



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

25th January 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

Yesterday I was pleased to confirm that students' progress at GCSE places us 19th out of 130 schools in the County, and at A Level 9th out of 96. This is further positive news for the school following our recent inclusion in East Anglia's top twenty schools.

We received glowing feedback from the Walsingham House team following last week's retreat. They 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.

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.

This morning saw Year 11 students attend our sixth form fair in Merici Hall. Year 12 & 13 students shared their experiences of studying here, offering insights into the fantastic provision they enjoy. Our sixth form is central to the school's long standing success, and all who study here attest to the high quality teaching and learning they are assured.

Next weekend sees our production of The Tragicomedy of Julia Caesar. 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.

Mr Marsh has written to parents and carers of Year 9 students regarding Options evening on Thursday 7th February. Along with our consultation evening on Thursday 28th February, this will help to inform students in selecting their preferences for Key Stage 4 study.

I wish to advise that Friday 5th April, the final day of this term, will be a full teaching day. Buses will arrive as usual to collect students at the end of Period 6.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher

We praise Year 11 for the manner in which they have responded since December's mock exams. In their conversations with staff, students have reflected in a sensitive and mature manner, realising the importance of the coming months.

Congratulations to Olivia Y12 & Miracle Y13 for achieving 4th place as GospelX in the final of the Open Mic UK 2018 on Sunday at Indigo2.



Saints Angela Merici, Thomas Aquinas & John Bosco

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.

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.

31st Jan—2nd Feb: School Play

27th Jan: Feast of St Angela Merici & International Holocaust Memorial day*

28th Jan: Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

31st Jan: Feast of St John Bosco

7th Feb: Options evening

21.03.19 4.00p.m.-7.00 p.m. Canon Roche Hall, Billericay: Get into Teaching: Catholic Education, a recruitment evening for all interested in teaching in Brentwood Diocese Catholic schools.

06.04.19 - Moving Into Catholic Education a Saturday networking event and free lunch in Brentwood for teachers working in any non-Catholic school. <http://tiny.cc/catholicteaching> (email agnusdei@stbons.org)

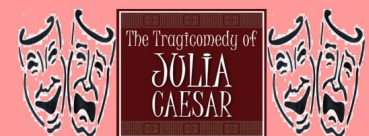
The school office now receives calls from 08.00 rather than 07.30.

The PTA is holding an Afternoon Tea Dance on Saturday 16th February to help raise money for a new school minibus. Detail is provided in the accompanying flyer. Donations of bottles and gifts for the raffle will be gratefully received.

*A party of Y12 students will attend the commemoration at the Civic Centre on Monday evening with Miss Grant & Mr Coen.

Saint John Payne Catholic School

Presents



Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd February 2019, 7pm

Tickets are £5 on ParentPay or £6 on the door.

Family tickets are £15

Sarah and Davina think it would be fun to direct a play for the drama club - they both love Julius Caesar. What could go wrong? How about a drama diva who wants to play the lead, wants her way with the story, and wants a post-death dance number? Julius is now played by a girl, Brutus is allergic to peanut butter, and the directors are slowly losing the plot. Nothing wrong at all?

For more information, please see ParentPay or email the school office.



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

