



Our Vision...
Excellent teaching.

Our Vision...
Strong Catholic ethos.

Our Vision...
Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

Our Vision...
Ensuring every child is known.



Our Vision...
At the heart of the community.

Our Vision...
High expectations of everyone.

Our Vision...
Excellent leadership at all levels.

Our Vision...
Keeping children safe in education.



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well and I'd like to thank you for your ongoing support with the lateral flow testing.

Next week is Holy Week which students will be engaging with through activities set by our school chaplains, Pat and Ant. It is also our last week of term (it will be a 4 day week due to Friday being a bank holiday).

I hope you have a lovely weekend and take care.

Mrs Vile

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Beannacht

On the day when
The weight deadens
On your shoulders
And you stumble,
May the clay dance
To balance you.

And when your eyes
Freeze behind
The grey window
And the ghost of loss
Gets into you,
May a flock of colours,
Indigo, red, green
And azure blue,
Come to awaken in you
A meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays
In the currach of thought
And a stain of ocean
Blackens beneath you,
May there come across the waters
A path of yellow moonlight
To bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow
Wind work these words
Of love around you,
An invisible cloak
To mind your life.

John O'Donohue
To Bless the space between us: A book of blessings



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Notifications

- **Harvey and Tilly's Uniform**

Uniform orders for Harvey and Tilly's can now be placed by texting 07977 637775.

- **Competition Achievements**

Joe Hayes and Eoin O'Brien (Year 12) successfully completed Round one of the RSC Chemistry Olympiad competition.

Eoin O'Brien achieved a Bronze Award (only 32% of over 7000 entries achieved this).



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Joe Hayes achieved a Gold Award (less than 9% of over 7000 entries achieved this).



Fantastic achievements. Well done to all the students who entered.

Miss Forster

- **Message from the Positivity Group**

For positivity group we are selling some handmade knitted finger rabbits, with and without chocolate, to help raise money for our new 'positivity garden'. We would like to offer the opportunity for year 7 and 8 to buy first, but if there is any left over, we will invite the

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other year groups to buy. We are hoping to do it for Tuesday 30th March, at lunch time, outside 'oasis classroom'. Many thanks.

Mini Easter Rabbits!

£1.00 for rabbits alone
£1.50 for rabbits with chocolate

Homemade, knitted finger rabbits; cute, pastel and fun.
A great Easter present for yourself or someone else.

Outside the Oasis Room on 30/3/21

(Disclaimer; NO nuts)
Raising money for our Positivity Garden!



- **STEM Activity**



This week at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, Year 9 and 10 students participated in a webinar with 4wardfutures and Theo Jones from Framstore. Theo Jones is an Academy Award-nominated VFX Supervisor based in London. During his time at Framstore he has worked across a wealth of titles and jobs - spanning the Film, Integrated Advertising, and Immersive divisions.

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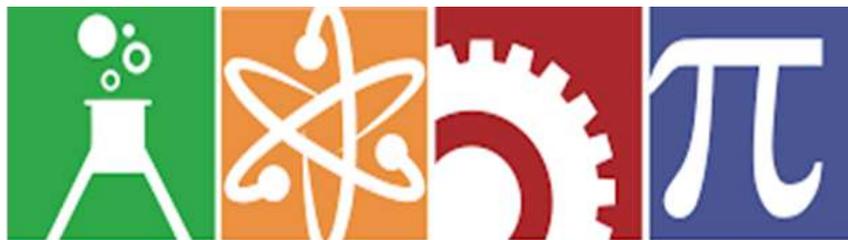


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The webinar allowed students to participate, engage and see potential career pathways within this industry that are both STEM and non-STEM related. The range of career pathways that were open from an academic potential were Physicist, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering as well as Computer Scientists and many more. Theo also talked about the apprenticeships that are open to young people within the company Framestore for people that are interested in pursuing a career within this industry from a vocational aspect which was great to hear. Here is the link to Framestores company and the careers that they offer for young people:

<https://www.framestore.com/careers?language=en>

Mr Hickman



STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

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Year 8 Every Tuesday

3pm till 4pm Lab C2

Starting a new project after Easter
called

GaLoM!

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- **The Winter Grant Scheme additional funding**

The national Winter Grant Scheme was announced on 8 November 2020 in recognition of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on communities that were intensified through the winter months. The fund was established to focus on supporting vulnerable households and families with food, energy and water bills during the winter period. The Council has been administering this scheme since December 2020, and applications for this will close at the end of March 2021.

On 26 February 2021 the government announced that the winter payment scheme would be extended until 16 April 2021 with further funding allocated to councils to support vulnerable households. Cheshire West and Chester Council have been allocated an additional amount which must be used by 16 April 2021. The Council has agreed that the additional funding plus any residual budgets can be given directly to schools, who can then decide themselves how best to meet any local needs.

Each school will receive an additional amount for each child who is in receipt of benefits related free school meals. We will allocate this money providing supermarket vouchers directly to families receiving free school meals.

We would like to remind parents of local food provision, including local foodbanks, who are able to help any family in need, not just those receiving free school meals.

