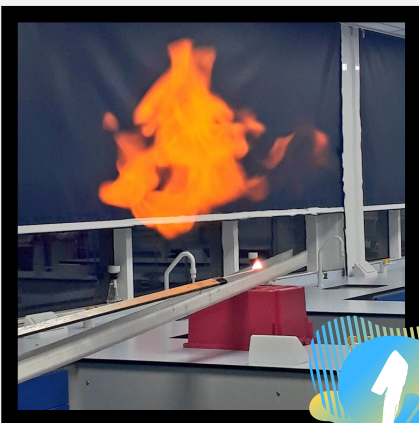




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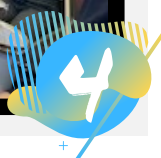
### **OPEN EVENING SUCCESS!**

Open Evening starts with a BANG in the Science Department!



### **WHAT ARE YOU SNARING AT?**

Brazilian Drumming Club rattles the walls of EPCHS!



### **U16 GIRLS SPORTS STARS!**

U16 Girls football team demolish Upton Chester with a record 12-1 win in the Cheshire Cup!





"I HAVE COME SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL" JOHN 10:10



# HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am delighted that we are starting the new school year at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School with considerable optimism and excitement. I would like to offer a warm welcome to new members of staff, students, and indeed, new parents and guardians, as members of our school community. I am looking forward to meeting with you at a school event in the near future.

The results of the GCSE examinations certainly indicate that we will be building upon some excellent academic foundations. I congratulate all of the students, their parents, and their teachers on such positive outcomes. The quality of teaching and learning very much remains our primary focus, operating within a school with a high emphasis on providing excellent pastoral care and personal development opportunities for all our students.

My opening school assemblies to students focused on the importance of working together, with each individual playing their own special role within the school in order to achieve success.

The excitement, optimism and sense of challenge with which we start this new school year is one that I hope all members of the school will relish and enjoy.

**Mrs C Vile**  
**Headteacher**

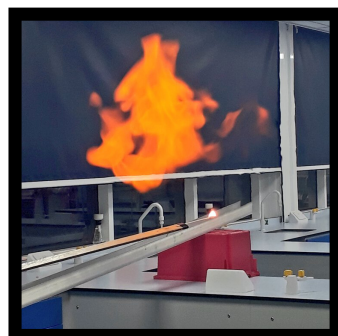
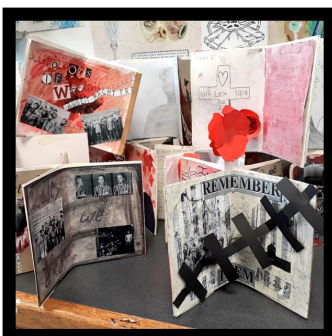
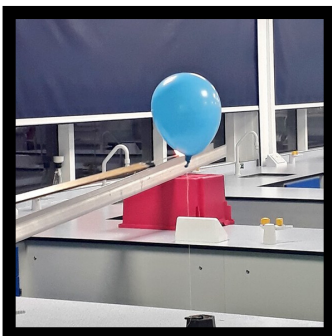


A reminder to all students. The school canteen is open from 7.45am and begins serving a wide range of breakfast from 8am. This is a FREE breakfast and available to ALL year groups!

**OPEN EVENING SUCCESS!**



On Thursday 19th September, Ellesmere Port Catholic High School opened its door yet again for another highly successful Open Evening! The fantastic departments at EPCHS created outstanding displays and provided excited Year Six students with engaging and entertaining activities to capture their imagination. Our great Science Department had fun at the Open Evening...exploding balloons and bottle rockets... they certainly went with a BANG! Our Art Department put on an excellent display of creative work that showcased the value of each individual and many parents and potential new students commented on how wonderful it was to see such a wide variety of work on display. We would like to say a huge thank you to all that came on the night. We hope you had a great tour of our fantastic school. It was wonderful to meet so many new people and also catch up with old friends. We are a school for all, with gospel values at its heart. **- Mrs J Jones**





