

# Ellesmere Port Catholic High School – Weekly bulletin

15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

(Academic Week 35)

Week 1

*'God is preparing his heroes. And when the opportunity comes, he can fit them into their places in a moment. And the world will wonder where they came from'.*

*A.B. Simpson.*

<b>Our School Prayer</b> 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.	<b>Our Vision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong Catholic Ethos</li><li>• Ensuring every child is known</li><li>• High expectations of everyone</li><li>• Excellent leadership at all levels</li><li>• Exemplary behaviour and personal standards</li><li>• At the heart of the community</li></ul>
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## MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER, MRS VILE

*I hope you and your families are all well.*

*The Prime Minister has announced the government's roadmap for how and when the UK will adjust its response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, this includes the phased return of some children to school. We look forward to welcoming our students back once it is safe to do so and have been busy planning and preparing to ensure we do this as safely as possible. We have carried out a comprehensive risk assessment and introduced control measures including a renewed cleaning schedule, installation of alcohol gel dispensers and increased promotion of the importance of washing hands throughout the school. We are actively taking advice from the Local Authority, Public Health England and the SAGE Technical Advisory report for the reopening of schools. A link to our risk assessment is below...*

<https://epchs.co.uk/maintaining-a-safe-school-environment/>

*From 15th June we are implementing the next phase of our distance / home learning programme with the integration of even more live and pre-recorded lessons using the online platform Zoom (please see table below). Each student has been sent, via their **school email address**, instructions on how to activate their Zoom account. All students can access their school emails via the student section of the school's website.*

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	Form Time (Led by Pastoral Lead)  08:45 am  <i>(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu &amp; Fri)</i>	Assembly (Led by Pastoral Lead)  08:45 am  <i>(Every Monday)</i>	365 Teams (Staff timetable)	Zoom / Loom (Staff timetable)	5 Small cluster schools  <i>(09:30am – 12:30pm)</i>  <i>Details to follow on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</i>
Year 7	✓	✓	✓		✓
Year 8	✓	✓	✓		✓
Year 9	✓	✓	✓		✓
Year 10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year 12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Please can we ask that your child follows the instructions carefully. **The Zoom platform will not allow children under the age of 16 years to create a personal Zoom account, it can only be created for educational purposes and therefore only their school email address can be used.** If you have any issues please contact the school's IT helpdesk via email.

Also attached to the email with this bulletin is a letter from Cheshire West and Chester about the wider opening of schools which we have been encouraged to share with parents. We have also attached a letter regarding passenger etiquette on school transport.

We all have a role to play in keeping our school and community safe and I am confident that with your continued support, we will quickly adapt to a 'new normal'.

## MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL CHAPLAINS, PAT BARKER & ANT HUNT

Lord God, You love and delight in all people, and we stand before You, knowing that the spark of life  
within each

person on earth is the spark of Your Divine life.

Differences among cultures and races are multi-coloured manifestations of Your Light.

May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate similarities and differences among our sisters and  
brothers.

We pray for racial harmony and for a change of heart in ourselves and in those who struggle to  
recognise that no matter our colour or creed we are ONE human family.

Help us to recognise Your presence in our neighbour.

May all peoples live in Peace.

AMEN.

Adapted from The Sisters of Mercy

## NOTIFICATIONS

- **Mike Ives**



*The staff of EPCHS were very sad to hear the news that Mr Ives who used to teach Chemistry at our school had passed away and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this difficult time. I personally feel privileged to have had the opportunity to have been his colleague and friend for many years. The enthusiasm and commitment he had to the teaching profession was inspiring and there are a great many ex-students out there who are now recounting wonderful stories of how he made Science exciting through experiments and explosions. Behind the scenes of the mad scientist act, the care and compassion he had for his colleagues was admirable. He is a true loss to society. Below is a heart-felt tribute on behalf of past students from Jai Dillon who was a student with us between 2003 and 2010.*

### **Miss Briggs (Chemistry teacher)**

*I am sure I speak on behalf of the entire community when I say that Mike was one of the most engaging and influential teachers to have ever taught at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. He was one of those people who had an infectious personality, a wicked sense of humour but above all a desire to have a positive impact on everybody he met or taught. Before even joining the school he made a lasting impression on future students; he was a favourite at the annual school open evenings with his infamous 'blowing up jelly-babies experiment'. This first encounter with him, left you with a desire to start the school and hope that he was your Science teacher. That same student engagement continued throughout every year and he always had a way of making you understand something. A Facebook group "Remembering Mike Ives" has been set up for people to share their stories and memories of Mike. In less than 24 hours over 700 ex-students and colleagues had joined the group qualifying that he was certainly one of those teachers you never forget.*

*My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this very difficult time but I know that they will take comfort in knowing that there are hundreds of ex-students who have achieved great success in life because of Mike.*

*On behalf of all of these students, thank you Mr Ives and may you Rest In Peace.*

- **School Uniform**

Harvey and Tilly, located in Market Square in Ellesmere Port, stock our school uniform and school wear for our students. They also offer payment plans which allows you to order and pay for uniform(s) in instalments. Order now for September.

