

ST JOHN PAYNE



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# NEWSLETTER JULY 2024

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## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Dear St John Payne Community

As we conclude the academic year I write to thank you for your continued commitment to our partnership.

Students in Years 11, 12 & 13 approached their exams with great maturity, and are sure to be well rewarded for their efforts. We look forward to continuing to support those remaining with us, and we offer those whose paths lead elsewhere our prayers and warmest wishes.

The term has seen the high quality of the school's provision recognised in April's Catholic Life Inspection, which commended the Catholic education, love and guidance students enjoy in and care, and last month's Ofsted Section 8 inspection, the report from which is now published.

Both inspection teams noted our culture of inclusivity, hospitality and welcome, and our mission to provide particularly for those most in need of support. It was also lovely to hear St John Payne described as a community in which difference and diversity are not merely tolerated, but embraced and celebrated.

The year has concluded with an array of extra-curricular visits and celebration. Year 8 & 9 students enjoyed Retreats with Rise Theatre Company, who praised their faithfulness and sense of community. Students excelled in becoming district athletics champions, with a number of Year 7 students setting new school records in the Essex Schools Athletics County Finals, and bronze in a recent SEND netball championship.

Performances of The It were incredibly powerful and moving, students presenting sensitive issues with great maturity and composure. Our GCSE & A Level art & photography showcase was as ever hugely impressive, and students have enjoyed a wide array of extra-curricular opportunities including theatre visits, maths challenges and DofE expeditions - our first cohort completing their bronze award.



Recent weeks have seen sports and enrichment days, Year 10 career interviews, Year 12 work experience, geography field visits, a student leaders' conference, Year 5 & 6 taster days, Diocese Citizenship Awards, success in the national Bible competition, Year 11 & 13 leavers' balls, our first Sanctity of Life day - a wonderful collaboration between the RE & geography departments that saw Year 7 students engage with great enthusiasm in a range of activities that developed their understanding and appreciation of global injustices and our responsibility to the planet, and last Wednesday's prize giving.

Following its establishment last year, this week saw our second charity week, activities raising significant funds for a range of charities dear to the school.

As I offer our prayers and warmest wishes to students progressing to new ventures, I also thank departing colleagues for their service to the school throughout their time with us.

I wish all our families a happy and restful summer. We look forward to welcoming students upon their return. Students in Years 7 & 12 begin on Tuesday 3rd and all other Years on Wednesday 4th September.

Thank you once again for your support. We look forward to renewing our partnerships after the break.

In Faith, God Bless.

***Thomas Coen***

***Mr T. Coen***

***Headteacher***







## CHAPLAINCY FAITH LIFE



The faith life of the school has been wonderfully rich this academic year: the introduction of the two weekly Masses, a KS4 pilgrimage to Italy, retreats for all students in KS3, all Holy Days of obligations being fulfilled, the introduction of our Mary prayer garden, Thursday Adoration, the sleep out challenge for Caritas, Advent and Lent services and so much more.

On Wednesday 17th July, Fr Paschal and Fr Martin celebrated a thanksgiving Mass for the SJP community; this marvellous occasion was attended by many staff and led by the Junior Faith Ambassadors and Choir - It was such an uplifting Mass, giving thanks for all the staff and their outstanding service to Catholic education.

Throughout the year form classes have enjoyed weekly form Mass in the Chapel, taking place on a Friday during period 4, we thank our deanery priests for bringing us Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament.

During June, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – all students joined together in the same daily prayers, this collective worship reminds us that our day always begins and ends in dedication to Our Lord. We continued this throughout July for the Precious Blood of Jesus.

In June the junior faith ambassadors and the choir were treated to an evening in London. The trip begun with a beautiful Mass at Westminster Cathedral where the students experienced the beauty of the choir. They then looked around the cathedral before taking time for personal prayer. The second part of the evening was joining the audience for the musical Wicked. This trip was funded by the Jack Petchey foundation with the award winners prize from Aoife P & Logan B.

On Friday 12th July, I had the privilege of accompanying Aoife Purcell in 9S to receive her award from Bishop Alan for her outstanding and excellent citizenship. Aoife leads others with the gospel values at the core of her being, she does this with a humble and kind heart. Year 8 & 9 enjoyed a retreat on the 1st and 2nd of July. The Rise Theatre company provided provoking faith filled retreats. The students were asked to explore how each of us is invited by God to experience life to the full! Exploring the salvation story and getting them to reflect on their own life.



## CHAPLAINCY FAITH LIFE

Chaplaincy clubs are well attended and will continue in September – Adoration takes place on a Thursday in the Chapel and Junior Faith Ambassadors will continue on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Every month we are well represented at the youth Mass at Brentwood cathedral. If students are interested in attending, please let me know and I will save a place for them on the bus!

