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HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

HEADTEACHER REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

Year 11 students recently attended a fantastic subject fair organised by Miss Lovelock, Key Stage 5 students presenting to their younger peers to inform their post-16 choices, whilst Mrs Coleman & Mr Marsh presented online to parents of Year 9 students about Key Stage 4 options.

On Monday 29th January a group of students represented the school at the city's Holocaust Memorial, Julia & Ruby in Year 13 speaking with powerful reverence, and last week a small group visited Auschwitz. Our horror at the atrocity must never be allowed to diminish, and to each generation must be entrusted the responsibility to challenge persecution in all its forms.

Performances of The Addams family were a wonderful culmination of months of hard work that showed our students' gifts & talents in great abundance. It is always lovely to welcome visitors for such occasions, and especially nice that hundreds of local primary school children were able to attend. This year we were delighted to also host the whole community from Columbus School & College.

The term continues with great activity, with Year 10 students participating in the Jack Petchey Speak Out, a Year 11 trip to Poetry Live, students leading and officiating the Panathlon swimming gala at the Stratford Aquatic Centre, Year 7 students leading the Primary Superstars Festival at Chelmsford Athletics Club, and a Music Industry day for students in Years 8 & 9.

We continue to be blessed by our Priests celebrating Mass each Tuesday morning and Friday lunchtime, and by Adoration in the Chapel during Thursday lunchtimes - it is lovely to see growing numbers of students joining together with staff in witness through prayer and song.

God bless.



Thomas Coen
Headteacher.

CHAPLAINCY FAITH LIFE

This Half term, we have marked the Feasts of the Epiphany, The Baptism of the Lord, and the Presentation of the Lord through Bible Reflections and Mass.

We continue to meet every Tuesday morning and celebrate Mass with Fr Paschal.

Adoration on a Thursday during Lunchtime in the Chapel is so well attended – never an empty seat and yet more keep coming. The love and joy I feel witnessing our amazing students is so powerful to my own faith. “The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth,” – St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

We are always so thankful welcoming our local clergy in to celebrate Friday Form mass for our students – Students and form tutors have helped prepare the Masses. As always, we are so blessed and thankful to our deanery priests for bringing us Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

This Wednesday we held 4 Ash Wednesday services and every member of our community joined in an examination of conscience and proudly wore the mark of the Cross to the end of the day. Powerful witness!





CHAPLAINCY FAITH LIFE



Upcoming Events: Lent

The Lenten Service will take place on Wednesday 27th March at 6pm, with the whole school attending the following day. All families are warmly invited to attend this service, followed by refreshments.

If any students would like to take part in the Lenten Service by doing a reading, music, IT, drama, scene setting, creating prayer cards, please see Katy to put your name down. This year the service will focus on Human Dignity with our Lenten challenge...Action.

On Thursday 21st March, all Catholics seeking the healing sacrament of reconciliation will be invited to sign up during form-time when they return from the half-term. All students are warmly welcome to join this service full of prayer and reflection – Pastoral staff will be available to students who have not received the sacrament of Holy Communion.

God bless
Lay Chaplain,
Katy Adams



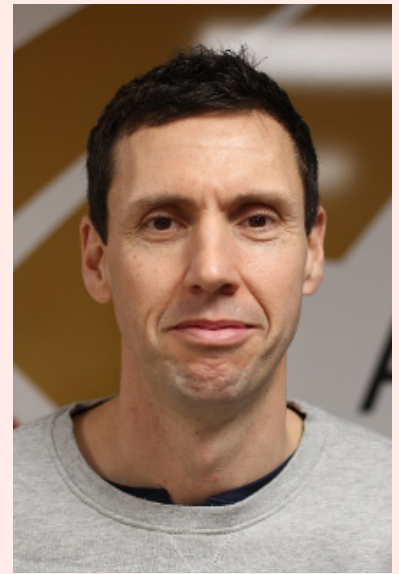
NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



Mrs Kiddle
Catering Assistant



Mrs Vaz
Attendance Assistant



Mr Cross
DT Technician



Miss Quay
Science Teacher




Mrs Gardiner
Art Teacher

STUDENT AWARDS



Student Awards



	Total Year Group Achievement Points	Highest Form Achievement points	Highest Achievement Points In the Year Group
Year 7	17,467	7D 4758	KamdirichukE- 7D 224 Achievement Points
Year 8	16,416	8F 4164	Eleanor M- 8F 322 Achievement Points
Year 9	13,427	9F 3294	Freddie G- 9S 342 Achievement Points
Year 10	9,533	10D 1960	Viktoria B- 10D 204 Achievement Points
Year 11	3,878	11C 943	Erin T- 11C 115 Achievement Points

