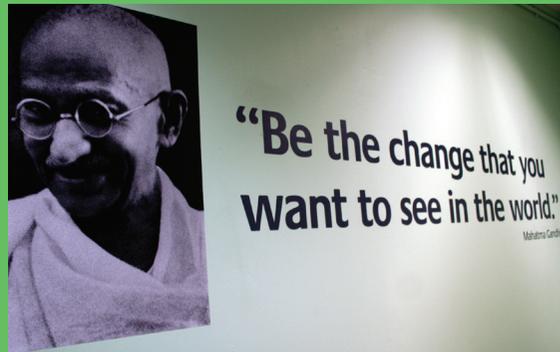


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ELLESMERE PORT
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to Ellesmere Port Catholic High School Sixth Form

Our school crackles with ambition and there is no lid or limit on the aspirations of our Sixth Form students. Our aim is to provide outstanding provision for those in our Sixth Form.

The highest quality of **Teaching**

The highest quality of **Leadership**

The highest quality of **Pastoral Support** and **Guidance**

The highest quality of **Extracurricular, Enrichment,
Volunteering** and **Leadership programmes**

Our A Level results show our students can achieve their highest ambitions with students gaining places at university, including Russell Group universities, TTE apprenticeship programmes and commissions into the armed forces.

As you read through this prospectus you will see our strong commitment to providing the very best for our students.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Vile

Headteacher

Why choose EPCHS6th?

The next steps in your education are vital and should provide you with memories to last a life time. Here at EPCHS6th we are excited about our Sixth Form redevelopment plans and we are sure that you will be, as you journey with us over the next two years.

We are totally committed to providing you with the best education we can offer through our extensive range of subjects and our bespoke enrichment and extra-curricular programme. You will be supported along the way by tutors, mentors and subject teachers who will provide the very best information, advice and guidance to help you fulfil your potential and prepare you for life after EPCHS6th.

The Sixth Form experience is very different. You will have more responsibility, more independent study time and more opportunities to learn new skills and become a leader in our community. We warmly welcome all students who meet our entrance criteria and know that they are up for the challenge of life at EPCHS6th.

Lorraine Wilson
Head of Sixth Form



You will be joining us at an exciting time of change. With new facilities and new opportunities our aim is to develop an **innovative** and **dynamic** Sixth Form that **inspires** students to achieve **excellence** and show **Christian values** in all they do.

What we can offer:

- **Flawless** transition model to ensure you have the very best start to your Sixth Form career
- **Bespoke** learning plans to meet your needs and aspirations
- **Personalised** enrichment programme to provide a wealth of training and experiences to develop confident, articulate and global thinkers
- **Outstanding** pastoral system which supports the needs of every student
- **Aspirational** target setting with thorough tracking and support along the journey
- **Expert** Higher Education and careers advice and support
- **Nurturing** environment at the heart of a Catholic school

What is on offer?

At EPCHS6th we offer a broad academic curriculum based on Advanced Level qualifications. Students normally select four subjects at the start of Lower Sixth, continuing with three of these in the Upper Sixth according to performance and personal preference. There will be an opportunity for students to talk through these decisions with their tutor. We **encourage** you to take the subjects that really inspire and interest you and ultimately fit in with your long term career plans.

Alongside the academic programme we offer an **exciting** curriculum enrichment programme which includes opportunities for volunteering, sports, talks from inspirational speakers, Duke of Edinburgh and much more. Our General RE programme encourages students to think about their world, their faith and their morality.

Opportunities will also arise for students to register for applied learning visits which will extend learning beyond the classroom and into the world of work. We are a catholic sixth form who welcome people of all faiths to our community. The spiritual growth of the individual is very important to us. We are here to support you along your academic and faith journey.



I have come so that they may
have life and have it **to the full** John 10:10



Monitoring and Guidance

Students at EPCHS6th are **challenged** academically through a robust assessment process and benefit from a supportive pastoral team who will help to ensure any issues or concerns can be dealt with promptly and sensitively.