Other help available for families

- The **Welcome Network** are commissioned by the Council to join up local community food offers. They have produced an interactive map showing where and how local food can be obtained in each area. For full details, visit: [Interactive map on the Welcome Network website](#)
- The **Council Tax Reduction Scheme** provides financial support for people who are on a low income and need help to pay their council tax. There is a discretionary fund alongside the main scheme. Visit: [Council Tax Reduction](#)

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- The **Discretionary Housing Payment scheme** is available to help people who receive Universal Credit or Housing Benefit where the amount awarded in benefits does not pay their full rent. This scheme can help with the shortfall in some circumstances or can help people on benefits with rent in advance to secure a property. Visit: [DHP](#)
- **Homeless2Housed** is a short term project in 2020/21 to provide support for people who are at risk of losing their home or to secure a property. They can sometimes help with rent arrears and rent in advance. Contact them initially by email on H2H@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- **Test and Trace** payments of £500 can be made when somebody who is working loses pay because they are told to isolate when they have Covid symptoms or they have been in contact with somebody with symptoms and are told to isolate by test and trace. From 8/3/21 parents who are unable to work from home can also apply if their child is required to isolate and they have caring responsibilities. Visit: [Test and Trace](#)
- The **Citizens Advice Bureau** have received £25k from the Winter Grant Scheme fund to cover payments made through their Fuelbank. Phone 0808 2787 806 or apply online for any advice by email. Visit: <https://www.citizensadvicecw.org.uk/forms/advice-by-email>
- Holiday Activity and Food provision will also be available over the Easter holiday period, further information can be found on the Edsential website: <https://edsential.com/holidayactivityfund2021/>

Mr Jones

- **SIXTH FORM INFORMATION & GUIDANCE**

Games Careers Week: March 26th – April 2nd

A new week dedicated to video games, careers and education will take place between **March 26th and April 2nd 2021**. The week will include Games Masterclasses, Microsoft's DigiGirlz day and Careers talks. <http://gamescareers.wpengine.com/>

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Careers in Nursing Virtual Taster Day: Thursday 22nd April 10am-3pm

If you have thought about becoming a Nurse and you want to explore various Nursing career options, this event will help you discover the next steps towards your ideal career. For years 11, 12 and 13. To take part register here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-in-nursing-taster-day-tickets-141001295671>

The North West Science Network - Year 12 online Maths study day with OxNet: Saturday 24th April (10:30 – 5pm)

Year 12 A Level Maths students, who have Grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths, are invited to make an application for this online study day using the following link (**closing date is 31st March**) <https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/nwsn-maths-study-day-application>

North West Works 4 U Jobs Fair - FREE online Job Fair event: Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th April @ 11:00am

Explore employment options and choices if you are looking for your first job.

<https://jobsliveuk.com/north-west-works-4-u-jobs-fair/>

- **Mrs McHugh's Library News**

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.

All the staff at EPCHS understand the fundamental role reading plays in terms of well-being, educational attainment and future life chances. ***We want to see all our students develop a life-long habit of reading for pleasure.***

To support a love of reading students across all year groups can read for **FREE** with myON. Students can borrow books from the school library too. A wide selection of fiction and non-fiction is available. The school library has the latest book releases to encourage reading for pleasure. This week we have pre-ordered Marcus Rashford's book **"You Are a Champion"**

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which is due to be released on 27th May 2021. Each chapter will begin with a story from Rashford's own life and cover topic topics such as *the value of education, positive mentality, understanding culture and female role models.*



Congratulations to *our top STAR Readers* this week! The following students have read and successfully quizzed on a book or *books this week!* The number in brackets represents the number of words students have *read this week!*

Emlyn H (3,460), Corey D(24,761), Kaysi F (9,406), Esteban I (3,429), Mia Louise S (5,353), Olivia Park (4,721), Ellie-May F (3,927), Reben K (5,055), Ruby S (3,539), Charlie J (26,653), Nathaniel W (11,292), Holly WA (8,165), Declan K (5,137), Sebastian L (81,286), Emlyn H (3,460), Emily Finlay (12,277), Madison L (8,293), Isabelle L (116,667), Imogen CB (44,025), Olivia Burns (257,514), Sophie D (229,442), Jenna L (24,099), George C (52,426), Reece D (5,850), Dannielle J (101,564).

As we approach the Easter holidays, we will be *celebrating reading success with the gift of an Easter Egg to our top readers.* Easter eggs will be delivered to form classes on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Please encourage your child to keep reading for 20 minutes per day!

- **Public Health**

COVID-19 Community Testing Facilities

Due to ongoing changes with the nationally run COVID-19 community testing facilities we are advising people not to attend symptomatic testing facilities without an appointment at the moment to reduce the risk of them attending at a time when the type of testing they require is not available.

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- **Community Testing for people with symptoms or requiring a confirmatory PCR**
To book an appointment for a PCR test if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have had a positive LFD home test you should visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119 and book an appointment at a local, mobile or regional testing facility.
- **Community Testing for people without symptoms**
Community on-site testing for people without symptoms is run by Cheshire West and Chester Council. You do not need an appointment to get tested but you may need to queue when you arrive. Information about these testing sites can be found here: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news-and-views/incidents/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-testing/testing-without-symptoms.aspx>
- **Household Home Testing Kits for people without symptoms**
Household home testing kits can be collected from certain community testing sites at specific times of the day (at these times the site will not offer symptomatic testing). If someone lives in a household with an individual who attends or works in education and they would like to collect a home testing kit they should use the following link to check the opening times and location of the collection centre: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

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