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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

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HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Dear St John Payne Community

It is always lovely to welcome the students back to school and to have a new academic year underway.

We congratulate students on their success in the summer exams, with Year 13 progressing to university or apprenticeships, and the majority of last year's Year 11 remaining with us for sixth form. We offer prayers and warmest wishes to all whose paths have taken them on from our community.

Year 7 enjoyed their Form Retreats throughout October when we joined as a community each day to pray The Angelus at midday. We continue our weekly Form group Masses in the chapel each Friday, blessed and so warmly served by our priests - Fr Paul of The Blessed Sacrament, and Fr Martin, Fr Damien & Fr Paschal of St Augustine, Our Lady Immaculate & Holy Name. Masses throughout the early weeks of term have united staff in witness with Year 7 and 12 students on the Feast of our Lady of Sorrows and for our Mass of Welcome for Year 7 and their families.

Early in September, we welcomed parents and carers for our Key Stage 4 information evening. We are always glad of the opportunity to build upon partnerships that are so central to the school's success.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



With schools showcasing their communities to prospective families seeking education both for Year 7 and Year 12, we were delighted to welcome visitors to our open evenings, with many also visiting for a tour during the day throughout the following weeks to experience the school's spirit in full flow. Our students ever our greatest ambassadors - have offered excellent service and representation.

Aquinas Hall is full of energy and excitement in the evenings as students rehearse for our main school show - The Addams Family. Last Tuesday's Jack Petchey Awards at the Civic Theatre were a wonderful celebration of young people's talent from across the city and surrounding areas, SJP was well represented by award recipients. Two winners also provided beautiful interludes of song and choreography.

We continue our tradition of charity fundraising and giving, with our harvest collection extending year-round. Items can be left in Form rooms to be gathered centrally and delivered to food banks. We continue to donate to CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need, and Chess. We are again appealing for support for our appeal for stationery to aid school children in Brazil. Today's non-uniform & Wear it Pink day is in support of breast cancer research.

In Faith, God Bless.

Yours sincerely Thomas Coen- Headteacher.



CHAPLAINCY FAITH LIFE

The faith life of the school has been buzzing with praise and glory to God.

On the first day back, the students in Years 7 & 12 enjoyed a liturgical service with the staff. Year 7 raised the roof with their amazing singing. Just as St Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves'.

Year 7 enjoyed their Community Mass in October with parents, staff and Governors. Fr Damien came to celebrate this with us and it was a lovely occasion. Year 7 forms have each had a retreat day in the hall run by myself with help from our amazing Year 11 students and chaplaincy leaders. The retreat was based on being made in the likeness and image of God with the scripture You Are the Light of the World (Matthew 14-16). Students enjoyed prayer, meditation, exploring mass, a quiz, recognizing their God given talents and, some fun and games along the way.

Every day starts and ends in prayer. During the month of October (Month of the Rosary), the whole school stops at 12noon and prays The Angelus. This devotion to Our Lady is led by students. We thank our wonderful deanery priests for bring us Jesus every week at the Eucharistic miracle in Mass, this term has seen Year 11 celebrate their form Mass on a Friday at 12noon.

Chaplaincy clubs are thriving: Tuesday we enjoy CST (Friendship club) in the Chapel where the current team are working on the design of Our Lady's Peace and Rosary Garden. On a Thursday lunchtime we offer Adoration – this is led by Fr Paschal. All are welcome!

CHAPLAINCY FAITH LIFE





On a Tuesday we have introduced a morning Mass in the Chapel. This is a time to offer our day to God and ask for his guidance throughout the busy week ahead. Many members of staff are attending, I warmly invite students to join us every Tuesday at 8am. Dorian Jurijczuk in 10C has served at every morning Mass, sacrificing his own time to serve the community. This week Dorian received a Jack Petchey award, presented by Fr Paschal for his servant leadership to the faith and the SJP community. Congratulations Dorian, so well deserved.

