

Ellesmere Port Catholic High School – Weekly bulletin

29th June 2020

(Academic Week 37)

Week 1

'God never gives us anything to do that He does not give us the strength to do'.

Jack Hyles

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

It's been a successful week in terms of welcoming back some of our students and staff. Some initially expressed anxiety about returning, however both staff and students have come to me and said how impressed they've been with all the steps we have taken to ensure the health and well-being of staff remains a priority (see pictures below).





Our blended learning continues as follows:

22nd June 

	Form Time (Led by Pastoral Lead) 08:45 am <i>(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & 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>
Year 7	✓	✓	✓		✓
Year 8	✓	✓	✓		✓
Year 9	✓	✓	✓		✓
Year 10	Virtual Work Experience Week				
Year 12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

- Year 10 Virtual Work Experience**

EPCHS are proud to be providing, in partnership with The Pledge for Cheshire and Warrington, a very unique opportunity next week for our students.

Next week, our students will become employees of 6 sector leading companies and experience real life work challenges as if they were working remotely on projects from home.

All students and parents/guardians should have received an email outlining the week and below is the current timetable of events to support your child. Please encourage them to engage fully in the week, this is a fantastic chance for some real personal development and experience of the world of work.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Hughes via email: MCH@email.epchs.co.uk

Time	Day 1 - Monday 29th June	Day 2 - Tuesday 30th June	Day 3 - Wednesday 1st July	Day 4 - Thursday 2nd July	Day 5 - Friday 3rd July
0915-0945	Introduction to the week	Morning check-in and recap of work challenge	Morning check-in and outline of the day.	Morning check-in and outline of the day	Morning check-in and outline of the day
1000-1045	SESSION 1 - What is work like? How does it differ to school?	Work Challenge in Teams	SESSION 4 - Recruitment and selection. Preparation for the virtual world	SESSION 7 - Finishing project and making ready the presentation	Production of a CV
1045-1100	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
1100-1130	What are your key skills and attributes you could bring to the world of work?	Work Challenge in Teams	Work Challenge in Teams	Work Challenge in Teams - Final preparation of project	Production of a Covering Letter
1130-1215	SESSION 2 - How do you find and apply for that job?	Work Challenge in Teams	SESSION 5 - Your work challenge. PROGRESS REPORT WITH EMPLOYER	SESSION 8 - Project Delivery and Employer Assessment FEEDBACK	Production of a Covering Letter
1215-1300	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1300-1400	What jobs are available locally? Investigating the Local Labour Market	Work Challenge in Teams	Work Challenge in Teams	Reflection on Project - Written response to employers feedback	Interview technique and support
1400-1445	SESSION 3 - Introduction to work challenge	Work Challenge in Teams	SESSION 6 - Chester Uni Microsoft Team Master Class	SESSION 9 - Work Experience Reflection	Evaluation of the Week
1445-1500	Summary of Work Challenge	End to the Day	End to the Day	End to the Day	End of the Week

- LIFE ON MARS! (6th July)**

In the coming weeks Year 7 and Year 8 students will receive information on their forthcoming mission....Mars is calling...we must get ready...we are leaving Earth!

For an insight into our project working in partnership with 4WARDFUTURES please watch the YouTube link below:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=hr8vAwzia88>

We really are excited for this opportunity and as a school will be the first in the UK to take part in such a project remotely. Further information will be given over the next week, this is something not to be missed!

- Part of the V-WEXP experience will also be using Learn Live, which was shared with students a few weeks ago. We now have a dedicated page where pre-recorded video's and a live chat are available to support students. This can be access by following the link:
<https://learnliveuk.com/ellesmere-port-work-experience/>

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL CHAPLAINS, PAT BARKER & ANT HUNT



Monday 29th June – The Feast of Saint Peter and St Paul

These two men could not have been more different – Peter a Jewish fisherman from Galilee was both friend and disciple of Jesus; Paul an educated Jew from Tarsus in Cilicia probably never saw or met Jesus and was initially a persecutor of the early Christians. Both men however, were captivated by the message of Jesus and worked tirelessly to spread the ‘Good News’ about Him and His teachings. Something else they had in common was that they went to Rome – the ‘super -power of their times, to promote the Christian Faith. They had different approaches to this task and were not always in agreement with each other. However, we consider them to be the ‘giants’ upon whose shoulders stand Christian leaders and teachers ever since.

Peter is usually depicted holding keys to reflect the mission Jesus gave Peter.

In Matthew 16:19, Jesus says – “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...” This is seen as Peter being given the authority by Jesus to build up the Church.

The book he holds is the Good News itself – as Peter is the eye-witness Mark uses in writing his Gospel. Peter was executed in Rome by the usual method, crucifixion, but tradition states that he requested to be crucified upside down feeling unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus.

St Paul was a prolific writer sending letters of encouragement and support and advice to the early Christian Communities he established. He too is depicted holding a book of his writings. The sword shown represents his martyrdom – he was executed in Rome being beheaded by a sword.

We thank God for Saint Peter and Saint Paul, let us pray that they may continue to inspire the Church in its mission and care.

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world,
that, just as Peter and Paul overcame their differences,
all peoples may put aside disagreements for the good of all mankind. AMEN

NOTIFICATIONS

- Mrs McHugh would like to give a special mention to Isabelle Lawrence who has become another Word Millionaire. She has read and successfully quizzed on 14 books and banked 1,012,250 words!
- At this time of year many of our Year 12 students are starting to think about what their next steps might be once they have completed their A-Level studies (Level 3 qualifications). Attached to this parent bulletin email is a ‘**next steps bulletin**’ that is designed to provide you with relevant information on all of the above so that it can help and support you in your conversations with your child over the coming weeks and months.
- **Wellbeing Challenge 2020**
Please see the attached letter in relation to this exciting, end of summer term challenge for all pupils at EPCHS. Further information to follow early next week.
- 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.



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/>

- Sixth Form began their **weekly challenges** with 'create your own pizza'. Winners were the Henderson Family and Hannah...



Year 12 and 13 Lockdown Challenges continue as follows...

<i>Week Beginning</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>
Monday 29th June	Cook a meal from a different country
Monday 6th July	Re-create a famous portrait
Monday 13th July	Make a New Non Alcoholic Cocktail

Wacky Wednesday was well attended and our future Yr12's attended too. They did a chair dance to Justin Timberlake to wake them all up and get going for the week ahead.

Next week is a social event online for future Yr12's and Yr12 its Wheel Of Fortune. Wednesday at 8:30pm.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your support. Our Virtual School is having a big impact with students.

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