It is important all students receive the right information, advice and guidance. We benefit from an IAG officer who can be found in the IAG room adjacent to the Sixth Form study area. Their role is to provide the most up-to-date and useful information about all pathways suitable for each student. The IAG officer is available for informal discussions as well as pre-arranged individual appointments regarding university applications, apprenticeships and job applications.

An important part of our work is ensuring that we have frequent dialogue between students, parents and staff. We achieve this through parents' meetings, review sessions with students and their mentors, and liaison between school management and the Sixth Form Council.

Information gathered from parent and student voice activities is vital to us, as in order to develop further we must have a good understanding of your opinions, preferences and priorities. It is important to us to take on the views of all our stakeholders.



Who are we looking for?

We are looking for young people with a **desire to achieve** and a commitment to participate fully and be a leader in our community.

Applicants are required to have at least 5 passes at GCSE grade 5 and above. In addition to the Sixth Form's minimum academic entry requirements, all pupils will need to satisfy minimum entrance requirements to the courses for which they are applying. For the majority of subjects this would be a grade 6 at GCSE in that subject (or a related subject where the chosen subject is not offered at GCSE). A high grade 6 is needed for those wishing to study Maths at A-level.



What happens next?

Have an idea of the subjects that you would like to take and speak to your subject teachers. Ask your form tutor for their advice and be ready to discuss your choices with the Head of Sixth Form. For applicants that are new to us it is vital that you come and visit, we look forward to meeting you and discussing your options with us.

What do our students and parents say?



“ EPCHS have supported me throughout my school career and encouraged me to grow not only in academia but also as a person. They play an active role in both the local and global communities and offer a range of opportunities for student participation. The teachers are very supportive and were willing to give up their time, particularly when I was applying to university. ”



Laura Wilson



“ We are so proud of our daughter’s achievements here at EPCHS. She is going to her first choice university to study what she has always wanted to do. I can’t thank the school enough. ”



Jai Dillon, of Great Sutton, a former student at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School is now one of the youngest airline pilots in Europe.

Leaving EPCHS with top grades in maths, physics and chemistry, he started his pilot training in Arizona, USA aged 18.

“The course was thorough and very intense,” said Jai. “We studied five days a week with multiple lectures each day. The tuition was world class and prepared me very well for my career in the airlines.” Jai started flying for Ryanair aged 20 and spent 3 years flying for them. He left Ryanair at the start of 2015 in order to pursue a career in the flag carrier airline of the United Kingdom, British Airways. Jai’s flying ability and approach to work was noted by the recruitment team at British Airways, and as a result he joined as the youngest direct entry pilot. Jai now flies from London Heathrow Airport and flies the Airbus 319/320/321. “A career in British Airways is the dream of many pilots in the UK. To have the privilege of working for them from such a young age is an absolute dream come true” said Jai.



Jai Dillon

Practical help and enrichment...

Students at EPCHS6th benefit from an exciting mix of enrichment activities, visits and events. Here are just a few examples of what we've provided and students have enjoyed recently.

IAG (Information, advice and guidance)

- How to write a personal statement workshop
- Careers interviews
- Talks for future lawyers, vets, doctors and dentists
- Introduction to higher education and UCAS delivered by The University of Liverpool
- 'Not going to university' talk
- Jobs and apprenticeships fair
- Oxbridge applications support
- Student and parents finance talk from The University of Liverpool
- Information morning from The University of Law
- Gap year presentation from The Project Trust
- Higher Education day presented by Pearson College London
- Mock university interviews
- Presentations from TTE
- Progress interviews and target setting evening for year 13 students and parents
- A comprehensive programme of advice on revision techniques and examination success

Enrichment activities and events

- Student leadership roles within our community
- National Citizenship presentation
- Deaf Active sign language course
- Challenger Troop afternoon
- Workshops from The Amy Winehouse Foundation
- Presentation from the Olive Branch Organisation
- Staff v Students Christmas jumper day
- SVP hamper collection
- Shoe box appeal
- Macmillan coffee morning and cake sale
- German Christmas market in Manchester
- 'The age of the universe' Maths and Physics day
- Talk from Sean Attwood
- Sixth Form quiz nights
- Workshops on mental well-being from 'Time to Change'
- A variety of trips and visits both at home and abroad





When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'.

Erma Bombeck



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