I wish you all a happy and safe Summer.

God bless,

*Lay Chaplain,*  
**Katy Adams**

*Student members of the choir and faith ambassadors were treated to an evening in London. As with all things good, we began the evening with Mass at Westminster Cathedral, then we enjoyed the brilliance of the musical, Wicked. This was funded by the Jack Petchey Foundation - a huge thank you from SJP for all the enrichment opportunities.*





# NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



**Mr Yuen**  
LSA



**Mrs Holloway**  
Catering Assistant



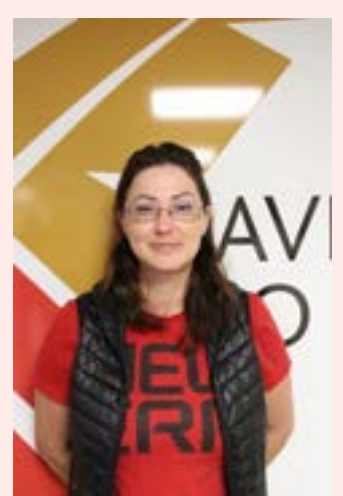
**Mrs Walker**  
Catering Assistant



**Mr Gabor**  
Premises Staff



**Mrs Grogan**  
Premises Staff



**Ms Motoc**  
Premises Staff

**Mr Arde-Acquah**  
Cover Supervisor




**Mr Sweeney**  
Behaviour  
Support Mentor

# STUDENT AWARDS



# Student Awards



|  | <b>Total Year Group Achievement Points</b> | <b>Highest Form Achievement points</b> | <b>Highest Achievement Points In the Year</b>  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Year 7</b>   | <b>32,873</b>                              | <b>7D<br/>7609</b>                     | <b>Aida P 7F<br/>467 Achievement Points</b>    |
| <b>Year 8</b>   | <b>32,691</b>                              | <b>8F<br/>6659</b>                     | <b>Eleanor M 8F<br/>599 Achievement Points</b> |
| <b>Year 9</b>   | <b>22,859</b>                              | <b>9F<br/>5700</b>                     | <b>Freddie G 9S<br/>552 Achievement Points</b> |
| <b>Year 10</b>  | <b>14,256</b>                              | <b>10D<br/>3041</b>                    | <b>Joe T 10C<br/>354 Achievement Points</b>    |
| <b>Year 11</b>  | <b>5,148</b>                               | <b>11C<br/>1278</b>                    | <b>Daniel B<br/>174 Achievement Points</b>     |



# Sporting Achievements



## **Brentwood Centre Panathalon**

On Tuesday 18th June year 7 students enjoyed an array of activities offered by Panathalon and Youth Sport Trust. They were excellent and many of our school won medals at the end. We had an inspirational speaker, ex professional footballer Alistair Patrick-Hesleton, who not only was super encouraging but was so impressed with our students, especially Ewan & Shay. It was a really well organised and well run event.

## **\*\*St John Payne Shines at CESSA Track & Field Championships\*\***

On Tuesday, June 18th, the Melbourne Athletics Stadium buzzed with excitement as district secondary schools gathered for the CESSA Track & Field Championships. This highly anticipated event saw schools competing across years 7-11, showcasing the incredible talent and determination of our young athletes. Among the fierce competitors, St John Payne stood out, demonstrating exceptional prowess and teamwork throughout the day.

All age groups had recently competed in the ESAA National Track and Field Cup Regional Finals. St John Payne's athletes had shown remarkable promise in the lead-up to the championships. The weather on the day was ideal for athletics—warm but slightly cloudy—providing perfect conditions for peak performance.

The competition kicked off with the boys participating in field events while the girls took to the track. From the outset, it was clear that St John Payne were a force to be reckoned with. All our athletes excelled, the girls securing places in the finals of their respective events and the boys making promising starts to the field events. Their hard work and dedication paid off as they consistently delivered strong performances across the board.

As the day progressed, St John Payne's athletes continued to impress. The relay teams, in particular, demonstrated seamless coordination and speed, ensuring that all batons were effectively and efficiently passed around the track without a hitch. This flawless execution was a testament to their rigorous training and unyielding team spirit. The year 9 girls broke the relay district record, and the boys won the prestigious relay cup.



# Sporting Achievements



## **\*\*St John Payne Shines at CESSSA Track & Field Championships\*\***

By the end of the championships, the results spoke volumes about St John Payne's dedication to athletics. The girls' team finished in a commendable second place, showcasing their strength and determination. Meanwhile, the boys' team outperformed all competitors, clinching first place to become only the fourth school to win the overall boys title since the competition's inauguration in 1981.