- Many congratulations to Ellen Ashley for passing her Grade 1 Guitar exam with Distinction. This is the highest mark and result possible for any instrumental exam

- We would like as many students as possible to join The School Games Active Championship. Students will be able to access challenges they can do from home and upload to The School Games app in order to compete against other schools. Challenges are designed to promote good physical and mental well-being and it would be great to get as many of our students involved as possible. To assist with getting involved please refer to the poster below containing links to tutorial videos, a link to the main web site where you can find more information and the unique school invite code that you will need when registering. Please note that parents must have a registered account connected to all pupils under 13 years old.

#StayInWorkOut

## Join the School Games Active Championship

**Now**

- Download the **FREE** TopYa! Active App
- Register as a Player or Parent
- Use Unique School Invite Code

**FREE** Activity Challenges to complete anywhere, anytime!

Includes Virtual Coaching, Leaderboards and **FREE** Prizes!

Have fun and help earn points for our school as we compete to be the most active in the Country!

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**SCHOOL GAMES** | For More Information Visit [www.topya.com/sgac](http://www.topya.com/sgac)

## Tutorial videos explaining how to take part

### Student Tutorial Video

<https://vimeo.com/user25009636/download/414055416/5df2abfa00>

### Parent Tutorial Video

<https://vimeo.com/user25009636/download/423604569/9d5f1d7699>

**Parents must have a registered account connected to all students aged under 13-years old**

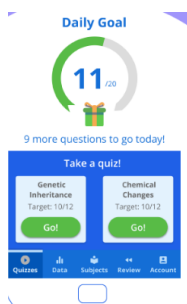
Link to the main web site for more information - <https://topya.com/sgac/>



Tassomai is an app that turns the Science curriculum into quick to answer multiple choice quizzes that teach as well as test. The app continually adapts the content based on the student's previous answers enabling the questions to be tailored to their individual needs. Whenever an incorrect answer is given the correct answer is provided so the student can learn as they go along. It even gives them daily goals to complete to ensure that they stay on track. We have had really positive feedback from those students who have already managed to get started.

**All of Year 10 have been given the instructions to get started; please ensure that they are engaging with this fabulous app. Instructions below.**

Visit [app.tassomai.com/signup](http://app.tassomai.com/signup) and enter our school code: **BPJMNXO**. Sign in with your school email which will be your username login for computers at school then @stu.epchs.com then you will be asked to create a password.



- Please see below reminder about Cheshire West's Live Well Survey – If you want to share your views on either the [coronavirus pages](#) or [live well generally](#) please could you complete by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. You can also send an e-mail: [emma.walker@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:emma.walker@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

- Pembroke College will be running a series of online subject sessions for Year 12 students throughout June which includes an admissions Q&A, an academic session and a Q&A with current students. Students are welcome to attend more than one if they wish and will have an opportunity to ask questions:
  - **Tuesday 16 June** – Philosophy (for Mathematics and Philosophy)
  - **Thursday 18 June** – Engineering
  - **Tuesday 23 June** – English

More information, including provisional timetables and a registration form, can be found [here](#). If a student's subject of interest is not listed, they can [sign up to our mailing list](#) to hear about further subject events, both this June series and during our [online open days](#) on 1 and 2 July.

- The University of Chester is offering an online Arts and Media Summer School on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July for students coming to the end of their first year of Level 3 study (e.g. Year 12 in A-Levels, or the end of Year 1 in College). The online sessions will give a taste of first year study at University and will showcase some of the exciting things about studying a degree across the Faculty of Arts & Humanities. The sessions will either be specifically designed to enhance subject knowledge and skills, or, will cover general advice and guidance relating to Student Finance and making a UCAS application.

The online Summer School is also designed to raise aspirations for University study and will be of particular interest to students undertaking Level 3 studies in at least one of these subjects:

- Art and Design
- Media and Journalism
- Music and Performing Arts
- Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
- English
- History and Archaeology
- Modern Languages

Those who are interested should register their interest as soon as possible:

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/online-arts-and-humanities-summer-school>



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