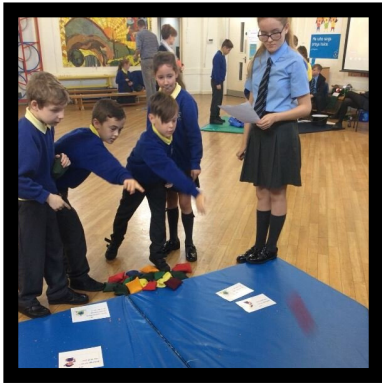


"MOSES WAS EDUCATED IN ALL THE LEARNING OF THE EGYPTIANS, AND HE WAS A MAN OF POWER IN WORDS AND DEEDS" ACTS 7:22



## Spelling Olympics

On Friday 11th October we celebrated Dyslexia Awareness Week by help Our Lady Of The Sea Primary School with their Spelling Olympics. Everyone involved had a great day and we were happy to pass on our knowledge to younger students! - **Shelbea (Year 8)**



## YEAR 7 MURDER MYSTERY



Year 7 students will be working with Cheshire Police to solve a murder mystery, with every student taking part over a week. Students will develop their problem solving, communication and team working skills.

"Ellesmere Port police are determined to work with young persons from our communities. We will be attending Ellesmere Port Catholic High School for an interactive lesson teaching year 7 children about the work we do but asking them to step into the shoes of a detective for the day to solve a crime. We are determined to break down any barriers and promote a healthy relationship between the young people we encounter to help them gain trust in the police. This workshop is a superb opportunity to showcase a positive relationship of how we can work together."

- Sergeant Paul Davies

## HEGARTY MATHS

WALL OF

# CHAMPIONS



**Frazer**  
(Year 9)



**Eric**  
(Year 7)



**Jessica**  
(Year 7)

### Year 7

- 1st- Eric
- 2nd - Jessica
- 3rd - Harshitha

### Year 8

- 1st - Amy
- 2nd - Dominique
- 3rd - Elizabeth

### Year 9

- 1st - Frazier
- 2nd - Kerryanne
- 3rd - Kamil

### Year 10

- 1st - Leanne
- 2nd - Amy
- 3rd - Tom

### Year 11

- 1st - Ashleigh
- 2nd - Nikki
- 3rd - Ben

## Sixth Form Cake It Easy!

Entrepreneurial Sixth Form students take to the yard to sell cakes and biscuits in order to raise money for their chosen charity for this year. Well done to Ava and Ciara for organising the sale and well done to everyone on raising £142!





SO JESUS ANSWERED THEM AND SAID, "MY TEACHING IS NOT MINE, BUT HIS WHO SENT ME." JOHN 7:16



## Design & Technology



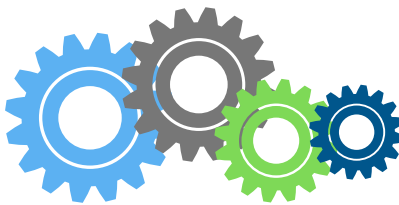
# YEAR 11'S DELIGHTFUL LAMPS

Over the past few months, Design Technology Club have designed and manufactured their own Architecture themed lamps. They have demonstrated their creativity, problem solving and determination skills, producing some outstanding products! They have demonstrated a range of technical skills and use of specialist tools and machinery. Continue the hard work and dedication during the next project, Product Designers!

- Mr Barry.

YEAR 9 PRODUCT DESIGN

# DESIGN VENTURA



During our first term in Product Design, we took part in a Design Museum competition called Design Ventura. This competition involved the class splitting into three groups to design and manufacture a new product. My group designed and made jelly/baking moulds to look like iconic London items on a vacuum former. Another group designed and 3D printed a tea strainer in the style of snorkeling and the final group designed and carved a ice cream cone styled scoop. Sadly, our groups did not make it to the national finals but we were able to develop our team work and creativity skills as well being able to learn lots of new design and technology skills in such a short amount of time.

- Caden (Year 9)

EPCHS DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



## Health & Safety Award

This term the Design Technology department has introduced a new award for health and safety. The following students have demonstrated amazing health and safety practices.

Congratulations! - Mr Barry



HENRY G - YEAR 9



JAI B - YEAR 9



PATRICK H - YEAR 10

## WELCOME MR WALWYN



The Art, Design and Technology Department would like to say a huge **WELCOME** to Mr Walwyn, the new technician joining our amazing team! Mr Walwyn has outstanding subject skills and will be a great edition to our team! - Mr Barry







"THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM IS: ACQUIRE WISDOM;  
AND WITH ALL YOUR ACQUIRING, GET  
UNDERSTANDING" PROVERBS 4:7



# TROWLER'S TROOP

## TRIUMPHS!

The U16's got off to a flying start in the Cheshire Cup winning their first match against Upton High School Chester 12 – 1!! It was a fantastic display of team work, passion and determination. Captained by Marcie (Year 10) the girls stormed through to round 2 of the competition. Goals were scored by Marcie F (6), Eden C (2), Tia (1), Madison M (2), Chanel H (1). Woman of the match went to Chanel H! Well done, Girls!