The standout performances were from the year 9 girls team, year 7 boys team and year 9 boys team who all became district year group winners. The school also won combined boys and girls district title to become the most successful Chelmsford school for athletics in 2024.

The success at the CESSSA Track & Field Championships is a proud moment for St John Payne. The athletes' dedication, skill, and sportsmanship reflect the school's commitment to excellence in both academics and extracurricular activities. This victory is not just a win for the school but a celebration of the collective effort and community spirit that drives our athletes to succeed.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the competitors, coaches, and supporters who contributed to this outstanding achievement.





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT





# Sporting Achievements



## SEN Netball Census & Championships

On Friday 21st June we took 8 students to Loughborough University to compete in the SEN Netball Championships. After training sessions with the Y8 netballers, we had a squad of Y7-9 girls and boys. The students were incredible, especially on the three hour minibus ride. They managed to bring home silverware in the form of a bronze medal. Well done to all involved.



## Leadership opportunities

As part of our role, we aim to increase the amount of competitive sport and leadership opportunities for all young people in our community. To this end, we have assisted with Columbus Sports Day and Panathlon event and aim to engage many of our Junior Sports Leaders to lead the events. These are valuable experiences for our students and can support their personal portfolios for future work, college or university applications.



## Report by Ivy J 7C

We started the day by introducing the guests. We were handed out pink T-shirts and then the other schools were given different colours. We all went over our events we were running. I was at the long jump with Daniela, we had a clip board to write their scores. They went round meaning each school got a go at each event. At the end we got a pin badge saying leader to congratulate us. There were medals to congratulate all the schools so no one was left out the whole event was sponsored by Jack Petchey. This was very fun for all of us, I had a lovely time. It was a moving event and I would very much wish to carry on as I really do like to help others.

# Sporting Achievements



## Year 7 - Mini Games - Tuesday 5th June

On Tuesday 5th June, 54 Year 7 students supported 700 Year 2 students from a range of local primary schools across the day, leading them in a range of events for them to win points for their school. As their Head of Year, it was an absolute joy seeing students in my year group step up into leadership roles and be the most wonderful ambassadors for our school.



## Year 7 Athletics Essex Championships

Seven of our year 7 students were selected to represent the district team for the County Athletics Championships on the 26th June. The following students took part; Cornélius BW, Tijesunimi O, Adrian O, Kamdi E, Florence P, Eniola O, Ed D. The students performed exceptionally well and even broke 3 school records on the day. Florence set a new javelin record, Kamdi broke the shot-put record and Tijesunimi for hurdles.

Adrian O finished 2nd in Essex for 200m.



# Shakespeare's Hamlet



A group of year 12 Literature students and teachers joined The Lord Chamberlain's Men this summer, in their 20th year, for Hamlet, the greatest play in the English language (and one they are studying for A level). With a history stretching back to William Shakespeare's original company, the company present this great play as he first saw it – in the open air, with an all male cast and Elizabethan costumes, music and dance.

***"Something is rotten in the state of Denmark."***

Returning home from university for his father, the King of Denmark's funeral, which is also the occasion of his mother's remarriage to his uncle, Hamlet the Prince, is visited by the ghost of his father. The ghost reveals that his brother, Hamlet's uncle, now stepfather and King, killed him and he urges Hamlet to take revenge. Driven to distraction by the grief of his father's death and what lies ahead of him, Hamlet is forced to confront his deepest fears and in doing so questions himself, those around him and the very nature of existence.

***"To be, or not to be, that is the question."***

Thrilling, moving and deeply human this stunning play seeks answers to life's biggest questions and, in doing so, holds up a mirror to all our natures.

***"Thus conscience does make cowards of us all"***

*We took chairs and picnics, very grateful not to need the umbrellas – although the blankets were much appreciated on such a chilly Summer's evening!*

*We are also looking forward to seeing The Grapes of Wrath in London in July.*





# Hospitality and Catering trip



## Hospitality and Catering trip to Chelmsford City Race Course – May 2024 Report from Lola and Leah, Year 11



The Year 11 hospitality and catering class visited the Chelmsford race course to have an in-sight of a restaurant kitchen and event organisation. The students of St John Payne were led round the establishment by the hospitality manager Maris, whom we recognised was well versed in his field and Mark, the Bars Manager who showed us the range of food and drink areas. We met the racing director Neil who interested us with his royal background and knowledge of the horses.



The head chef Nicholas showed us round the kitchen and walked us through how to make Eggs Florentine allowing us to practise our culinary skills. We found our trip very educational and the staff are exquisite people that inspired us. Overall it was a welcoming, enjoyable experience that we hope future years will also have the opportunity to participate in.



