

# Ellesmere Port Catholic High School – Weekly bulletin

13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

(Academic Week 39)

Week 1

<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

The end of term is in sight and we continue to evaluate and refine our procedures around school in readiness for the return of more students in September.

Full details about our plans for September and exams will be in next week's bulletin.

For the Michael McIntyre fans amongst you, do take a look at this clip which I think reflects how many of us have been feeling!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LIKNIyWT7U>

Our blended learning continues as follows in the last week of term:

	Form Time (Led by Pastoral Lead) 08:45am <i>(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu &amp; Fri)</i>	Assembly (Led by Pastoral Lead) 08:45am <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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year 12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Heavenly Father, We thank You for 72 years of the NHS.  
 We thank You for those who have worked tireless hours  
 and have sacrificed their own health & lives to support our nation.  
 We thank You for the developments of new technologies, surgeries  
 and medicine, as well as the care and knowledge of the staff.  
 Amen.

## NOTIFICATIONS

- **NCS** have been in touch with a revised **Summer Programme** for Year 11 students. It is free of charge to those who are interested - see the flyer attached for more detail. **Mrs C. Hughes**
- **Year 11 Prom**

A new 'provisional' date has been set for the Year 11 Prom at Rowton Hall, Chester. We are hoping that **Friday 16th October 2020** will be an evening where we can commemorate the end of year 11 and celebrate the next steps we have taken! However, unless the government lift restrictions on mass gatherings then unfortunately we will not be able to go ahead and once again will have to look at a new date.

- **'What Career Live'** and **'What University Live'**, due to originally take place in Liverpool in March, is now taking place as a virtual event on **7th and 8th August**.

This is an opportunity for school and college leavers to get access to essential information about their future during this unprecedented time.

The virtual event will be a highly engaging online experience, replicating the physical event format. Students will be able to speak to universities and companies to get all the information they need to make a decision about their future.

Registrations to this event are capped, so students are encouraged to register as soon as possible. As the current Year 12s were registered to attend this event in March, they have priority registration access for this virtual event.



- The Sixth Form were tasked with a cooking challenge - to cook a dish from another country. The winner was Ryan Thompson with his Thai Beef Stirfry - looked absolutely delicious. Well Done Ryan. **Mrs Cavanagh**



- **MYON Update - Reading and Quizzing online**

Year 7 and 8 have now received an email with their usernames and passwords so they can access their MYON accounts. A step by step guide has also been sent to guide students and parents through the log on details and how to navigate the reading platform. Students have been asked to contact Mrs McHugh if they have any queries or problems logging on to their accounts.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to read a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and graphic novels. They will be able to listen to the book as an option too as well as finding out the meaning of words they may not recognise by simply clicking on the word and accessing a

dictionary. Once students have finished reading their book they can take a quiz by simply clicking on an icon which will link them to their Accelerated Reader account. To access Myon simply go to <https://www.myon.co.uk/>

Happy Reading!  
**Mrs McHugh**

- **The Big Bang Fair (Years 8 and 9) – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

...The largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK...<https://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/>...

Presenter

- Greg Foot - your host for the day - He will be taking questions from the audience and asking experts - so you to could ask a question to an expert on the following topics and many more.

Topics of the day

- The worldwide race to develop a vaccine
- New habits to protect the planet: the environmental impact of staying at home
- Young talent against Covid-19 - in conversation with Big Bang Competition winner meeting the challenge head on
- Don't stand so close to me: designing a social distancing lanyard
- Keeping the water flowing
- Feeding the nation
- Rebuilding a greener future: tackling the climate emergency
- Staying on track: keeping the railway moving
- Designing a low-cost ventilator

- **Bikeright - free Adult Cycle Training lessons**

Would you like to learn how to cycle, perhaps to go out on bike rides with the family? Would you like to commute by bike but just need to brush up on your skills and confidence?

Cheshire West and Chester Council are funding a limited number of adult cycle skills sessions. Free to anyone who lives, studies or works in the region. You can sign up via our website <https://www.bikeright.co.uk/sponsors/cheshirewest-chester/>. There are sessions for complete beginners through to advanced urban cycling. Mostly they are 1:1 sessions so you can learn at your pace.

- **Life on Mars Project**

Yr7 VaLoM and Yr8 CaLoM projects are now in full swing and proving to be very popular with our students. Both year groups now have a number of challenges to complete before submitting on Wednesday next week. The live webinars this week have seen students meet a wide range of people from the space industry and creative background. From Ray Stott a robotics engineer to Dan Lusby a film maker, it has been a wonderful opportunity and our students have asked some amazing questions of our guests. They have been a real credit to EPOCHS.