Going forward:

On the 1st November the whole school will celebrate the Feast of All Saints – this Holy day of obligation see the whole of SJP attend a Mass during the school day. On November9th, we will celebrate a Mass for the departed in our community. This will be held within the school day so that all students wanting to attend have the opportunity to do so. If any families wish to have their past loved ones prayed for, please email me on: <u>KAD@sjp.essex.sch.uk</u>

During the season of Advent, every student will witness the scripture, prayers and faith preparation for the coming of Christ with weekly gatherings of lighting the Advent Wreath and an Advent Service assembly. Our Catholic community will welcome all of our deanery priests for the Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation. On the last day the school the whole community will enjoy an uplifting Christmas Carol Service. Our families and wider community will be warmly invited on Thursday 21st December at 6pm to enjoy the Carol Service and refreshments after the event. After all, Christ is the reason for the season. I wish you all an enjoyable break and look forward to your return.

> God bless *Lay Chaplain,* Katy Adams

NEW STAFF



Mr Gowler RE



Mr Matthews HOD: Sociology



Mrs Miller SENCO



Mrs Williams Music



Mrs Burr Business



Mrs Beckett English



Mr Taylor PE



Mrs Southern Business



Mrs Garland Geography



Mrs Piper English



Mr Gardiner Second in RE



Mrs Johnson PE and Health & Social Care

NEW STAFF



Mrs Aneke ML



Mrs Sanal Maths



Miss Baker English



Miss Bacon RE



Mr Oliver Assistant Caretaker



Mrs Jones Catering Assistant



Miss Sawyer Catering Assistant



Miss Smith Cover Supervisor



Miss Pellicci Administration Manager



Student Awards



	Total Year Group Achievement Points	Highest Form Achievement points	Highest Achievement Points In the Year
Year 7	6083	7D 2587	Mimi S- 7D 99 Achievement Points
Year 8	6904	8F 1837	Makayla T- 8D 97 Achievement Points
Year 9	4582	9F 980	Freddie G- 9S 91 Achievement Points
Year 10	4001	10B 720	Ariel O- 10A 74 Achievement Points
Year 11	2229	11C 487	Daniel B- 11C 66 Achievement Points

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Jack Petchey

On Tuesday 10th October, our Jack Petchey winners were presented with the medals at the Civic Theatre. It was a fantastic evening and made even more special due to this being the third year running that our performing arts students provided the entertainment. Erin Bailey gave an outstanding performance that captivated the audience. Tamsin Clark gave a mind-blowing vocal arrangement with her immaculate performance.

Well done to all winners:



Tamsin Clark Erin Bailey Finbar Daly Phoebe Mulqueen Joseph Ly Rebecca Duke Robert Crawley Freddie Gardham









Jack Petchey





















Congratulations to Mrs Lanchester for obtaining the Jack Petchey Oustanding Leader Award!



Chelmsford French Circle



On Friday 30th September, my French class joined the first Chelmsford French Circle of the year, where we met some of the French people who live in Chelmsford. It was a great occasion, as we joined up in teams with them and did a French quiz together! In French! It was a great chance to practise what we've learned in class so far and apply it to a real-life situation, and it went very well. We listened to and spoke French from 8 pm – 10 pm and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Ellen and Eve even went back the next Friday for the Soirée de Conversation. We are looking forward to other events this year to complement our A-Level French studies. losh L 13F

Chelmsford French Circle

Welcome Conferences Soirées de Conversation About Committee Location Links

Welcome to the Chelmsford French Circle. We hope you will share with us a love of France and all things French

We have an interesting and eclectic programme of conferences of the highest quality, all in French, given by specialists, often with personal experience of their subject. There are talks on history, the arts, language, people and places: theatrical and musical evenings: and, from time to time, themed soirées, such as "Soirée Parisienne", "Soirée Bretonne", "Soirée de Noël", wine tastings and "Soirée Beaujolais". The talks begin at 8.00 pm in Sandon Village Hall, Woodhill Road, Sandon CM2 75Q

Another important feature of our circle is our conversation evenings where you get to practise French and enjoy yourself in an informal, friendly environment.