- Mrs Trowler (Coach)



## Who will we see...at D of E?!



If you want to be a part of this years Duke of Edinburgh Award, come along and speak to Mr Barry, Mr Jones or Mr Hughes. There are four sections to complete at Bronze and Silver level

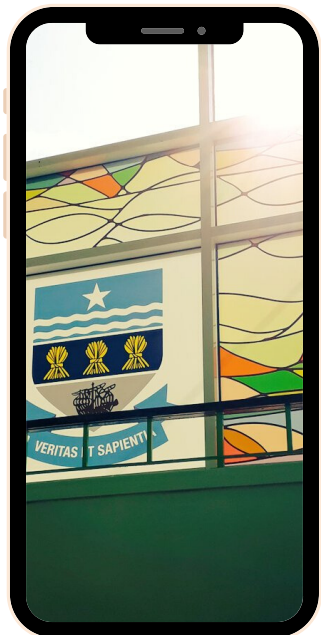
and five at Gold. They involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition and, for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity. Any young person can do their DofE – regardless of ability, gender, background or location.

Scan the QR Code using your phone camera to find out more information about the DofE Award.



## Ring Ring!

'Mobiles should not be seen or heard'. If a member of staff see's a student using a mobile phone it will be confiscated for one calendar week. This will not be returned even if parents ask for the phone or sim, it is clearly stated in our mobile phone policy. This INCLUDES: before form time and after school on the corridors. Thank you for your continued support.





THE ONE WHO IS TAUGHT THE WORD IS TO SHARE  
ALL GOOD THINGS WITH THE ONE WHO TEACHES  
HIM." GALATIANS 6:6



## WHAT ARE YOU SNARING AT?!

A new extra-curricular club for this year is "Drum Club". This is on Wednesday 3-4pm. The drumming club is so lucky to have new Brazilian drums to rehearse and perform with. We have also been lucky enough to have a special guest from a drumming group called "Katumba" based in Liverpool. Richie has been working with the newly established drum club to enhance their ensemble playing and stick skills. Drum Club are working towards their maiden performance at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall for the school's Presentation Evening. They are "on the bill" to open the evening. They hope also to audition for "EPCHS Got Talent" and hope to challenge the Choir for glory. - Mrs Byrne



## B MAJOR... INVOLVED IN MUSIC THIS TERM!

The Music Department have seen record numbers of students attending their extra-curricular clubs this half term. Music Technology club, on a Wednesday lunchtime, has been at full capacity. Students have commented on how lovely and attractive the newly refurbished classroom is, with new benching, a fresh coat of paint and attractive wall displays. Thirty iMacs with GarageBand installed on them are now accessible to students which gives them the capability to recording and produce their own music at a professional standard. I would like to thank all the pupils for attending these extra-curricular activities. I would also like to stress that giving up your time and being committed to these clubs does have its rewards. Students that attend these clubs know what they are but please, if you are interested in more information about joining these clubs please see myself. - Mrs Byrne



### UPCOMING at EPCHS

EPCHS Got Talent

Presentation Evening Performances

Christmas Carol Service & Assemblies

Choir busking at Port Arcades

Performances at local Care Home







ALWAYS LEARNING AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH." 2 TIMOTHY 3:7



## VIVA LA GLORIA - NETBALL SMASH HIT!



The Netball season has started off really positively this year, Ellesmere Port Catholic High School run the club for Yr 7 and Yr 8 on a Tuesday evening. The Yr 9, 10 and 11 training takes part on a Wednesday evening after school. In most recent games both year 9 and 10 have taken part in a local tournament held at the Whitby High School where all pupils who played showed real commitment and and dedication both towards each other but also representing the school. The year 9 team played a fantastic few games and considering it was their first year as a team they did themselves proud. Yr 10 had an amazing first couple of games during the tournament, and even mixed up positions so everyone could get involved, they finished the evening in second place. I hope to see more pupils attending this club so we can have more successful fixtures like these. - Miss Lodge



