



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

5th October 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a wonderful week for the school, culminating in a party of colleagues enjoying a weekend pilgrimage to Assisi with Fr Pius, with others enriched by retreat here at St John Payne with Fr Stephen.

Bishop's Alan's visit yesterday was a testament to all that lies at the heart of our community. Having blessed and named our sixth form building for St Anne Line, Bishop Alan concelebrated Mass with Deanery priests, Deacon Kevin and Seminarian Michael Barwick - former SJP Head Boy. It was a beautifully joyous celebration during which all in our community were held in prayer.

The visit provided the perfect backdrop against which to welcome visitors to the school for our open evening, emphasising our distinctive identity and purpose as a Catholic comprehensive school: ***Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.*** As ever, students and staff ensured a fantastic showcase of the wonderful care and guidance students enjoy here.

A challenge for Catholic schools in recent years has been how to mitigate the impact of the cessation of bus funding for families seeking a Catholic education for their children. Yesterday's display of the formation students are afforded here will ensure we continue to attract families from our further lying parishes, thus retaining the distinctive ethos that makes St John Payne so dear to many generations of families with whom the school enjoys a long association.

Our students would not be the great ambassadors they are without the love and support of a caring family. I extend my thanks to parents and carers for honouring our three way partnership, and for continuing to advocate the school in the wider Catholic community.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher



Events & Notices

Foppolo Ski Trip 2020 for current Year 10. Consent form to Mrs Watson no later than 19.10.18.

Julia Caesar rehearsals continue.

Monday 8th: Jack Petchey Awards – Civic Theatre 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 10th: Y7 Welcome Mass 6.00 p.m.

Y7/8 Disco 12.10.18; tickets £5.00 available lunchtimes Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th October. Helpers welcome.

Celebrations & successes

Great citizenship from Jacob & Jamie Y10 and from Joshua Y9; also from Susie, Erin & Poppy Y8 for arranging a cake sale for MacMillan Cancer Care. Well done also to Crystal Y7 for her dance success in Blackpool: 7th in Latin; 2nd in couples.

We thank our student readers who share the readings during assembly each week. Students with musical ability are encouraged to see Mr Healey or their HOY if they wish to sing or play as students enter and leave the hall.

Each Friday Mr Coen looks forward to seeing students for an ice lolly or hot chocolate to extend his congratulations.

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