



# ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parishioners

On this Education Sunday, I write to invite families considering a Catholic secondary school for their children to attend our open evening from 5.30-8.30 p.m. on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

St John Payne Catholic School is a wonderful community, and we always welcome the opportunity to build new partnerships with parents and carers - a child's first and most important teachers - to support young people to become the best versions of themselves: the people God created them to be.

Mid-Essex is host to a range of fantastic schools. The quality of education across the city and beyond is very high and whatever the choice, families are assured their children are nurtured in schools that support students' development and growth both academically and pastorally, as well as morally and socially.

At St John Payne our faith and our Catholic identity, founded upon Gospel values of love and forgiveness, places spiritual growth at the heart of students' development, encouraging them to witness Christ's example as servant leader and his commandment to, *'Love one another as I have loved you.'*

Our reputation as a centre of learning and faith has been forged by generations of students, teachers, parents, carers, and clergy who continue to regard the school with great affection. We are proud of our long association with our feeder schools, and we look forward to building upon the fantastic care and guidance your children have received thus far in their education.

Jesus' words to those who would deny the children passage to him in the temple are ever in our minds and hearts at SJP, where children are individually known, valued and loved as made in the image of God. We exercise discipline with dignity whilst remaining resolute in the pursuit of high expectations to ensure students are supported to fulfil their potential.

Excellent teaching and a flexible, differentiated curriculum are essential to ensure progress for all, be it progression to university, an apprenticeship or employment. Inspired by Christ's servant leadership, our vocation sees us support students' interests and abilities, offering a broad education that supports their achievement, enjoyment and growth.

In advance of the evening, a promotional film can be viewed via the following link and is also available on our website <https://vimeo.com/user17292630/review/582542050/5dd0e33f4e>. I will look forward to welcoming you, following which I urge you to visit during the working day to experience the school in all its vibrancy and colour. Our students - ever our greatest ambassadors - would love to show you around.

Yours sincerely

Mr T. Coen

Headteacher