## NO KANE NO GAIN FOR EPCHS F.C (MALE)



On Tuesday Year 11 played Calday Grange Grammar school. They lost 3-1, but had taken the lead through Shaun (Y11). Will made some vital saves in goal. They have another game on Tuesday 22nd in the Cheshire Cup. On Wednesday Year 10 played Upton-by-Chester and won 4-3, with some outstanding performances from Josh, Filip, Sam , Tom and Saul. Josh scored a hat trick with two of the goals being penalties. We had played Upton in the past two years losing in Year 8 9-1, then in Year 9 3-2. Upton took the lead, but the boys never let their heads drop and the deservedly drew level through Josh after Tom had been fouled in the penalty area. Josh then scored an amazing individual goal shooting across the goal and finding the bottom right hand corner of the goal. We went in at half-time 2-1 up. In the 2nd half we pushed on for a 3rd but conceded the 2nd goal instead. We re-grouped and after some individual skill by Josh, the ball was played through to Sam , who ripped the ball into top bins. Upton were deflated by this point and after Filip won our 2nd penalty, Josh stepped up and scored our 4th and his 3rd. We are now playing Calday Grange Grammar at home in the next round. - Mr Holt





*A FOOL DOES NOT DELIGHT IN UNDERSTANDING, BUT ONLY IN REVEALING HIS OWN MIND." PROVERBS 18:2*



**EXTRA!  
EXTRA!**

# 6TH FORM NEWS REPORT

14/10/2019

It has been a wonderful start to this new academic year for the sixth form; Year 13 have come back full of energy and enthusiasm and it has been lovely to welcome our new Year 12 students. They have already been busy in their leadership roles giving their time to help others throughout our school community. Some have chosen to be additional study support where they helping staff with classes; this can mean helping set up classrooms, working on a one to one with other students or taking a small group – their support of others is amazing. Other students have chosen to become Reading Buddies where they again work on a one to one level with younger pupils to help them improve their reading – Ella has made an excellent start and has been acknowledged for her commitment and patience – well done Ella! Jack, Mackenzie and Brady have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the PE Department helping run Football and Basketball Teams – they are now known as coach – keep up the hard work boys! Scarlett and Amy are helping out in Drama and help lead one of the routines for Presentation Evening, sharing their passion to inspire others – brilliant girls! We had our first 6th Form Council meeting last week; we now have a council of 14 members and they came up with lots of ideas on how as 6th formers they could reach out to our younger students and the wider community. It was also decided that our charity fundraising this year would be to support Greenpeace – many of our sixth formers who interviewed for Head Boy and Girl spoke very passionately about the current situation with climate change and believe that it is vital that we raise awareness of this issue.

Our charity group organised a cake sale steered by Ava and Ciara. Here the sixth form bought and made cakes (well done Felicity your baked cakes were delicious) and raised a total of £142 – great team effort by our sixth form! In the last week of this half term we are offering Pumpkin Carving to years seven and eight on the 23rd October 3-4:30pm its £2 and students can take their pumpkin home – this has been managed by James, Georgia-Mae and Paige– a fab idea! The sixth form will also be holding a Christmas sweet stall towards the end of next term as well as 'Decorate Your Own Bauble' – so check with your Form Tutors for dates. The sixth form are also planning 'Afternoon Tea' for the elderly in our community, they will be coming to join us for our Carol Service on the afternoon of the 10th December followed by afternoon tea served by sixth formers. If anybody knows a neighbour or someone in our community who would benefit from this please inform Mrs Cavanagh. We are also planning a social event in November to a 'Break Out Room' in Chester followed by a meal – this will be a great event and really important for building our sixth form community – let's hope we all escape! In addition to all their leadership roles and charity work our sixth form have also been busy organising their new 'General Study' area that they have begun to kit out themselves, sorting out rotas, buying tea, coffee and biscuits – in fact it's better than the staff room as it has got its own coffee machine with costa coffee pods!!! It has been a great half term and very positive start made by all. - Mrs Cavanagh