Student Awards



Kamdirichuk E- 7D
224 Achievement Points

Eleanor M- 8F
322 Achievement Points



Freddie G- 9S
342 Achievement Points



Viktoria B- 10D
204 Achievement Points



Erin T- 11C
115 Achievement Points

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Sporting Achievements



Girls teams update



We have had a lot of matches this half term. Y7-13 have played numerous netball matches which have been aided by our latest umpire, Theo. Year 8/U14 are through to the final 4 teams of the Essex Cup Plate netball competition

Sports Readers

Our Sports Readers Breakfast Club pairs students with young leaders from the sixth form, many of whom have an impressive sporting background. In fact, this cohort includes an England athletics competitor among our young leaders. The collaboration between our students and these dedicated leaders has been incredibly positive, fostering a supportive environment for both personal and athletic development.

One of the highlights of our programme is the termly reward sessions, where students participate in enjoyable and informative sporting PSHE (Physical, Social, Health Education) sessions. These sessions have been well-received by both students and leaders alike, contributing to the overall success of the Sports Readers Programme.

I am delighted to share that on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February, our students had a unique opportunity to further extend their sports involvement. They are invited to be leaders at the Panathlon Swimming Gala. This event not only allows our students to showcase their leadership skills but also promotes a sense of community and sportsmanship.



Sporting Achievements



CSSP Superstars



As part of our role in the PE department and in conjunction with The Chelmsford School Sport Partnership, we aim to increase the amount of competitive sport and leadership opportunities for ALL young people at SJP.

With this in mind, Y7DFS pupils were selected to officiate in the Primary Superstars Festival at Melbourne Stadium on Tuesday 6th February. The students were an absolute credit to themselves and the school.

PE update

I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and students of the kit requirements for PE lessons. Physical Education (all kit must be labelled and in a separate PE bag)

Piercings & jewellery removed, long hair tied.

Unless they have a broken bone, students unable to participate are to change into PE kit to officiate/coach.

Compulsory from Schoolwear Plus	Compulsory can be purchased from any provider	Optional but encouraged
White polo shirt with school crest.	Plain black shorts (school crest version optional from Schoolwear plus).	Outdoor mid layer top with school crest.
	Black football socks (school yellow and black version optional from Schoolwear plus).	Plain black tracksuit bottoms (no logo/motif).
	Football boots, trainers, shin pads.	Black & amber rugby shirt (boys only).
	Gum shield (for hockey & rugby lessons).	



Sporting Achievements



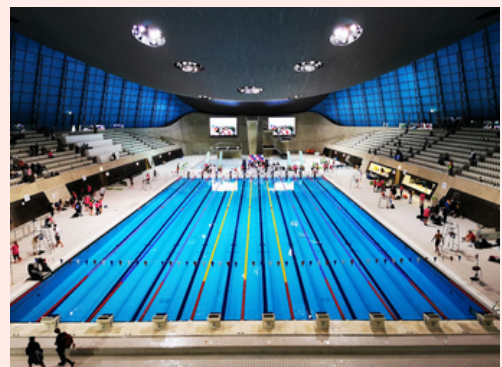
London Aquatic Centre in Stratford



Our students attended the London Aquatic Centre in Stratford to take part in a swimming gala called the Panathlon. Our students behaved incredibly well and all participated with great enthusiasm. They came in 3rd place and all were all awarded bronze medals. To top it all off we ran into/hunted down Tom Daley at the end and he was kind enough to have a photo with our group and congratulate them on their achievement.

Well done Sharon, Jacob, Tian, Scarlet-Rose, Riley, Liam, Jayden.

Mrs Miller- SENDCO



KEY SCHOOL EVENTS



Performing Arts Department *Drama*



THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL!

"What a show, such energy and talent on the stage"

"We felt privileged to see so many talented young people who were all amazing"

"Congratulations to you all on a superb production"

"It was so fantastic, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. So so impressed with the students talent and confidence."

"We loved the show and cannot believe how professional it was, a real west end experience"

"I have not laughed and smiled that much in ages. Thank you"

On Wednesday 31st January 2024 the stage curtain of Aquinas Hall rose to reveal a moonlit graveyard. Enter the Addams family and their ensemble of family ancestors and the first performance of The Addams Family Musical at St John Payne had begun! The cast of 70 students consisted of 64 performers, 3 backstage crew and 3 make-up artists from Year 7 to Year 13, a real 'whole school production'. The 2-hour comedy musical tells the story of Wednesday Addams, known for her love of darkness, and how she has fallen in love with a sweet man from a seemingly respectable and ordinary family. As Wednesday falls in love, family members begin to find out, forcing Gomez, her father, to keep a secret from his love, Morticia.

