



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

4th October 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

On Monday a party of Year 8 students attended *Empowering you and mathematics* at Wembley stadium, an inspirational showcase of mathematics, including a maths magic show. Students returned highly enthused.

Yesterday's open evening was a fantastic showcase of the wonderful provision our students are afforded in our community. They are our greatest ambassadors, and it was lovely that so many were keen to share their experience and guide visitors on tours of the school. We are proud to display in our reception and above the entrance to our Chapel corridor, *Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school*; its purpose to support young people to fulfil their God given potential; to become the best versions of themselves - who God created them to be. St John Payne is their school, and their pride in it is a further testament to their spirit. Already we have received much fulsome and glowing praise.

Yesterday our GCSE Dance students attended a workshop with Mel Simpson, a leading GCSE & A Level adviser. The day allowed students to complete a significant percentage of their overall assessment. As invariably is the case when we welcome visitors, Mel was struck by our students' spirit of maturity and engagement, remarking that they are the best she has worked with throughout many years travelling the country to work in a wide range of schools and education providers. That the students are completing much of the course in their own time is a further example of their dedication.

Today's INSET focuses upon curriculum coherence, a key focus of the new Education Inspection Framework, requiring schools to demonstrate the intent, implementation and impact of their curriculum. Our curriculum statement can be found at <https://www.sjp.essex.sch.uk/about-us/curriculum-statement/>

Next week sees two key events for our Year 7 students. Thursday evening's Welcome Mass is always a wonderfully joyous and spirit filled occasion, and a chance to gather together in witness with parents and carers to formally welcome the newest members of our community. We thank Fr Paul in advance for bringing Christ to our community and ensuring what will be a joyous and spirit filled celebration.

On Friday students will attend a presentation by John Woodley, former Detective Sergeant of the Essex Police Online Investigation Team. The presentation offers advice and guidance on how to remain safe online. Parents and carers of students in all Years are invited to attend a version of the presentation the following Monday 14th from 6.00 p.m in Aquinas Hall.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher

Events & Notices

We will be grateful of donations of books to help increase our classroom libraries for DEAR time.

Travel Discounts and age verification: Greater Anglia discounted rail tickets for students

<https://public.greenrailtravel.co.uk/scholars.html>
Queries 03456007245

Citizenscard age verification www.citizenscard.com/e-form UOC code. STJEA9

10.10: Year 7 Welcome Mass

11.10: Y7 & 8 Online safety presentation

14.10: Online safety presentation to parents & carers 6.00 p.m.

16.10: Sixth Form open evening 6.00 p.m.

SJP is a proud Teacher Training Partnership School to Billericay Education Consortium & West Essex Teacher Training School Alliance. Please contact us if you are interested in a career in teaching and/or work experience.



Students are encouraged to bring a reusable container if opting for pasta or salad at lunch. This small effort will support attempts to reduce plastic waste.



STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

We thank all involved in showcasing our wonderful school last night. Visitors were touched by your spirit. Some said that they wish they could go back to school and start again!

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.



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