bishop Alan on the Feast of St Francis, is celebrated on 27th February.

Next weekend sees our production of Oliver. Students have rehearsed throughout the autumn and winter, supported by Mrs Adams, Mrs Watkins, Mrs Daly and Miss Grant. Attendance is strongly encouraged. I am sure as ever it will be an enjoyable evening, and a fantastic showcase of our students' gifts.
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.

27th Jan: Feast of St Angela Merici

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

31st Jan: Feast of St John Bosco



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.

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60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WEEKEND 19TH & 20TH JUNE



ALL WELCOME

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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HOUSE POINTS

AUGUSTINIANS	5664
BENEDICTINES	5154
CARMELITES	5664
DOMINICANS	5120
FRANCISCANS	6293
SERVITES	6843

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



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

