



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2nd September 2019

Dear Parishioners

I invite parishioners with children approaching secondary school age to visit our website www.sjp.essex.sch.uk and attend our Open Evening on Thursday 3rd October from 5.30-8.00 p.m. The evening always provides a wonderful showcase of all that the school has to offer.

The school enjoys a fantastic reputation as a centre of learning and faith both in the local community and beyond. This owes much to the wonderful formation students enjoy in our feeder schools; and to the support of generations of students, teachers, parents, carers and clergy who continue to hold the school in great affection and the highest regard.

Our academic success and excellent record of pastoral care is attributed to the three-way partnership between home, school and parish, underpinned by the Gospel values upon which the school is founded. In the words above the entrance to our Chapel corridor: *Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.*

Jesus' words to those who would deny the children passage to him in the temple are ever in our minds and hearts at St John Payne, where children are known and loved as individuals created in God's image; and where all who work here feel privileged to play a part in their education. We exercise discipline with dignity whilst remaining resolute in the pursuit of high expectations to ensure students' spiritual, social, moral and academic growth.

In all that we do, students are supported to fulfil their God given potential; to become the best versions of themselves: the people God created them to be. Visitors frequently comment upon our distinctive identity and sense of community, established by students' attitude to learning, by their sense of belonging, and by their witness of our faith. They truly are our greatest ambassadors.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely

Mr T. Coen

Headteacher