13 octobre Le dernier vol du Lieutenant Alfred Evans Jnr

27 octobre Le curieux destin du Chevalier d'Eon Annie Kean

10 novembre Assemblée Générale et dégustation de fromages



9 décembre : (Samedi midi)





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22 mars Une écrivaine

PROGRAMME 2023 - 2024



26 avril t SOIREE MUSICALE Gwendal Moële



10 mai Les tableaux impressionnistes français en exil



24 mai Annie Ernaux Annie Ernaux, voyage à travers cinq décennies de la société française Maryse Wright







SJP Linguastars- Autumn term 1b!

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Autumn term 1a

There is nothing complicated about learning languages, but it takes hard work. These students have shown particular grit, resilience, curiosity and effort in embedding French/German knowledge into their long-term memory. They will have a very strong start to French and German this year because they have not given up and continued to ask questions and check their memory.

Year 7 French	Year 8 French	Year 8 German	Year 9 French	Year 9 German
Mia T (7B)	Riley T (8A)	Cemya A (8B)	Tallulah C (9A)	Robert R (9A)
Izzy M (7C)	Anna C (8C)	Molly C (8D)	Joseph P (9C)	Ava H (9C)
Morayo A (7D)	Harrison H (8D)	Oliver Nelan (8D)	Katy O-C (9D)	Joseph P (9C)
Isabella H (7F)	Charlie K (8S)	Gwynfor P (8F)	Kaitlyn B (9F)	Eva G (9S)
James A (7S)	Aiden Y (8F)	Charlie P (8F)	Freddie G (9S)	Valery M (9S)

Moreover, SJP Top Linguastars are chosen amongst all others for their excellence.

Cornélius B-W (7A) is a budding reflective linguist who is a model to classmates. Jamie H (8A) participates brilliantly in class with his hand always up and a proactive approach to his homework.

Nkechi O (8A) is a model of work ethic and behaviour for her peers.

Kayah A (9A) has a fantastic work ethic and strives to produce her best work at all times.

Stephen J (9A) is concentrated on self-study at home and concentration in lessons.

Faye C (10F) has excellent written and spoken work- an impressive start to the course.

Karol K (10C) has had an impressive start to the course. Excellent written and spoken work. **Georgia M (11F)** gives 100% effort in lessons, at home and in revision sessions.

Elsie W (11S) shows fantastic knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. She works extremely hard and always goes the extra mile.

Lilla P (12S) has an impressive mature approach to essay writing following sound research.
Lilli O (12F) makes an unwavering effort in text summary, comprehension and verb learning.
Julia S (13F) always shows an attentive critical and mature approach to film analysis. She has recently gained full marks in cinematographic essay.

Dola A (12D) participates brilliantly in class. Great ideas when analysing the literary text.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Sporting Achievements

A-Level PE trip to St Mary's University

On Wednesday 27th September our A-Level PE cohort visited St Mary's University, Twickenham. They met with a former student Martha, studying physiotherapy and representing the University in athletics. The students engaged in talks and tours and met with lectures. They were a credit to the PE department and the school.





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We have recently welcomed some boxing sessions delivered by Schooled boxing. A year 8 and year 11 class were fortunate enough to engage with it and had a great time.





Official Account of Sports at SJP

2,647 posts

Sporting Achievements



Jack Petchey

Over the summer Connor was awarded a Jack Petchey award at water polo. Connor joined the club last year and has helped improve the coaching offer by asking for support with his goalkeeping. This put in place a change to the way sessions are coached and now have a dedicated goal-keeping training session built into the main set. This change helped Connor not only see him represent the senior men's side at such a young age but also get selected and play for the East Region in the inter-regionals tournament recently as their first-choice goalkeeper. Award spent on: Inflatable goal for training and hosting tournaments



PE Extra-curricular

Please see the extra-curricular timetable for this half term. With the light fading football and rugby club will stop the week beginning 6th November and resume after the February half term.

Any further changes to the timetable are sent out by the office and published on our social media weekly.

> Instagram - @sports_sjp Twitter / X - @SPORTS_SJP

ESAA Combined Events Championships

On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September, Alicija Y Year 9 took part in the Junior Girls' Pentathlon. She scored 8618pts and achieved 1st place! Well done Alicja.