# The Respect Project



Earlier in the Year 15 Year 9 students had a great day at an outdoor pursuit centre, working together through a number of tasks. From this group, 6 were chosen to take part in a number of evening activities working on teamwork, self-confidence, communication, to name a few with pupils from other schools. Four of them then spent a week in the Lake District and the whole project ended with a presentation evening, where the 3 speeches from students were made by ones from SJP. The skills and confidence that have been developed over the course have been starting to present in school too and I was so proud to see them make a success of the opportunity they were offered. Well done to Charlie 9S, Logan 9S, Valery 9S, Jess 9F, Kaitlyn 9F and Quincy 9A. Well done everyone, I am really proud of all you achieved.

## Year 9 report by Mrs Coleman







## LOWER SCHOOL PLAY 2024 'The IT'

**Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June**



The last week of June saw 52 key stage 3 pupils (Year 7, 8 & 9) take to the St John Payne Aquinas Hall stage to perform this year's lower school play 'The IT'. In the hottest week of the year this amazing cast performed this relevant ensemble one act play 5 times across 3 days to over 500 audience members. Not only did they wow friends and family who attended the evening performances, but they enthralled Year 5 & 6 students from our feeder schools who came to watch the morning performances.

**The IT by Vivienne Franzmann - is an explosive exploration of teenage life.**

A dark and comedic play that delves into the raw emotions of adolescence; tackling themes of mental health, social pressures, and the struggle to find your voice. "The IT" was not only a story that resonated deeply with our teenage cast but also with our audience - young peers and parents alike.



### **A Reflection of Our Times**

In today's fast-paced world, "The It" holds immense relevance. It confronts the pressures teenagers face, the anxieties they battle, and the importance of seeking help when needed. It's a conversation starter, a reflection of our times, and a powerful reminder of the strength found in vulnerability and connection.



# Performing Arts



## Professionalism and Friendship

The professionalism displayed by the cast throughout the rehearsal and performance process has been truly inspiring. Witnessing them overcome challenges, support each other, and find new friendships across year groups and forms has been a joy. Their camaraderie is a testament to the power of theatre to unite.



## A Reservoir of Talent

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented group of young performers here at St John Payne Catholic School. Their raw talent, fearless energy, and deep understanding of the characters was a delight to witness. Working alongside them on the production was an absolute privilege.

I am immensely proud of each and every member of the cast. Their dedication, hard work, and positive spirit were the driving force behind this remarkable production.

**A big well done and congratulations to the whole cast!**

*Mrs Nowlan – Director (Head of Drama & Performing Arts)*



# Cast



|                                   |             |    |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----|
| <b>GRACE FREEMANTLE</b>           | ELLIE-MAY   | 9A |
|                                   | AOIFE       | 9S |
|                                   | CONNIE      | 8A |
|                                   | YAZMIN      | 8B |
|                                   | ISABELLA    | 8B |
|                                   | NANASERWAA  | 8A |
| <b>GRACE'S MUM</b>                | SIENNA      | 7A |
|                                   | ANNAISE     | 7D |
|                                   | ROMINA      | 7S |
| <b>GRACE'S DAD</b>                | LOGAN       | 9S |
|                                   | BEN         | 8F |
|                                   | XAIVER      | 8F |
|                                   | RALPH       | 7C |
| <b>SAM (Grace's Best Friend)</b>  | MIA         | 7B |
| <b>TEACHER 1</b>                  | IVY         | 8S |
| <b>MS JARVIS</b>                  | MIMI        | 7D |
| <b>BARRISTER</b>                  | ANNA        | 8C |
| <b>NEWSREADER</b>                 | RALPH       | 7C |
| <b>LOCAL MOTHER (on the news)</b> | MARIE-ELLEN | 8B |
| <b>Head of Year</b>               | NKECHI      | 8A |
| <b>Supply Teacher</b>             | ANNAISE     | 7S |



