



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

25th October 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

I was pleased last Friday to attend the ECL *Heart of Our Well Being* art exhibition at Columbus College, where SJP & Columbus students exhibited pieces alongside students from other centres. Our relations with Columbus have seen us collaborate on many projects over the years, demonstrating the students' many artistic, musical and sporting gifts and talents.

Today's Sixth Form Fancy Dress day is always a much anticipated event, with students donning an array of fantastic costumes to raise money for a chosen charity. In addition to a student netball match, our leadership team have organised a cake sale and tuck shop, with all proceeds donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

We welcome you after the break to attend our Mass for Holy Souls on Thursday 7th November at 6.30 p.m. in Aquinas Hall. This is always an especially moving and spirit filled reflection as we gather in prayer for the souls of all those dear to any member of our community. We thank Abbot Hugh in advance for bringing Christ to our community.

On Thursday 14th November we welcome parents and carers of Year 7 students to meet with their child's tutor to review their progress since joining us. It has been pleasing throughout these earliest weeks of the students' time with us to see how soon they have settled and become familiar with their new surroundings, forging new friendships and immersing themselves in all that the school has to offer.

The widow in last Sunday's Gospel persisted in faith, returning to petition the dismissive judge. Our faith might naturally be tested by news of those whose earthly life ended so near to us this week as they sought a better life. Like the widow, we hold firm, and have prayed with the students this week. We stand with all those struggling to survive in the world's troubled places - the poor, the afraid, and the dispossessed. May God's healing and love be upon them.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher

Events & Notices

07.11: Mass for Holy Souls 6.30 p.m. Aquinas Hall

08.11: Year 9 Road Safety drama P4 PSHE

14.11: Year 7 Tutor afternoon 3.00 - 6.30 p.m.

We share an appeal from local residents for consideration when parking along roads within close proximity to the school. A number report recent access difficulty.

Thank you for the continued donation of books to build our Form libraries.

The Governing Body has a vacancy which they are looking to fill with a candidate who has finance skills. For further information please email Vice Chair Anne Rushton gov-aru@sjp.essex.sch.uk

Governors are keen to increase the diversity of the Governing Body and welcome applications from all sections of the school community.

Well done to Molly, Mercy, Caitlin, Amy & Gosia for displaying art at the *Heart of Our Well Being* exhibition.



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.

