

Ellesmere Port Catholic High School – Weekly bulletin

1st June 2020

(Academic Week 33)

Week 1

*'The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control'.
Galatians 5:22.*

Our School Prayer Dear Lord, Fill our lives with joy. Fill our lives with love. Fill our lives with peace. We give thanks to you for the gift of life. Give us the courage to live it to the full. Amen.	Our Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong Catholic Ethos• Ensuring every child is known• High expectations of everyone• Excellent leadership at all levels• Exemplary behaviour and personal standards• At the heart of the community
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MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER, MRS VILE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Following the government's announcement that secondary schools will have a wider opening at some point in the summer term, I am writing to share with you the arrangements we are implementing to ensure the safety of all staff and students. These arrangements are being put into place following a robust risk assessment process.

I can confirm that school will continue to stay open on the 1st June for the children of critical and key workers in the same way as we have for the last 9 weeks.

Students will not be expected to submit any work next week and we hope they use this time to relax and do the things that they enjoy most. Week beginning 1st June will be a 'pause week' for all students to enable them to catch up and complete their work which has previously been set. This has been requested through our surveys. If your child needs extension work this can be set by teachers on request.

Week beginning 8th June, work will be set on 365 Teams for all students.

Week beginning 15th June, a Blended Learning approach will be introduced initially for Years 10 and 12 to increase face to face opportunities for students with their teachers.



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Staff will be planning and preparing for this approach from the 1st June.

Blended Learning Options	
Blended Styles	Information
1. Live lesson streaming via Zoom	Zoom link for lesson placed in the relevant class in 365 teams for pupils to access the live lesson.
2. Pre-recorded lesson uploaded to the Zoom Cloud or 365 Stream	Lesson is recorded using software such as Loom. Create a Loom account using your school e-mail address here . Download and save your video when finished. https://www.loom.com/ Teachers can upgrade to pro for free. https://support.loom.com/hc/en-us/articles/360006579637-Loom-Pro-Free-for-Students-and-Teachers YouTube video guide explaining how to use Loom for recording lessons. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11pfvBNsXkA
Examples from Oak National Academy https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-10#subjects	
3. Live lesson using pre-recorded material	YouTube guides explaining how to share audio and video in Zoom. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYWZqXnqrSY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6ibzHUHEeA
Playing your pre-recorded lesson live through Zoom	

The Pastoral staff will also be providing face to face virtual assemblies and form times for all year groups from the 15th June.

Pastoral and Personal Development

Pastoral support from 1st June-July 2020

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12/13
Mrs Jones	Mr Crutchley	Mrs Holmes	Mr Parrin	Mrs Cavanagh

Learning Mentor	Learning Mentor	School Counsellor
Mr Patel	Miss Davies	Miss Dunn

Year Group	Assemblies 8.45- 9.00am
Year 7	Monday
Year 8	Tuesday
Year 9	Wednesday
Year 10	Friday
Year 12/13	Thursday

Pastoral support from September 2020

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12/13
Mrs Wright	Mr Walker	Mr Crutchley	Miss Bailey	Mr Parrin	Mrs Cavanagh



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Form Time Activities 8.45-9.00am: Activities will be sent out to students on a daily basis to support their Personal Development.

We will continue to prepare the site and classrooms so that we are in a position to support a wider opening within school from the 15th June where this is appropriate. I will update you with any changes as and when we make them.

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Governors had their second virtual meeting this week and will continue to do so every 2 weeks during this time. The new way of delivering lessons and work to students continues and we had excellent feedback that students are adapting well and have taken up the challenge, along with the teachers. We are aware that some students have had extra support to make sure they are able to access work. It is very important to us that all students can take part and continue with their studies.

As Government plans to begin the return to school for some year groups from 1 June, the most pressing thing for us is to work with Mrs Vile and school leaders to ensure the safety of everyone when this happens for high schools. Alongside this, Governors are aware of the impact things have had on people's well-being and how best to support students and wider school community over the next few months and beyond. Our Pastoral team have been updating Governors on support that will be put in place additional to what is currently available for pupils.

Finally, a few words from new parent governor, Kirsty Swift:

*It was an honour to be elected as parent governor recently and have joined the board at a time of great challenge and uncertainty. I look forward to contributing to supporting the school in their regular work of educating our children, and ensuring that their emotional well-being is supported, as well as the tasks required as a result of current circumstances. This global pandemic, affecting everybody, *is offering us an opportunity we have never had before to hold still for a moment, focus our priorities and come together as a community.* We will get through this together, to a new normal on the other side. Stay safe and take care.*

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL CHAPLAINS, PAT BARKER & ANT HUNT

On the 5th Anniversary of Pope Francis' letter to everyone in the world - 'Laudate Si' - which means 'Praise be to God' - here is a short excerpt from the prayer Pope Francis wrote:

A prayer for our earth

*'All powerful God,
you are present in the universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.*

...