As part of the project, we have also managed to secure 5 x £25 voucher prizes for each year group. These will be given to those students judged by our guests and teaching staff who have been involve, to have engaged the most and shown the best thought process behind their work on Mars. So don't forget, complete your entries and submit from Monday.

An exciting extra is also being planned, which should see our Yr9 and Yr10 students have the chance to listen live on Tuesday afternoon to a panel of guests. Keep those eyes peeled as this is a great opportunity for our older students to now talk live with our space sector guests.

- **Stock Market Challenge**

Over the last 6 weeks a group of students were given the opportunity to work with Lewis Evans from Chester Higher Horizons. The challenge has seen our students develop a deeper understanding of maths, global issues and the financial sector associated with the stock market. Each student was issued with £1000 and over the course of the weeks they could buy and sell stocks, reacting to world events and hoping not to lose it all in a large crash!

The challenge ended on Monday and our top three students were:

Lexan - £1622 (£20 Amazon or Love to Shop voucher)

Hettie - £1489 (£10 Amazon voucher)

Eleanor - £1153 (£10 Amazon voucher)

Prizes will be on their way in the next week so congratulations to our winners!

- Well-being Challenge

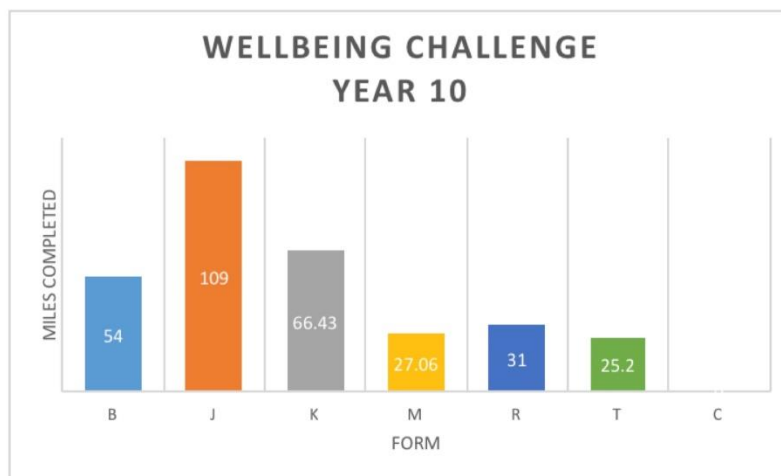
After a week of the Wellbeing Challenge, and a slow start for Year 12, RHO have took hold of the situation and began adding miles. The end of the week has seen Year 12 start to log miles, moving them away from school.



12RHO have been leading the way in the inter form competition, with three students in particular.

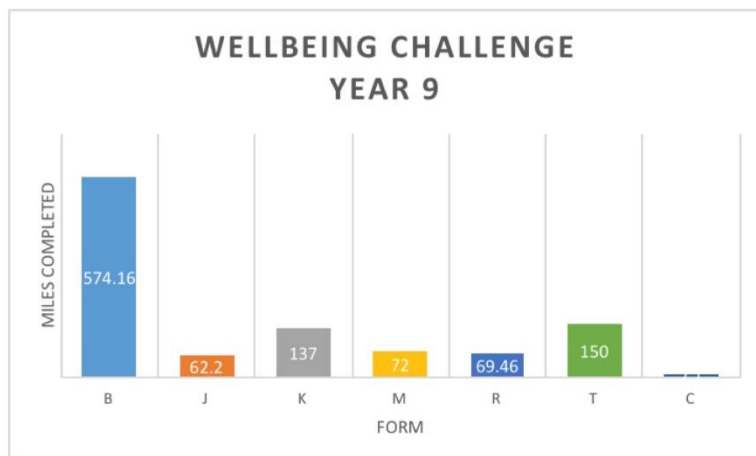
Of these miles, Amy has added 19.47. Lily 13.5 and Joel 10 making the top three students to have logged miles in year 12.

After a week of the Wellbeing Challenge, and a slow start for Year 10. The end of the week has seen Year 10 start to log miles, moving them away from school.



A particular mention needs to be made to Liam (10J) who has completed 54 miles so far, closely followed by Mollie (10K) who has logged 50 miles. In third place is Amelia (10J) who has logged 31 miles.