Visual Designer and Operator: Ash S 10D

|                      |               |    |
|----------------------|---------------|----|
| <b>MAIN ENSEMBLE</b> | FATIMA        | 7B |
|                      | MAEVE         | 7B |
|                      | GRACIE        | 7F |
|                      | ABIGAIL       | 7B |
|                      | NANCY         | 7A |
|                      | IVY           | 7B |
|                      | ISOBELLA ROSE | 8F |
|                      | THEA          | 7S |
|                      | ALYSON        | 7F |
|                      | EMILY         | 7S |
|                      | ELSIE         | 7D |
|                      | OLIVE         | 7S |
|                      | ADEDAMOLA     | 7F |
|                      | ASHER         | 7F |
|                      | MIKHAILA      | 7D |
|                      | SANYA         | 7D |
|                      | DOLCIE        | 7F |
|                      | ELLE          | 7F |
|                      | IMOGEN        | 7S |
|                      | MIA           | 7A |
|                      | CORA          | 7A |
|                      | MAEVE         | 7B |
|                      | KATIE         | 7D |

|                      |             |    |
|----------------------|-------------|----|
| <b>MAIN STUDENTS</b> | MARIE-ELLEN | 8B |
|                      | LOGAN       | 9S |
|                      | CARA        | 8C |
|                      | CHARLOTTE   | 7S |
|                      | XAIVER      | 8F |
|                      | BEN         | 8F |
|                      | IVY         | 7C |
|                      | AYLA        | 7F |
|                      | ORLA        | 8F |
|                      | ALANNA      | 8B |
|                      | MICHELLE    | 8S |
|                      | ENYA        | 8S |
|                      | ELLIE       | 8F |
|                      | OLIVIA      | 7S |
|                      | MILLIE      | 8A |







*"A most enjoyable evening attending the Lower School Play – The It. It was an incredible performance that highlighted terrific talent, discipline of performance and camaraderie amongst the cast. I found the play moving, funny, thought-provoking, and fast moving. My heartfelt congratulations to all the students involved".*

**C. Webb – School Governor**

*"I have seen lots of KS3 plays but nothing as good as that. Having Drama at St John Payne makes the school complete. It's lovely seeing the stage used for its true purpose."*

**Audience member**

*"Such a brave play which shows the school really cares about it's students and the issues they face."*

**Audience member**



# KEY SCHOOL EVENTS





# Prize Giving 2024





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*Well done to all Prize Winners of 2023-24*





# Year 11 Prom 2024





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# Sports Day 2024



With the Olympics being held in Paris just around the corner, having Sports Day during an Olympic Year is always a bit more special. Plus, holding this event at Melbourne Stadium always adds a sparkle for the students who experience that little Olympic feeling, competing on a world class track. As always, this festival occasion, which involves the whole school was excellent, with lots of activities going on at St John Payne including Drama, Rounders and Fun Mini-Olympics and the big competition at the stadium involving all events on both the track and field.

The atmosphere at Melbourne Stadium was incredible and students performed with great commitment and dedication. Some incredible school records were broken, with Adrian Omijie in Year 7 breaking the 100m record in a time of 12.01, Florence Phipps in Year 7 breaking the Javelin record throwing 20.20 metres and Francine Nyirenda in Year 8 breaking the 200m record in a time of 30.20. Outstanding achievements!

With all competitors trying to gain points for their respective houses, the overall House Champions for this Year is Servites.



|   | Overall Total |     |
|---|---------------|-----|
| S | 550           | 1st |
| A | 536           | 2nd |
| F | 466           | 3rd |
| D | 453           | 4th |
| C | 447           | 5th |
| B | 440           | 6th |





# Columbus sports day July & DofE

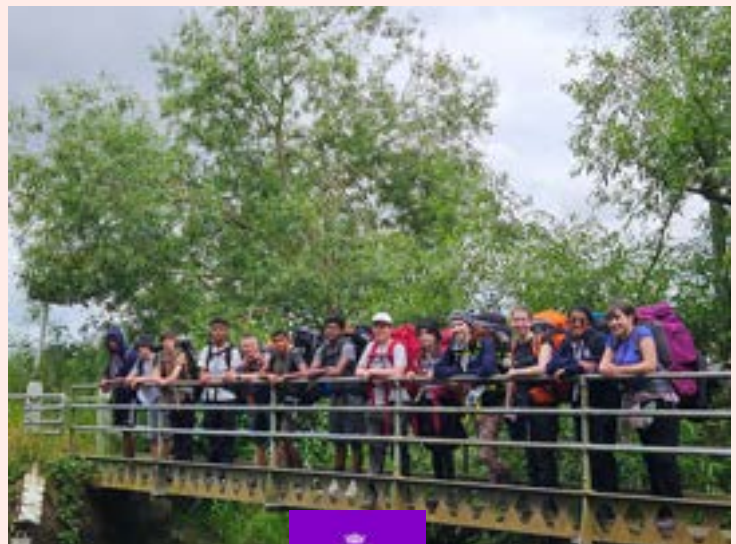


Recently we have had Y8 & Y9 students assist with Columbus Primary Sports day on the 10th July. The students were exceptional leaders to the younger students. On Thursday 11th July, the students that regularly give up their lunch time to assist with Columbus College students' lunchtime alongside some sports readers, lead in the College sports day. A great day was had by all and a real sense of community was felt between the neighbouring schools.