## *A Fond Farewell*

The summer is always a sad time of year for us at EPCHS6 as we say goodbye to our Year 13 students but also a happy one as we support them on the next stage of their journey. The Year 13 class of 2019 were an absolute asset to our school community in so many ways including helping improve the literacy and numeracy skills of some of our younger students, supporting staff in subject areas across the school, helping with sporting events, drama and music productions, supporting students in neighbouring primary schools and raising £100s for local charities to name just a few. Of last year's students over 60% chose to go to university and have now started their new courses including Michael and Dawid who have gone to study Mechanical Engineering at Newcastle and Liverpool Universities respectively, Marleigh who is studying Medicine at Edge Hill University and Christopher who is studying Computer Science at Keele University. Our students have gone on to study a wide range of courses from Law to History and from Philosophy to Criminology. We wish them every success on their new courses and we are sure they will be enjoying all that university life has to offer! Other success stories from the summer include Harry who gained a Higher Degree Apprenticeship with BT and is now working in their offices in Ipswich and Luke who secured an electrical engineering apprenticeship with Raytheon. Whatever their next step, we wish them all well and look forward to them returning to share their journeys with our current cohort.

Take care and God bless from all at EPCHS. - Mrs Henderson







"MOSES WAS EDUCATED IN ALL THE LEARNING OF THE EGYPTIANS, AND HE WAS A MAN OF POWER IN WORDS AND DEEDS." EDUCATION 44:7:22



Mark's

# EPCHS DIARY

Class of 2018

06:45

## EPCHS ALUMNI

The start of my day, every day of the working week, for seven years. Walking through the gates and heading to form, before my five daily lessons and heading home at 15:00; this is a simplified version of an EPCHS day for me and put like this, it seems boring, uninspiring and never ending. However, by making the most of each opportunity offered to you, you can shape your high school experiences and use them as stepping stones on your unique pathway to success. September 2018 saw me move south to Exeter, where I'm currently studying History with French moving away from home and learning to live with complete strangers was a challenge for sure, but we were all in the same boat, so by embracing the situation we were able to overcome our initial anxieties. Fortunately, we became the best of friends very quickly, as well as with people in other blocks.

Although very different from the 9-3 of EPCHS, university study has built upon the skills I'd already learned, as well as teaching me how to write academically, effectively manage my time and be motivated to work independently. One of the best aspects of uni life though is the availability of even more career guidance, as well as opportunities to improve your CV. In just my first year, I was able to take part in two London teaching internships, as well as attending various employer presentations to help me decide my future pathways post-graduation. I've also been able to represent the University at a Model United Nations conference in Switzerland, which was a fabulous week of learning and making the most of Swiss hospitality. We were quite literally thrown in the deep end, having received no preparatory resources before the conference, so were disadvantaged compared to the other candidates, but as a team, we worked hard to research the topics and debating styles so we could be up to date.



The opportunity to work for Camp America was also advertised during my first year, and after watching a presentation in Bristol, my summer trip was decided! I had to be 'interviewed' (in Costa with cake!!) and I opted to go to a recruitment fair before I was placed. For 9 weeks this summer, I was working as a lifeguard and swim teacher at a summer camp in upstate New York, just 90 minutes from the Big Apple. Not only did I become great friends with some of the other counselors and staff, but it was brilliant to develop special relationships with the young people, who really look up to you as their role models. I'm biased but there's nowhere more that this happened than in the pool, where we saw the amazing progress of the campers throughout the summer. One girl in particular, was 6 years old and couldn't swim in the first week, but by the last, she was swimming in the deep end with the biggest smile ever! It's moments like this that made the experience completely worthwhile. After camp, I was also able to travel all across the States with a new group of people for three weeks; it was as fun and as crazy as you can imagine! From the start, we all got on really well, which helped during the long drives, and we were able to enjoy places like Washington, New Orleans, Santa Fe, Las Vegas and Yosemite. It will certainly take a lot to beat!

With time having flown by scarily quickly, I'm back in Exeter for my second year, and already halfway through term 1. I'm excited to see what opportunities this year will bring, as we prepare for our year abroad in France, as well as practicing dissertation techniques in History. My current module in History is very similar to our A Level course, so it's been great(!) to revisit the world of the Reformation, albeit from a different perspective. Whilst university is primarily sold as a place to further your academic ability, get a degree to get a well-paid job, I'd say that it also provides, to almost an equal level, key life skills that you can't really learn elsewhere; had I not moved to Exeter, I wouldn't have had to learn how to deal with utility companies or renting a house, for example. One also learns that groceries can be surprisingly expensive and that you have to become inventive in times of financial difficulty!! It is these life skills, however, that make you ready for adult life and accompanying all the academic enrichment offered, university life, I believe, does set you up for a well-rounded future. - **Mark (EPCHS Leaver 2018)**





"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME." PHILIPPIANS 4:13



## Year 8 Invade Wepre Park!

"My favourite part was the walk because I liked to be able to look down on the river and see the different features we'd learned about in class. It was also very peaceful. Thank you for an enjoyable learning day out."