The amazing cast performed 5 shows in 3 days to over 1,000 audience members. This included 2 morning performances to hundreds of local primary school children and a 3rd morning performance to the whole student cohort of our neighbour school Columbus where some students were experiencing live theatre for the first time. Both evening performances were a sellout making us consider putting on a 3rd evening performance next year!



Performing Arts Department *Drama*



THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL!

Feedback from all audience members has been amazing. Commenting on the wonderful energy, talent and professionalism the whole cast exuded.

We would like to congratulate every cast member; performer & backstage crew, for their astounding commitment to making this show a success. Rehearsals began at the start of October, resulting in many of the cast rehearsing twice weekly afterschool and during many lunchtimes for the past 4 months. All the students have shown such resilience, dedication and positivity throughout the whole rehearsal process which resulted in a professional and exciting production they all should be proud of.

As always, these large productions are a huge undertaking and would not be possible without the help of so many from the SJP community. A big thanks to Miss Squires and Mrs Adams for their support with directing, choreographing, and organising the show. To Mrs. Clark, Head of Art, and her amazing team of art students for painting our incredible set. To Mrs Watkins, Phoebe M (Head Girl), Ms Wright and Mrs Beckett for their help backstage and with cast management. To Mrs Coleman and Ms Pellicci for helping front of house and to the SJP Finance team for organising ticket sales and helping with all the orders for the show. To the amazing Site team for helping build elements of our set and for responding to every crazy request we made. To the PTA for providing refreshments at our evening performances and to Mr Coen, the Senior Leadership Team and all the staff at SJP for their constant support and encouragement of the Performing Arts at this school. And finally, a big thank you to all parents, carers and friends who supported those in the show by not only coming to watch the performances but also in many other ways during the rehearsal process. Without your support we would not be able to provide creative and cultural opportunities like this to our SJP students.

BRING ON THE NEXT SHOW!
WELL DONE AGAIN TO ALL INVOLVED!
Mrs Nowlan



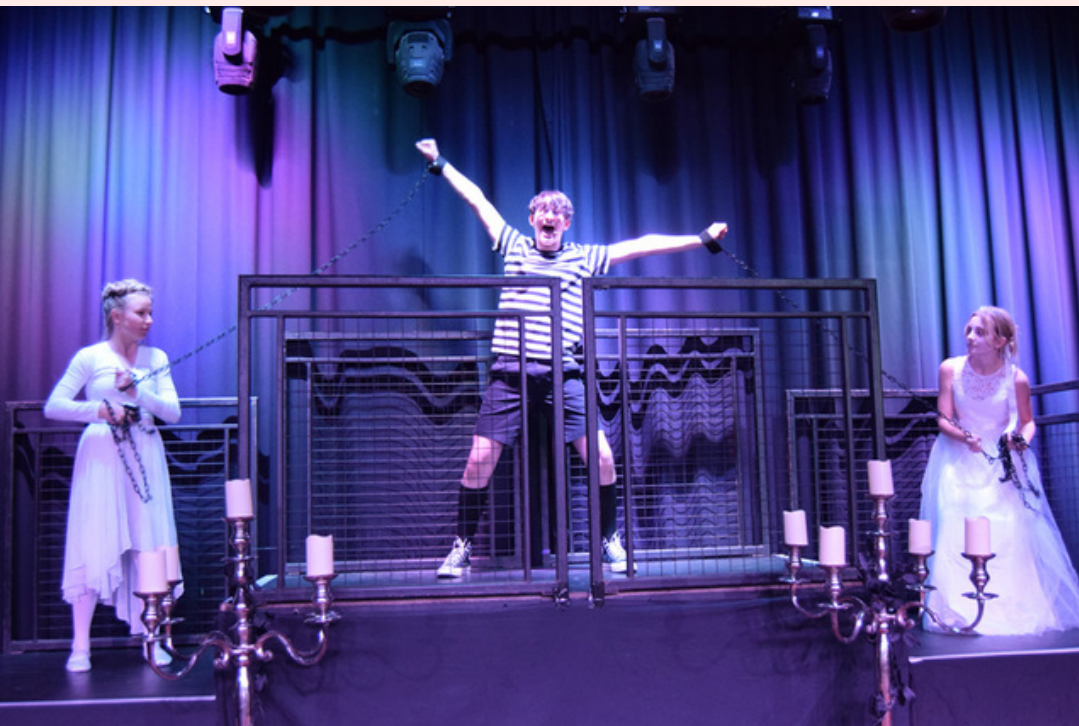
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Multi-school Council Meeting



