



Ellesmere Port
Catholic High School
Prospectus
2020-21

“Relentless in ensuring that students at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School get the BEST possible education.”



“Great things happen when you care.”

Welcome

I would like to welcome and introduce you to Ellesmere Port Catholic High School.

Our mission says *'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full'* (John 10:10) and we believe that every student here can achieve great things wherever their skills and talents lie.

Students tell us that the time they spend here is very special. Within our caring community new skills are learnt, knowledge increased, new friends made and futures planned. When students look back before they leave us to go to university, college, an apprenticeship or employment, they are frequently amazed at what they have achieved and how they have developed as a confident young adult.

As a prospective student, parent or carer we encourage you to visit our school, look around and please contact us if you would like to know more.

Mrs C Vile

Headteacher

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have life and have it to
the full' John 10.10***





Ellesmere Port Catholic High School is a school with a unique sense of community, where every student is known, where there is outstanding student behaviour, a culture built on striving for excellence and where there are exceptionally high aspirations for everyone.

Your school community

We get to know all of our students and ensure a smooth transition from primary school. We have an Associate Deputy Headteacher dedicated to pastoral care who works closely with Pastoral Leads of each year group who get to know your child to understand their personality, abilities and social needs.

Students are known and valued as individuals. We know that everyone learns in different ways and progresses at different rates, so we work hard to understand how to support students at every step of their time with us.

We pay particular attention to students' literacy and numeracy development and at all levels students are challenged to improve their attainment.



'Pupils are confident, polite and courteous to visitors and each other – it is calm around the school during lesson times.' Peer Review 2018



We want all of our students to enjoy their education and we pride ourselves on good, open relationships with home to help make that happen.

Ambition for all

We aim to provide students with an education that is broad, balanced, challenging and, most of all, enjoyable.

We provide:

- A strong Catholic ethos
- Excellent leadership at all levels
- Excellent teaching by all staff
- Consistently stimulating lessons and a rich and varied curriculum offering opportunities for all abilities
- Student reviews to track and monitor achievement and progress

It is our policy to ensure that students at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School:

- Maximise their academic potential
- Enjoy their educational experience in a safe environment
- Make a positive contribution to our school and wider community, developing positive relationships and building confidence



The highest quality of Teaching
 The highest quality of Leadership
 The highest quality of **Pastoral Support and Guidance**
 The highest quality of **Extra-curricular, Enrichment and Volunteering programmes**

Learning with us

Our curriculum includes taught lessons, applied learning visits and residential experiences against a background of working in a Catholic, Christian community founded upon the teaching of Christ in the Gospels. The promotion of British values is incorporated into the ethos of the school.

The curriculum reflects the National Curriculum and our belief in the need for a balanced and broad education. We know this to be the best means of assisting the young people in our care to grow as rounded and complete individuals, with an understanding of their own gifts and of the part they can play in the world.

Year 7 students will study Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, French, History, Geography, Physical Education, Music, Art, Technology, ICT and Drama.

There are a number of opportunities available to students throughout their time in school to participate in day visits and overnight stays on curriculum based activities, holidays and retreats directed towards spiritual and personal development. As you might anticipate the latter is a particular strength and feature of our school.

There is the chance for all to take part in daily prayer time and Liturgical celebrations both weekly on a voluntary basis and at particular significant points in the school year. The religious education programme is firmly rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Students are safe and feel safe at all times. They understand how to keep themselves and others safe outside of school. The school has a dedicated and timetabled PSHCE programme to address relevant and local issues.



'There is a strong focus on developing pupils' resilience for learning.' Ofsted, July 2019

Extended Learning

Extra-curricular activities broaden still further the opportunities for young people to grow and to experience success.

At Ellesmere Port Catholic High School we are extremely proud of the opportunities that we offer, whether this is part of our curriculum or through the wide range of activities, clubs, courses, fixtures, trips and residential experiences available to all students. It is testimony to the effort and commitment of so many staff that we can provide such a wide range of extra-curricular activities on a regular basis.

All our Year 7 pupils are encouraged to attend a whole year residential at the Menai Centre in North Wales.

Students are encouraged to take part in the many extra-curricular activities available after school. There is a wide range of sports for both boys and girls including netball, badminton, athletics, cross-country, rugby, football, trampolining, volleyball and basketball.

Other clubs and activities include Drama club, Music club, Arts club, Robotics, Debating club, Science club, and representation on the School Council.