The Addams Family Musical

THE ADDAMS FAMILY, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family– a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before– keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.'

After two weeks of auditions where we saw over 100 SJP students audition for main and ensemble roles, the cast of this year's whole school musical has begun the rehearsal process. With a cast of 70 students ranging from Year 7 to Year 13, the rehearsals are already alight with eagerness from our energetic Year 7 students through to the glowing experience being demonstrated by our talented KS4 & 5 students. With the popularity of the recent Netflix series Wednesday which is a 'coming of age supernatural comedy horror', it just seemed right that SJP should put on a production of The Addams Family Musical this year. Unlike the musicals previously put on at SJP, this musical offers a greater challenge for the students as they have to play more eccentric, often absurd characters and after just two weeks of rehearsals they are rising to the challenge superbly.

SAVE THE DATE NOW to ensure you do not miss this show. Tickets will be available for purchase on ParentPay soon (please buy your tickets in advance, we sadly had to turn people away last year).

Performance dates: Thursday 1st February & Friday 2nd Feb 2024



KEY SCHOOL EVENTS



Sixth Form News

Fancy Dress Friday – Little Havens Hospice (03.11.23)

We are hosting our annual Fancy Dress Friday event on 3rd November. Sixth Form students and teachers will be dressing up and donating money to raise funds for the Little Havens Hospice, in memory of India, who died in March. Students will be raising money in a variety of ways on the day, including a cake and sweet sale for students in Year 7 to 11. Please be as generous as possible for this worthwhile cause.



India Tucker Trust

A reminder that Year 13 students, Naomi, Phoebe and Joshua set up a Go Fund Me page earlier in the year to raise money for Sarcoma UK, in memory of India. Their webpage address is: https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-indiatucker-trust?utm_campaign=m_pd+sharesheet&utm_content=undefined&utm_mediu m=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer&utm _term=undefined and all donations are gratefully received.

London Marathon 2024

Former student, Emily, is running the London marathon for Teenage Cancer Trust, in memory of Abbie. This is Emily's entry on Justgiving.com:

I am running the London Marathon 2024 in memory of friend and classmate Abbie Subavarathan who tragically lost her life in July 2021 after batting cancer. All those who had the pleasure of knowing Abbie would understand how truly inspiring, funny and kind she was and because of this I have decided to run and fundraise for Teenage Cancer Trust in hopes of raising money to help other young people just like her.

Every day, seven young people aged between 13-24 find out they have cancer, Teenage Cancer Trust plays a vital role in ensuring these people receive the support they need. The charity funds specialist nurses, youth support teams and hospital units within the NHS to ensure these young people feel supported during their treatment and beyond.

If you can help, please follow this link to make a donation:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emilymacnaughtan1? utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising &utm_content=emilymacnaughtan1&utm_campaign=pfpshare&utm_term=a82a0c66ea8b4d519f11db52ad5

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SJP Careers Fair 8th November

Please see the attached poster for information about the SJP careers fair, that will take place in Aquinas hall on 8th November. Students in Year 10 to 13, and their families, are welcome to attend for up to date guidance on further and higher education, apprenticeships and careers. If you would like to attend this event, please complete this very simple form: https://forms.office.com/e/LhZ4HArrvu

St. John Payne Library started the term with a letter-writing challenge on mental health to raise awareness about teen suicide and suicide prevention day. Writing letters can have therapeutic benefits for both the writer and the recipient. It can help release negative feelings or thoughts, encourage self-expression and healthy communication, and share gratitude and positive feelings toward a person or circumstance.



BookLife

Ellie-May, the winner of BookLife's comic contest, is pictured here with one of her prizes - a custom hand-illustrated picture of herself as a superhero!

The library also organised an autumn reading challenge, where students were invited to read as many books as possible by following the library's autumn reading list or creating their own.









The library hosted a SJP poet laureate competition to choose the next poet Laureate: the theme this year was 'Refuge.'

Entrants will attend the SJP Poetry Slam in the library during lunch next term to perform their poems.