It is with great pleasure that I can now share that ALL of our participants have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition - congratulations!

They had wonderful weather and remained in high spirits (mostly) throughout the arduous two days of walking and navigating. The pupils expertly rerouted themselves when they found themselves lost and were able to do this without direction from myself or Miss Baker.



# Year 7 Geography RE Cross-Curricular Day



On Monday 8th July, the whole of Year 7 took part in our first Geography and RE cross-curricular day centered around the sanctity of life and human dignity.

The staff involved were blown away by the enthusiasm and participation levels of the students. There was a real buzz of excitement about the day. The students really got stuck in, whether that was making paper bags in the poverty cycle session or cutting out cocoa beans as part of the trade game. There were plenty of excellent questions and genuine interest shown in the issues we were exploring. Just before lunch we took some time to carry out an agape prayer reflection; thinking about what we were grateful for and what we can ask God for. The responses from the students showed how much they were reflecting upon and taking on-board lessons learned from the morning sessions.

At the end of the day students reflected on what they had learnt and experienced by making a personal pledge towards building a better world. These will be shortly displayed in Aquinas.

We ask God to send his love, strength and Holy Spirit to those people around the world for whom living with poverty and injustice is a reality. Amen.

**Mrs Garland**  
**Geography Teacher**



'Yesterday was a great day. There were three big activities; The poverty Cycle, Trade Game and Modern-Day Slavery. We learnt a lot in all three. In the Poverty Cycle we learnt about how people in India had to live. In the trade game we learnt how hard farmers had to work. In the modern-day slavery lesson we learnt about human trafficking and how to spot people who might be trapped in slavery. In the assembly we learnt about the sanctity of life and how to make the world a better place. Overall, the RS-Geography crossover day was not only fun, it was also educational and taught us how other people who aren't as fortunate as us live, almost everyday.' **Dee M 7D**

'In my opinion, I enjoyed the day very much. The three major activities were very fun and interesting. The three activities were the poverty cycle, the trade game and modern-day slavery. Out of all of them I enjoyed the trade game the most. The poverty cycle game was fun too, I enjoyed finding out what happened in everyone's life'. **Dominykas G 7D**





# Literacy & Library News



## Miss O's Library News



**THE 'MY SPORT IS' WRITING CHALLENGE!**

**WRITE A SHORT STORY ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE SPORT.**

**YOUR STORY COULD REVOLVE AROUND A SPORT YOU ENJOY PLAYING, A SPORTS TEAM YOU SUPPORT, OR AN INSPIRING ATHLETE.**

**THE MOST CAPTIVATING STORY WILL BE AWARDED A MYSTERY PRIZE FROM MISS ODENDAAL.**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE 3 HPI!**

### 6 Word Story Sequel

Legend has it that Ernest Hemingway won a bet by writing the six-word story "For Sale: Baby Shoes, Never worn." Hoping to cash in on that story's success, Hemingway wrote some six-word sequels.

- "For sale: baby shoes. Really big!"
- "For sale: giant baby. Very amusing!"
- "Have you seen enormous baby?" "Escaped!"
- "Please help. Huge baby at large!"
- "Authorities warn: beware of monster baby!"
- "Gigantic baby terrifies Greenville. Teenage people helpless."

We want you to come up with your own six-word sequel to the short story, "For Sale: Running Shoes, Never worn."

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## BOOK WEEK

This year's Book Week at SJP had the theme "Reading is a sport for your mind!" in honour of it ending on sports day. The library organised several activities for all classes to participate in: The Daily Riddle Challenge, the 'My Sport Is' Writing Challenge and a 6-Word Story Sequel Challenge. Class teachers were encouraged to do reading and sports-themed activities for form time, and year-group assemblies had reading-focused sessions. The PE department worked with Miss Odendaal in the library to come up with fun reading-themed sports challenges to take part in during PE lessons. We also announced a reading champion at Sports Day! Congratulations Ephraim!

### Reading Champion of the Year Certificate

IS PRESENTED TO

**Ephraim 8C**

"READING IS A SPORT FOR YOUR MIND"  
TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR  
OUTSTANDING READING ABILITY

DATE: 7 June 2024

SIGNATURE: Mrs Ingersoll

SIGNATURE: Miss Odendaal



# Literacy & Library News



# Awards



The Library is delighted to announce that Freddie from 9S has been awarded for completing the most library games and challenges this year. Freddie's exceptional dedication has led to this outstanding achievement, earning him a well-deserved certificate and some exciting prizes. Congratulations to Freddie for this impressive accomplishment!