On Friday 9th February, SJP hosted a multi-school council meeting. Students were assigned to act as representatives for their classmates and discuss school issues with students from other schools. The aim of the meeting was to help break down perceptions towards children with SEND and mental health difficulties in schools and their wider communities. The school council meeting provided young people with an opportunity to improve their confidence, develop their personal and social skills, and promote important values like democracy and tolerance. Our students spoke admirably, demonstrating great care and thoughtfulness as they discussed issues ranging from mental health awareness to bullying. It was excellent to hear their solutions and ideas to make the school (and the world) a better place!





Music Industry Day

On Monday 5th February we welcomed musician Jay Holland and his colleagues Liam and Sam from IEMusic to spend the day at SJP. Our year 13 RSL musicians, year 10 GCSE musicians and a selection of year 9 students were invited to take part in a songwriting workshop for the morning. They created some fantastic compositions and learnt the fundamentals of composing popular songs. They enjoyed sharing their work with the leaders before we welcomed all of year 8 and 9 students to Aquinas Hall for the final performance at the end of the day. They enjoyed a talk about the music industry, a performance from Jay and finally a question and answer session at the end. We would like to thank Essex Music Service for funding the workshop.

Mrs Williams



Literacy & Library News



For the entire month of February, St. John Payne Library are thrilled to host a fun and engaging activity that is sure to spark your interest - the February Book Bingo! This exciting event is designed to motivate and inspire students to discover new authors, explore different genres, and indulge in the pleasure of reading.

February Book Bingo



The rules are simple - read four books in a row and win a Bingo! As you progress towards completing your Bingo board, you will accumulate house points! This is a fantastic opportunity to enhance your reading skills, expand your knowledge, and participate in a friendly competition with fellow students. So, what are you waiting for? Head over to the St. John Payne Library, choose your favourite books, and start reading today!

Student Librarians

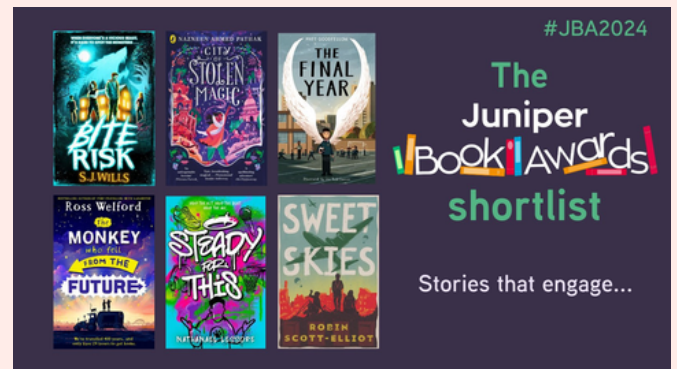
The SJP Library is buzzing with excitement as it prepares to welcome new student librarians! The library has been inundated with applications from enthusiastic students across different years, ranging from year 7 to sixth form. Miss Odendaal, the librarian, has already started reviewing all the applications that have poured in over the last term. As a dedicated and meticulous reader, she is leaving no stone unturned in her quest to find the perfect candidates who can add value to the library's services. With so many talented and passionate students applying, the library is eagerly looking forward to announcing the new student librarians next term.



Literacy & Library News



The Library and Literacy departments are excited to announce that five young readers, Robbie, Gianna, Daniella, Dasharn, and Mia, continue their exciting literary adventure. They are reading a range of never-before-read books and will soon begin voting for their favourite newly released title, as a part of the Juniper Awards. Additionally, they will be invited to attend a virtual book awards ceremony where they will help to select the winner.



As part of our literacy lessons, our Year 7 classes participated in a short story competition called 'The Glitch'. The competition was hosted by Young Writers, and students were tasked with crafting a gripping story in no more than 100 words about a sudden shift in reality - a Glitch that alters everything in its wake. We explored the concept of how an ordinary day can transform into something extraordinary, and we pondered the profound implications of a single change in the world. Five young writers rose to the challenge and successfully entered their work, which was selected for publication. We are all truly delighted for our amazing writers here at SJP!