Winners will receive a Certificate, a mystery prize from myself, 10 house points, and will be appointed as SJP poet laureate for the entire year. The laureates will be requested to write and perform poems for school

During the recent annual open evening, our current Poet Laureate, Freddie, delivered a captivating recital of his poem titled 'Avita Pro Fide', which beautifully encapsulated the essence and spirit of our school.

events.



AVITA PRO FIDE

It Saint John Payne School, we are all made in Christs image: every oung person is welcomed each year! to matter the seenon, with an extensive PE timetable, there is omething for all: rom running, to high jump, to basketball eeding your brains with books and algebra, feeding your bodies with elicitous canteen.

dinners. This is the perfect formula to make you all winners!

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Respect: every student here is treated with the utmost compassion; you

The St John Payne Library started its library lessons for year 7 and 8 students this year. During the lessons, students were given the opportunity to choose books and decorate their library lesson booklet. In addition, the year 7 students were able to set up their accounts to borrow library books for the first time. It was an exciting experience for everyone involved!



Black History Month

The library organized an exciting reading challenge to celebrate Black History Month. Students who completed the challenge received a brand-new copy of "Children of Blood and Bone" an award-winning young adult fantasy novel by Nigerian-American novelist Tomi Adeyemi. The school also dedicated a special literacy lesson to Black History, students learned about Aretha Franklin and celebrated her. They watched a BBC live lesson and completed fun literacy activities, such as writing speeches inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. and analysing song lyrics by Aretha Franklin and Bob Marley. The library also released a recommended reading list, which you can find here. Lastly, the library is dedicating a special book club to read books written and inspired by black people. This book club includes students from each form, such as Nanaserwaa 8A, Cemya 8B, Wonuola 8B, Lily 8C, Damilola 8D, Daniel 8D, Conqueror 8F, Sophia 8S, Eddie 8S, and Ayobami 8S.









Creative Writing Club



Our weekly creative writing club is a place for students to experiment with a variety of genres and forms of writing. Creative writing is essential to help improve vocabulary and develop imagination to help give students an insight into the plight of others, and empathy in understanding those situations. Students who attend our writing club will benefit from improved literacy and writing skills, which will not only develop skills in English but also general literacy skills that are required across the curriculum.

Each week a group will be given a theme or prompt to inspire them to produce a piece of poetry or prose and over the course of the academic year, we will run internal competitions for Key Stage 3 students and encourage them to enter external competitions such as the Young Writers competitions. Students will have the opportunity to pursue their interest in writing outside of the classroom and share their creations with like-minded

Student Librarians

It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge the outstanding service of our superb student librarians, some of whom have earned awards for excellence. Their tireless efforts in supporting the library in a variety of ways have been truly exceptional, from putting away books and tidying up after lunchtime to putting up displays, helping other students, and organising library events, they have done it all with excellence.



Student Librarians

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STUDENT LIBRARIAN	STUDENT LIBRARIAN		
AWARD FOR	AWARD FOR		
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Proudly Presented to	Proudly Presented to		
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We Give This Certificate For Excellent Contribution To The School	We Give This Certificate For Excellent Contribution To The School		
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Librarian	Librarian		
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Signature	Signature		
MISS OPENDAAJ	MISS OPENDAAJ		
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Serving the library offers an excellent opportunity for students to grow and learn. It provides them with valuable work experience, builds their life skills, and develops their confidence. Moreover, the experience gained as a student librarian can be highlighted in their university personal statement, demonstrating their commitment to community service and their ability to work efficiently in a team. Applications for student librarians will be open again to all students in January. Once again, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our student librarians for their exemplary service.

PASTORAL CARE, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

We are the Mental Health Support Team!



Find out about the service that helps children and young people with their emotional wellbeing







We are the Mental Health Support Team!

Dealing with anxiety and low mood

Overcoming anxiety and low mood can be hard. But taking time to stop and learn how to manage anxious feelings, challenge unhelpful thinking and improve your mood can enhance your emotional wellbeing.

Talking to us can help stop difficulties from spiralling so you can enjoy school, time at home and time with friends and family.