Last week saw nearly 180 Yr8 students attended Wepre Park over two days, as part of their Geography Fieldwork experience.

Their first unit looks at Rivers and the students were asked to investigate how the features of Wepre Brook would change downstream. By focusing on the rivers width, depth, velocity and bed load, students gathered data at two key points, putting into practice the theories they had learnt in class. Using a range of equipment from flow meters to vernier calipers the students worked well, recording the data ready to be used back in the classroom.



As part of the day students took part in a walk up to the historical site where King Henry II had been ambushed by Owain the Great at the foot of Ewloe Castle. Students also learnt how Wepre Park is used by a wide range of people, who come in the main to enjoy its tranquil trails whilst also being home to the second toughest 5KM Park Run in the UK.

The students behaviour and attitude to the fieldwork was exemplary, with members of the public commenting to staff present what, a credit they were to our school - **Miss Johnson**.

"I enjoyed everything about the trip because it developed my understanding of rivers and the environment around me, it also increased my geographical understanding."



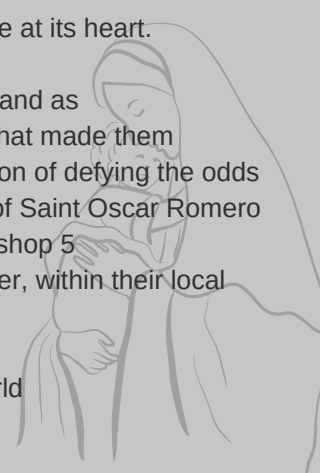
## BE MORE - Year 11 Retreat Day

The theme of the day built upon the message given in Mrs Vile's assembly at the start of the new academic year. This message was that everyone has it within them to BE MORE than they have YET become, and that God's plan for each of us is for 'peace and not disaster and a future full of hope.' Jeremiah 29:11.

The students took part in 5 different workshops throughout the day which had this message at its heart.

Workshop 1 focused on values to live by which help us to develop both individually and as part of a community. Workshop 2 looked at the qualities some ordinary people developed that made them extraordinary - with a focus on the life of St Therese of Lisieux. Workshop 3 was a personal reflection of defying the odds to overcome difficulties in life and thereby fulfil potential. Workshop 4 looked at the heroic sanctity of Saint Oscar Romero and his message that we should "Aspire not to have more but to BE MORE." Workshop 5 highlighted how some young people in Peru had become MORE by creating change for the better, within their local communities.

Year 11 were each challenged to fulfil their potential in order to make their world (i.e. home and family; class and school, local community and ultimately the world) - a better place. - **Pat Barker (Chaplin)**







*"SO, WHETHER YOU EAT OR DRINK, OR WHATEVER YOU DO, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD."  
CORINTHIANS 10:31*



We are launching a competition to design a Peace Pole, so that we can create a focal point in a Peace Garden at the front of our school.

This is a project we began on the 21st September 2018, which was the annual UN International Peace day. The peace pole should be a symbol of our desire for peace in our world.

We recognise that 'Peace' begins with each and every one of us having the desire to live in a world filled with peace and harmony instead of conflict and war. Thus PEACE begins with US! The Peace Pole should symbolise this desire.

It can feature well recognised symbols of peace, such as doves, and words- perhaps using different languages /quotes /illustrations that inspire us to be bringers of peace to our homes and families, our school, our neighbourhood and ultimately our world. Our Peace Garden may feature more than one Peace Pole, so we encourage our student to be creative and inspirational.

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

Your designs should be submitted to Mr Barry by Wednesday 20th November.

- Pat Barker, EPCHS Chaplain

## Competition Time



"My son is extremely happy with the school and is making excellent progress. There is a fantastic support network in place."

"An excellent progress evening. Staff shared key dates and I was able to discuss my sons development. It was lovely to meet his form tutor so early into his school year."

## Year 7 Progress Evening - Parent Feedback

" My son has had an amazing start to the school year. I can see a huge change in his independence. He really loves attending school. Thank you so much for making his transition so easy."

"I have been really impressed with my daughters start in Year 7."