*Bring healing to our lives ...
We thank you for being with us each day.'
Amen*

*May the Lord our God encourage us, as we seek to find ways to live and develop in these uncertain and challenging times. Help us, Lord, to know how to be.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our risen Lord.
AMEN*

NOTIFICATIONS

- As a school we sincerely believe in 'every child is known' and every 'child' and 'family' matter to us. As a result, EPOCHS has moved away from teaching Heads of Year to 5 Non-Teaching Pastoral Leaders. This allows us to commit time and passion for each and every student and their family.

For Year 10 you will see this change take place from 1st June when Mr Parrin joins us. He is extremely experienced and has dedicated most of his teaching career to the Pastoral welfare of young people.

Year 6 moving into Year 7 in September will be led by Mrs Wright. Mrs Wright has been a Pastoral Leader for many years working specifically with Year 7. Mrs Wright will be joining us on 1st June to help ease the worry of transition for our Year 6.

From September:

- Mr Walker will join us as Pastoral Leader for Year 8
- Mr Crutchley, who many of you already know as he has supported the SEND and Pastoral departments during the last academic year, will take over Year 9
- Miss Bailey will lead Year 10

Mrs Hughes will commit her time and dedication to support our most vulnerable young people and families through her Safeguarding role.

Support for the current Year 7, 8, and 9 students will be managed by Mrs Jones, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Holmes and Mr Crutchley until the changes in September take place.

- **Bangor University's Virtual Open Day...**

"Whether you're thinking about applying or have already applied, join us at a Virtual Open Day to learn more about our courses and find out more about the Bangor student experience. You'll have the opportunity to speak to our lecturers during Live Chat sessions, watch videos and presentations, and take 360° tours of our campus and accommodation."



Their Virtual Open Days will take place on:

- **Wednesday 3rd June**
- **Saturday 27th June**
- **Wednesday 8th July**

https://www.bangor.ac.uk/openday/intro.php.en?utm_source=WhatuniversityLive&utm_medium=email&utm_content=VODemail-yourinvitation&utm_campaign=BangorUG&dm_i=1RRK,6VBXF,VD7Z85,RLFP0,1

Below is a reminder of some upcoming events mentioned in the previous bulletin:

Chat for students from Cheshire

Students can chat online to member of the LJMU Outreach team to ask any questions about LJMU, applying to university and what it is like in Liverpool

10th June – 11am-12pm <https://meetandengage.com/ak9wqse97>

Engineering Virtual UCAS Fair – Wednesday 20th June 10am-6pm

UCAS are trailing their first virtual fair. This is specialising in Engineering and Computing with a small sample of universities.

<https://ucas.online-event.co/registration/ucas-4>

- The **Stock Market Challenge** is open to Yr9 and Yr10 students. There are 20 places available and these will be given out on a first come basis. Students must email Mr Hughes Michael.Hughes2@epchs.co.uk from their school email. All other information is in the poster below:



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Higher Horizons+

Stock Market Challenge

FREE EVENT

20 places for students in Year 9 or 10
Online, 20 minutes per week for 6 weeks
Starts Monday 1st June
Ends Monday 6th July

What is it?
In this simulation, you will be given an imaginary amount of money to invest in shares of fake companies. Every week, news updates will affect the share price of each company and there will be lots of prizes to be won at the end. Know nothing about the stock market? Don't worry, it will all be explained at the beginning!

Interested?
Contact Mr Hughes (with your school email)
Email: MCH@email.epchs.co.uk

University of Chester
Part of the National Collaborative Outreach Programme
OFS Uni Connect Programme

- The Geography department share **#geogglebox** each week on Microsoft Teams which gives students (and adults) a list of programmes to watch which are geographically linked. This is published on Sunday night at: <https://twitter.com/lenziegeo>
- Oak National Academy is another useful learning resource:
<https://twitter.com/OakNational/status/1263352385088471041>



 **Oak National Academy**
@OakNational

🔔 We have news! 🔔

Something exciting is coming next week... we are delighted to be launching [#OakActivityClub](#) – fun-filled and engaging activities for half-term. More below ↓

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YEAR 12 & YEAR 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to the following have been emailed out to each Year 12 student. Mrs Henderson is happy to answer any questions you may have: <p>Chat for students from Cheshire Students can chat online to member of the LJMU Outreach team to ask any questions about LJMU, applying to university and what it is like in Liverpool 10th June – 11am-12pm https://meetandengage.com/ak9wgse97</p> <p>Engineering Virtual UCAS Fair – Wednesday 20th June 10am-6pm UCAS are trailing their first virtual fair. This is specialising in Engineering and Computing with a small sample of universities. https://ucas.online-event.co/registration/ucas-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't forget to join our Virtual Quiz on Wednesdays at 8.30pm!

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