It's good

to talk!

You are not alone

Its ok to not be ok. The MHST are specially-trained to help you with your emotional wellbeing. It is helpful to share your worries with someone you trust so you can work through your difficulties together.

Accepting that challenges are a part of life

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Most people experience emotional difficulties at some point so it's important for you to acknowledge when this is happening and talk about it. This can help you understand how it affects your life. **Remember, these feelings will pass.**

The Mental Health Support Team are here to provide support to all children, young people and their families with emotional wellbeing in schools and colleges. To find out more about the service, scan the QR code to visit our website or talk to school staff. www.nelft.nhs.uk/essex-mental-health-support-teams



NELFT NHS NHS Foundation Trust



If you would like your child to be referred to the MHST please contact Miss Squires **(c.squires@sjp.essex.sch.uk)**

For any Pastoral Information please email

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BECOME A ROAD SAFETY AMBASSADOR! If you have an idea that could save a life on the road, this is your chance to shine...

What is a Road Safety Ambassador?

If you've got a passion for sharing ideas, leading by example, and influencing others we want to hear from you!

Safer Essex Roads Partnership works hard to make the roads safer for everybody. But now we need YOUR help! The Ambassador volunteer programme gives you the opportunity to use your imagination to inspire others!

Traffic collisions remain the biggest cause of death amongst YOUR age group, but becoming an Ambassador means you can help us to reduce death and serious injury on Essex roads to ZERO!

This is the chance for you to make a huge difference across Essex, Southend and Thurrock, because even a 'small change' in everyone's road use behaviour can have a HUGE impact and young people, like you, have an important role to play in spreading the message and creating change.

SAFERESSEX .

What does an Ambassador do?

As an Ambassador, you'll design and create campaigns, posters, banners, videos or anything you can think of to promote road safety. You'll also get the opportunity to support national and local campaigns by:

- Using social media like Facebook and Twitter to promote messages.
- Creating promotional displays to be used on interactive screens and around your school.
- Writing articles for school websites and newsletters.
- Delivering assemblies and manning stands at open events and parents evening.
- Working alongside road safety staff at school events.
- Developing and running competitions and events.

The Safer Essex Roads Partnership will support you in encouraging your friends and fellow students to be more aware of how to be safer near roads. We will provide you with information and resources but also want to learn from you, listen to you and share ideas.

Why get involved?

We understand that young people have the most influence on other young people, which is why we want YOU to take the lead within your school to set a positive example, promote road safety and raise awareness amongst your peers.

Through this programme, your imagination and creativity can save lives in your local community. You'll also be awarded a Road Safety Ambassador certificate alongside a badge, notebook and pen to help you plan activities.



The Ambassador programme is your chance to shine - it may even help you in the future when applying for jobs or a place at university.

If you have any questions, please contact your teacher, and have a look at The Safer Essex website:

saferessexroads.org/education/roadsafety-ambassadors



Please follow us on Instagram @StJohnPayne



Year 8 Girls - Cyberfirst Girls Competition 2023/2024

Calling all Year 8 girls. The ICT and Computer Science Department, have a wonderful opportunity for you to participate in a national competition which is run annually by Cyberfirst. The competition has solely been designed for girls to participate in.

First launched in 2016 to inspire girls to consider a career in ICT, Computer Science and Cyber Security. Girls will participate in a series of challenges which involve: Logic and coding, Networking, Cyber Security, Cryptography and Speciality. Girls will work in teams of up to 4 people - you can do this with your friends.

You do not have to be a programmer to take part. We would like to enter as many teams as possible. Watch out for more information on this in an assembly. Registration is now open. If you are interested in competing then, please speak to your ICT teacher or to Miss Lovelock.

The Cyberfirst Girls Competition takes place over a period of 10 days in November - Monday 20th - Wednesday 29th November 2023. If you would like more information on this then please come along to B105 on a Tuesday lunchtime, where you will look at some of the questions which could be posed. Also, there is a link below which gives more information on the competition, itself.

https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberfirst/girls-competition

"One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen, can change the world."

–Malala Yousafzai