The Library is thrilled to share that Connie from 8A has been recognised for her exceptional creativity and writing skills! Connie's captivating story about Serena Williams in the "My Sports" writing challenge has earned her the award for the best writing. In recognition of her outstanding achievement, Connie has been presented with a certificate and a mystery prize. Congratulations to Connie for her remarkable accomplishment!





# Literacy & Library News



Congratulations to our student librarians: 7C: Annabel, Chloe, Ivy; 7F: Aida, Alyson; 8C: Anna, Cara; 8F: Abigail, Eleanor, Marta; 9D: Maahi; 12C: Rubie, who have achieved their award for excellence this term. They have all served the library and their school community tirelessly by recommending books, tidying shelves, and performing their library duties with pride and dedication! Each Student librarian who has achieved their award for excellence has been awarded a certificate and a book for their efforts!



The Library is thrilled to announce that several talented students from Year 7B have had their short stories chosen by 'Young Writers'! Congratulations to Abigail, Amalie, Laura, Abby, Sebastian, Zachary, Aurana, and Anmiya for this fantastic achievement. Your hard work and creativity have truly paid off, and I am incredibly proud of your accomplishment. Keep up the amazing work!





# Literacy & Library News



The library is delighted to showcase the remarkable creativity and passion of one of SJP's students, Arabella, who has recently designed, written, and illustrated her own zine titled 'They Slay'. For those unfamiliar, a zine is a small-circulation self-published work of original or appropriated texts and images. Arabella's zine features individuals who inspire her, including David Bowie and Dolly Parton. She plans to submit it to the Zine Museum in Southend. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the full 'They Slay' book and admire her artworks. Join us in celebrating Arabella's artistic achievements!



**SUMMER**  
BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

During this summer break, why not dive into a scripture every day and earn 3HP by answering questions or taking on challenges?

Each week focuses on a new theme and includes daily readings with thought-provoking questions or exciting challenges to get you thinking deeper.

Get the whole family involved by reading together over breakfast or before bedtime!

Let the questions spark lively family chats and bonding moments!

- Colour as You Read -  
Miss O's Summer Reading Challenge 2024

READING IS THE PASSPORT TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES

MISS O'S BOOKS

READING LOG

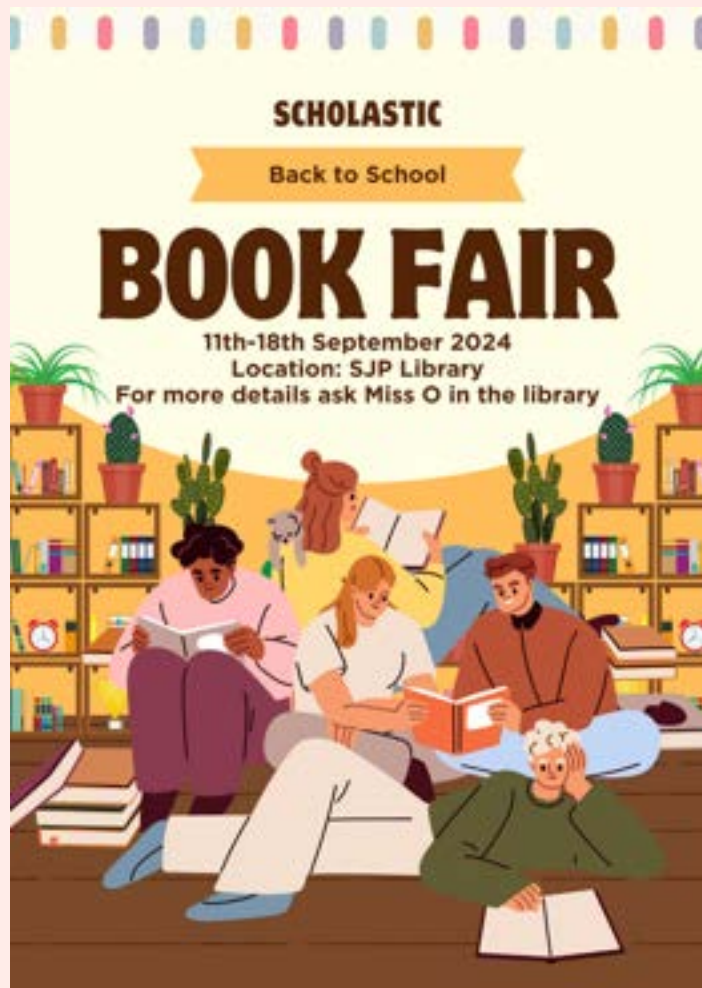
Return to Miss O for HP

Explore Miss O's engaging reading programs! Participate in the exciting Summer 'Colour as You Read' contest available in the library: Read books from different categories and colour in your library as you progress.

