



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

26th April 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

We were pleased to welcome the students back on Tuesday following what I hope has been a happy, Holy & restful break. I reminded them of the testament above the entrance to our chapel corridor, *Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.*

Christ's Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection offers us the promise of eternal life in his kingdom; a promise granted the penitent thief upon the cross – a sinner just as we are, whom Christ told, *'Today you will be with me in paradise.'*

We will pray in the coming weeks for all affected by the attacks upon churches in Sri Lanka. We pray especially that those whose earthly life has ended may find their home with Christ.

During the summer term, students' efforts become increasingly concentrated as they prepare for examinations and assessments. For students in Years 11 & 13, and a small few in Y12, the public examinations have great significance for their future choices; whilst students in other Years also prepare for assessments that will indicate progress and allow teachers to offer advice for improvement.

Yesterday's consultation evening for parents and carers of Year 7 students provided the opportunity to strengthen new associations and partnerships; or to further build upon relations where families with elder children have already forged positive relations with the school.

Following the GCSE Art exam prior to Easter, next week sees AS Photography; A Level Art; & GCSE French speaking. With Y11 & Y13 beginning study leave on Friday 10th and Wednesday 15th May respectively, exam season will soon be fully upon us.

It is pleasing to see many students attending the various revision sessions offered; and I am aware of the hard work that is undertaken at home, supported by parents and carers. It is important to remember that there is still much preparation to be completed during lessons.

Next Friday we will celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint, with Mass celebrated by Fr Dominic, a long term friend of the school. We are blessed by our relations with priests and local clergy, and look forward to welcoming Fr Dominic for what is sure to be a joyous and prayerful celebration. Students in Years 7 & 10 will attend to represent the whole school community. Fr Dominic will later celebrate our Year 13 Leavers' Mass; with Fr Paul celebrating Y11 Mass on Tuesday 7th May.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher.

Celebrations & Successes

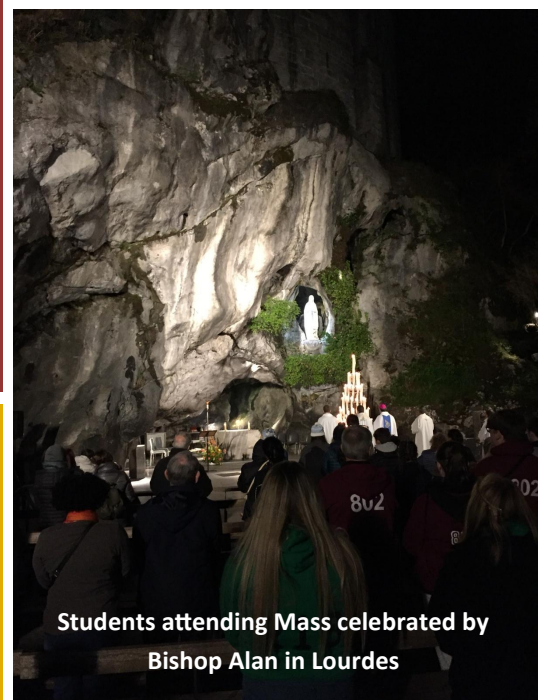
Congratulations to Laurel Y10 for representing the school at last night's Jack Petchey Speak Out final at the Civic Theatre.

We are pleased to be named in The Sunday Times *Chelmsford, Essex - Best Places to Live in the UK*. Education in the city is recognised as, *'one of Chelmsford's strongest suits - a whopping dozen entries in The Sunday Times Parent Power Guide'*, including St John Payne. This owes much to the dedication of highly committed staff; to the three way partnership between home school and parish; and of course to our fantastic students - always our greatest ambassadors.

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.

Please be familiar with Mr Coen's letter regarding efforts by the PTA to finance a new school mini-bus.

Tempest Photography will visit on Monday to photograph Y11 & 13 Year groups; along with photos of Y10 Prefects, Sixth Form Leaders; Chaplaincy Prefects; and House Captains.



Students attending Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan in Lourdes

Governors assure parents & carers that no MAT decision involving SJP will be taken without consultation with all parties.



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