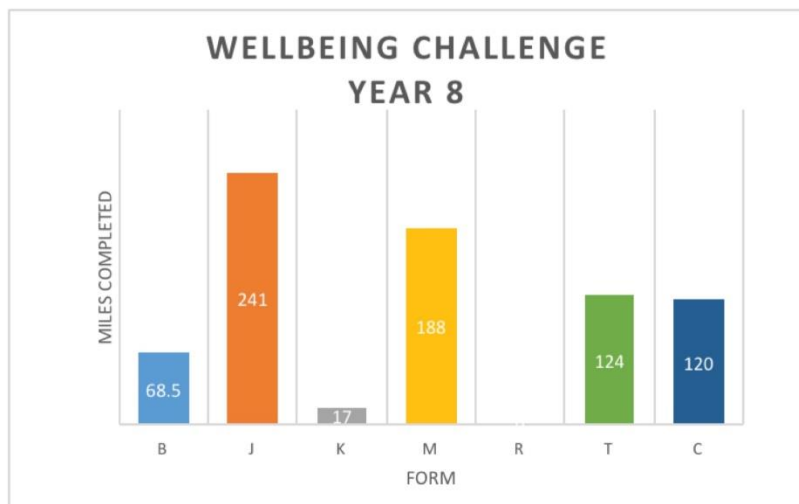
After a week of the Wellbeing Challenge, and a slow start for Year 9. The end of the week has seen Year 9 recently log a lot of miles, moving into 1st place overall going into the weekend.



9B have been leading the way in the inter form competition, logging over 570 miles.

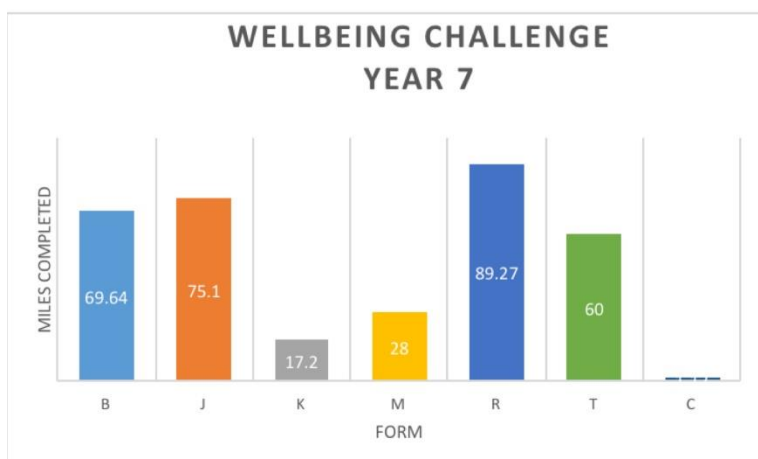
Of these miles, Leo has added 172. Evan 97.8 and Eleanor 96 making the top three students to have logged miles in year 9.

After a week of the Wellbeing Challenge, the interform competition in year 8 has some clear front runners. However a lot of time is left and anything can happen



A particular mention needs to be made to Callum (8T) who has completed 124 miles so far, closely followed by Aliesha (8C) who has logged 120 miles. In third place is Scott (8J) who has logged 77 miles.

After a week of the Wellbeing Challenge, the interform competition is really close in year 7.



Anthony from 7R has been logging lots of miles and making every step count adding the most miles of year 7 with 55.5

Noel from 7J is in second place for miles logged with 38

Daniel from 7B is third overall with 35.64 miles logged

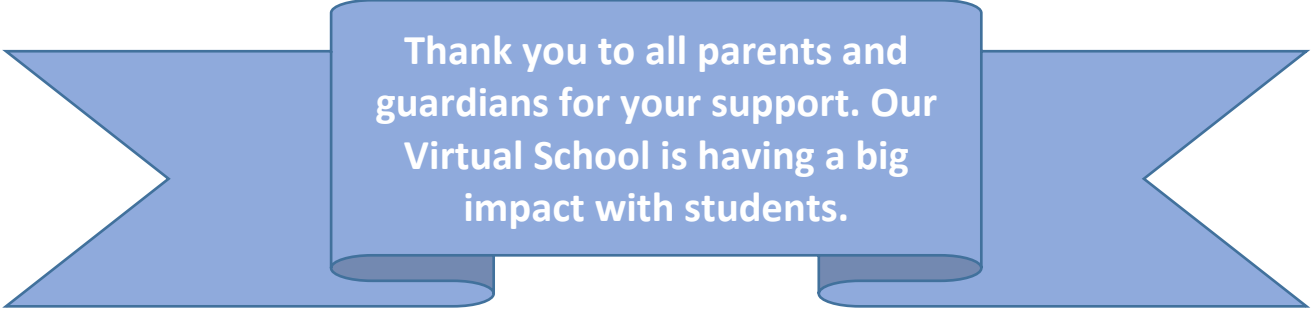




Some impressive miles have been added to the wellbeing challenge since the competition began on Friday 3rd July. As a school community we have now completed a huge 2786 miles. This would have taken us on quite a journey, completing over 900 hours of walking and if plotted on a map would go from the school gates, to Sorrento (Italy) and now making our way back at school, currently by Stafford.







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

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