Or engage in Miss O's '6-week Bible reading challenge' with your family: Each week focuses on a special theme, featuring daily readings, insightful questions, and enjoyable challenges for meaningful reflection.



# Literacy & Library News



When you return to school, Miss Odendaal has organised an exciting 'Back to School' Book Fair at the library from the 11th to the 18th of September! This event, done in collaboration with Scholastic, will showcase a variety of exciting new titles, including 'Reckless' by Lauren Roberts and many others. The fair will feature manga, graphic novels, new releases, 'Booktok' selections, and more. You can purchase book vouchers in advance, and the library will be giving away five £5 book vouchers to spend at the Book Fair!



As many of you may know, I have decided to say goodbye to SJP and the library. I wanted to say farewell to all my wonderful literacy students who made me laugh and smile and always brightened up a bad day.

Goodbye to my amazing student librarian team. I have written each of you a letter to tell you just how much I appreciate your help as student librarians and how much I will miss you all! The library is a much better place with all your help, and I hope you will assist the next librarian in the same way!

Goodbye to all my fellow teachers and support staff. The love and dedication you show for the students is truly commendable.

I will miss SJP, the library, and all of you very much, and I wish you all the very best for next year and the future. I will continue to pray that God will look after and uphold each of you and that, in time, you will find your place in the world and use your many talents and abilities to help those around you and give something back.

Farewell,

*Miss Odendaal*

SJP's Librarian and Literacy Assistant

# PASTORAL CARE, MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



## CARING HEARTS YOUTH CLUB\*

\*Please note: This club is for young people who have additional caring responsibilities for a family member, perhaps due to age, physical or mental illness, disability or substance abuse.

You do not need to be registered as a young carer to attend.

PLEASE  
SIGN UP  
BEFORE  
YOUR 1ST  
SESSION



### WHAT IS CARING HEARTS?

- A safe environment where young carers can belong, contribute and thrive with like-minded individuals who understand the world they're living in
- Hot meals, games, sports and art and crafts, alongside opportunities to confide in trusted adults
- Respite from caring responsibilities and enjoy the freedom of being a child

ART &  
CRAFT

SPORTS

SOCIALIZE

SUPPORT

LEARN  
NEW  
SKILLS

GAMING

FOOD

STARTS 5TH JUNE

Wednesdays  
(term-time)

5-8pm Age 7-17

**FREE!**

YMCA,  
Victoria Road,  
Chelmsford  
CM1 1NZ







Group chats are places where you can talk to more than one person at the same time. You can do this on dedicated apps, messaging apps, social media platforms or online games.

Some people create group chats for close friends. But other groups have hundreds or even thousands of people in. These can be people from the same school or area, or people from across the world.

## Creating positive group spaces

Group chats can be positive spaces if:

You support and respect each other.

Real friends are kind and support each other through difficult times. They don't make jokes which might embarrass another person.

You call out rude comments. If you feel comfortable to, challenge anyone making rude comments or jokes about people you know. They will be less likely to say horrible things again if they know others don't agree with them.

You ask before you share information about people you know. Don't share personal information about friends in group chats with other people. This could hurt and humiliate them.

## Tips for safer group spaces

- 1 Speak to an adult if nasty messages are being sent.** It doesn't matter if the messages are about you or someone else - you don't need to deal with it alone. Teachers are responsible for supporting students who are being bullied or embarrassed online, even if it's happening outside of school or college hours. You could also speak to a family member or contact a [support service](#).
- 2 Avoid group chats with lots of people you don't know.** Joining group chats with people you don't know could put you in uncomfortable situations. People you don't know could send inappropriate content, or they might pressure you to do things you don't want to do. If you're ever put under pressure online it's never your fault and you can get help.
- 3 Check your [privacy settings](#).** See if you can change the settings on your app to make sure that only contacts, friends or followers can add you into group chats. This means you'll be less likely to receive inappropriate content and things you don't want to see.
- 4 Leave the group if you don't feel comfortable.** Don't laugh along with something that's upsetting or embarrassing, either to you or someone else. Even adding an emoji or commenting on what's said could encourage more mean comments. Leaving the chat will show you don't agree with that behaviour.
- 5 Remember that it's difficult to delete comments and photos that have been shared with groups.** Once the messages have been read by recipients, it's difficult to take them back. Make sure you think about what you share with large groups of people. Keep your messages kind and respectful.



LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you and praise your name,  
for in perfect faithfulness  
you have done wonderful things,  
things planned long ago.

**Isaiah 25:1**