Take a moment to read some of the stories submitted by our gifted students

It was a normal day, my alarm went off, and I had breakfast, but when I was walking to school, I looked at my watch, 8:25 I wasn't late -for once- but then I walked past the video game store - maybe I had time for one game. When I walked outside the shop, I looked at my watch, still 8:25, and I was sure it had been at least 10 minutes.

When I got to school, I looked at my watch again - 8:25; now it was really weird so I kept looking at it thinking another minute would pass any second now...

Jessica was a little girl who loved to play games, especially video games. On her 16th birthday, her father bought her a PS5- She enjoyed playing it. One night she was playing a new game on the PS5. Her game started glitching she got sucked into it! She screamed, "Help!" but nobody responded. A strange worm-like creature came to her and spun around her until it covered her fully. Jessica got transported to a land which was calm and beautiful. She swam the crystal clear water until she saw a light; she touched it and then ended up in her house.

PASTORAL CARE, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

HCRG Care Group deliver a 'Family Hub' service in partnership with Barnardo's across Essex. It is named locally as the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS) and it is commissioned by Essex County Council (ECC).

The services provided by the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service began on 01 April 2017.

Pre-Birth to 19 Years (up to 25 for those with SEND)

A large part of the ECFWS service that we operate includes the delivery of integrated child and family services across Essex for pre-birth to 19 years (PB19)

These are made up of services historically referred to as:

0-5 Healthy Child Programme

Healthy Schools Programme

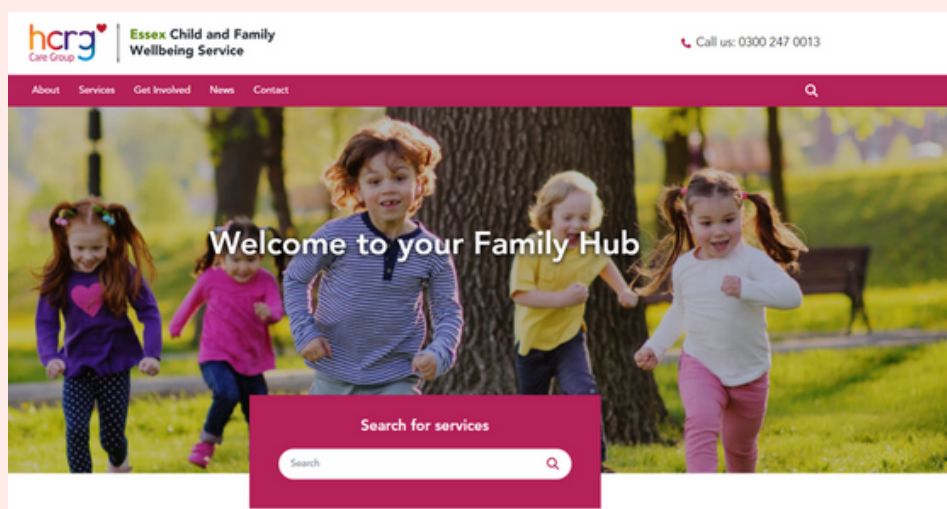
5-19 Healthy Child Programme

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support up to 25 years

Children in Care

Safeguarding Services

Management of Family Hubs and satellite Healthy Family Delivery Sites (previously known as Children's Centres).



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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ONLINE BULLYING

**Supporting
young people
who have
experienced
bullying online.**

12%

of young people in the
UK are affected by
cyberbullying



Cyberbullying, or online bullying, is when someone uses the internet to bully someone else. The Cambridge dictionary defines cyberbullying as 'Someone who uses the internet to harm or frighten another person, especially by sending them unpleasant messages.'

Best practices for parents and carers

Have an open conversation

Listen, and offer support and encouragement. If your child is the victim of cyberbullying, remind them that this is not their fault and that no one deserves to be treated in this way. Some young people think that if they are the target of online bullying, they must have done something wrong. It is also important to encourage your child to save the evidence. They can do this by taking a screenshot of what has happened or by keeping the messages they have received.

Don't reply

Most of the time the person doing the bullying is looking for a reaction when they are being mean online. Tell your child not to reply, instead they should tell a trusted adult what has happened. Reassure them that even if they are also at fault, they should come and talk to you or a trusted adult. You can then work out the best way to resolve the situation together.

Don't deny access to technology

Although it can be very tempting to remove a device from a young person if they are being bullied, having their device taken away may prevent them from speaking to you about worrying issues in the future.

“The task of a teacher is not simply to impart information or to provide training in skills intended to deliver some economic benefit to society; education is not and must never be considered as purely utilitarian. It is about forming the human person, equipping to live life to the full, in short it is about imparting wisdom.”

-Pope Benedict 16th