We like to take every opportunity to showcase our student talents. They perform in weekly school assemblies and also at whole school events such as our annual Carol Service, Presentation Event and in school productions. Recent productions have included 'Grease', 'Beauty and the Beast' and 'The Wiz'.





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

Ask for a copy of our Prospectus to learn more about our Sixth Form.



Catholic Ethos

Students will be successful when they feel secure and happy at school. At Ellesmere Port Catholic High School we provide an environment where all members of our school are encouraged to develop their spiritual, moral, academic and physical potential in a caring community.

- *We treat each other with respect.*
- *We work hard at all times.*
- *We take pride in our school community.*
- *We are a community which encourages confidence, empathy, spiritual awareness and integrity in every person.*
- *We want students to explore the whole range of their talents and to aspire to and achieve success intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally.*

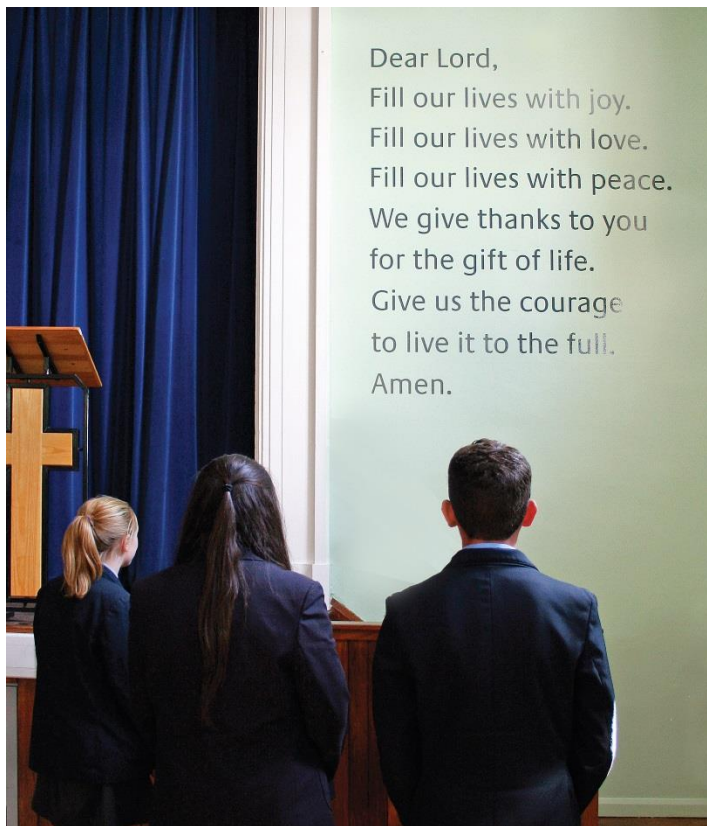
All our students receive lessons in religious education and have the opportunity for reflection in our Chapel, during retreat trips and by spending time with our School Chaplain.

Justice **Love Hope**

Courage **Faith Service**

Community **Reconciliation**





Religious education plays a central role in encouraging the growth and development of students' faith.

Communication with Parents

Communication is a two-way process. We want to keep parents informed of the progress of their children and to share celebrations or any concerns that we may have about behaviour or progress. Likewise we welcome feedback from parents and the opportunity to discuss any ideas or questions you might have.

Effective home school communication is essential to help support our young people. We make regular contact with parents in the forms of telephone calls, letters, emails and text messages. You will be able to speak with your child's form tutor, pastoral lead or subject teacher for information or support. Staff email addresses are available via the school website.

We do make formal arrangements to share information on progress with parents through the reporting system and during parents' and progress evenings. All students are issued with reports from their subject teachers during the year. These will recognise and celebrate areas where progress has been made and will provide a number of suggestions or actions that will secure the next steps towards further progress in each subject.

Parents' evenings are held for every year group each year, when parents have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with their subject teachers, form tutor and pastoral lead. You will be formally invited to your child's parents evening near the time and a calendar of events will be published on the website at the start of each new academic year. Additionally we have a Year 7 progress evening in the first half term to ensure students have settled into life at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School.

Careers Advice & Guidance

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) makes a major contribution to the education of all students. The school provides a stable, structured careers programme of information, advice and guidance for students to learn about employment, the world of work, the skills required and qualification pathways available to them. This is developed through the PSCHÉ programme starting in Year 7 to 13.



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