



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

10th June 2019

Dear Friends of St John Payne

I am sorry to share the sad news that Nick Minnican, former Head of Science and much loved friend of St John Payne, passed away over the weekend. He had been unwell for some time. I know that all who had the privilege of knowing Nick will feel deep sadness at his loss.

A devout man of God who devoted wonderful service to our community, Nick embraced the values upon which the school is founded. His commitment was a powerful testimony to Christ's example of servant leadership, and his life gave witness to the greatest commandment: *Love one another as I have loved you.*

Upon promotion to Assistant Headteacher at Chelmsford County High School for Girls in September 2017, Nick was embraced by the same love and affection with which he was held throughout his time at St John Payne. He is assured abiding warmth, admiration and high regard from all who knew him.

Visitors are invited to sign a book of condolence in our Chapel, and Abbot Hugh will celebrate Mass in Aquinas hall at 4.00 p.m. this Thursday 13th June. All are welcome. I am invited to attend Nick's funeral on behalf of all our community, where I will be pleased to join our prayers with those of Nick's family and closest friends.

We pray for the repose of Nick's soul, for his wife Elizabeth and their three young sons. May they be surrounded by God's peace and love.

God bless you, Nick. May you rest in peace.

Yours in prayer

Mr T. Coen

Headteacher

