



EPCHS Student 'PD' Bulletin #23

"I Have Come So That They May Have Life And Have It To The Full" John 10:10

<https://epchs.co.uk/epchs-celebration-presentation-2019-20/>



Let us pray...

Dear God, inspire me to live in such a way that my daily choices and my commitment to live in a positive way, may transform the negative into something positive, and the ordinariness of daily life into something extraordinary. Amen.



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Do you follow the school social media platforms? If not, follow today and keep up to date with everything school related and more...



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KS5 Engineering in Action...

We are delighted to announce the return of the popular Engineering in Action enrichment programme for KS5 students. In response to tremendous demand, **Engineering in Action will take place ONLINE as a special half-day programme on January 20th 2021.**

Join award-winning Structural Engineer Roma Agrawal to discover the recipe for a skyscraper, and find out how to engineer a spacesuit with Dr Jackie Bell (who you may have seen as a contestant on BBC's "Astronauts: Do you have what it takes"). With one more session to announce plus a special panel session "I'm an Engineer, ask me anything", it is shaping up to be an unmissable programme. Do not miss out!

Tickets to join the event online are priced at £8 plus VAT each (each student will require a ticket). The programme can be viewed at school or at home and if timetabling is a real struggle, the recording can be viewed for up to a week after the event.

To book your place visit:

<https://thetrainingpartnership.org.uk/study-day/engineering-in-action-20-01-2021/>

Apprenticeships Take Over with The Pledge...



Cheshire and Warrington Pledge Apprenticeship Fair - **Wednesday 2nd December.**

On Wednesday 2nd December, The Pledge are hosting an Apprenticeship Fair, which would be perfect for **Year 9 to 13** students and/ or parents and carers.

This is a free event which will feature apprenticeship providers from the Cheshire and Warrington areas.

This will enable students to:

- learn how and where to apply for an apprenticeship
- learn about the common mistakes when applying for an apprenticeship
- learn how to stand out and gain an apprenticeship

The event will allow you to speak directly with a range of organisations who offer apprenticeships. You will also hear from apprentices who will explain how they gained successful places.

Click on <https://candwgrowthhub.co.uk/whatnext/> to book on.

Mrs McHugh's Library News

Why not visit the library to discover the wide range of fantastic books just waiting to be read! Reading is such a wonderful way to escape into another world, expand your knowledge and improve your analytical skills. If the library does not have the book you are looking for, please speak to Mrs McHugh who will be happy to order your book choice for you.

Library Bubble Days...

If you would like to come to the library to read, borrow a book or study you are welcome to do so at break or lunch. "Bubble" days are as follows - Monday Year 7, Tuesday Year 8, Wednesday Year 9, Thursday Year 10, and Friday Year 11. Year 12 are welcome to use the library for silent study Monday to Friday provided a class is not already booked in to use it.

myON Reading Portal



The reading portal myON, is now available to students in years 7 to 11. myON recommends books according to reading preferences. Fiction and non-fiction titles are available. myON is a great way to read around the curriculum to help support you with study and homework.

Please speak to Mrs McHugh in the library for reading suggestions on myON or ask your subject teacher for something to support your learning in class.

Year 8 STEM Club is on every Thursday

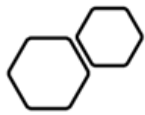
A promotional graphic for the Year 8 STEM Club. It features a blue background with a white banner at the top containing four icons: a green flask with bubbles, an orange atom, a red gear, and a blue pi symbol. To the right is the school crest, which includes the text "Ellesmere Park Catholic High School" and "VERITAS ET SAPIENTIA". Below the banner, the text "STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics" is displayed. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text "Year 8 Every Thursday 3pm till 4pm in C 2".

STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

Year 8 Every Thursday
3pm till 4pm in C 2

Important Information for ALL students is self-isolating...

Expectations of Students Self-Isolating



Participate in the blended learning process

Attend timetabled sessions for live, recorded or tasks to complete
Complete independent work
Submit tasks promptly



Independent work tasks will include

Working through presentations and worksheets
Reading and making notes from textbooks and other electronic resources
Listening exercises, essays, coursework, practice questions or past exam papers
Working through exercises offered by external providers such as Seneca Learning, Hegarty Maths and The Everlearner



Read and respond to communications

Check your school email daily
If you are having issues with school email contact helpdesk@epchs.co.uk
Emails from class teacher, form tutor & pastoral leader
Check for communications via Teams and Show My Homework Satchel One daily



Live or recorded lessons

Link will be sent via Microsoft Teams for the lesson to take place during usual timetabled lesson time
Check Teams and Show My Homework Satchel One for regular updates



Work will be set for students at home via

Show My Homework Satchel One
If you need SMHW Pin contact CJO@epchs.co.uk
Microsoft Teams
If you are having issues with Teams contact helpdesk@epchs.co.uk



Submitting work

To submit work use the Microsoft Teams Assignments Tab
OR
Email complete work to the member of staff
By the set deadline
[Link to staff email](#)

Please do everything you can to halt the spread of the Corona Virus in our community...



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

**Masks should be worn at all time
when moving around school.**

Thank you

WE NEED YOUR HELP – EPCHS Food Drive

Ellesmere Port Catholic High School Food Drive

- Starting from Monday 30th November and running till Friday 11th December. We will be collecting food, from students and staff.
- Bring any spare food YOU can and deposit the food where you enter the school.
- All of the food WE collect as a school will be given to local food banks to help people from the town we are from.
- 14% of Families with Children from Ellesmere Port have suffered food insecurity over the last 6 months.
- Food isn't a privilege, it isn't something that somebody should struggle to get, it's a right, something you need.



Ellesmere Port Catholic High School Food Drive

- Any donation counts. No matter how small or how often.
- The local food bank has plenty of beans and pasta, so try and bring something else! However any donation helps!
- Most needed items include, TINNED MEAT, BAGS OF SWEETS/BARS OF CHOCOLATE, LONG LIFE JUICE/SMALL BOTTLES OF CORDIAL, TINNED POTATOES, INSTANT CUSTARD, INSTANT MASH, TINNED PUDDINGS/TINNED FRUIT, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED TOMATOES, CUPPA SOUPS, POT NOODLES, INSTANT PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, INSTANT MASHED POTATO, BISCUITS, UHT MILK, INSTANT COFFEE



Use your planner and note down what you think would be good to bring in! If anybody wants to help out more or for any questions come and see Mr Phelan in B15 or email jph@email.epchs.co.uk. Thank you so much!

For further information please see Mr Phelan in B15

Year 7 Drama Competition Winners

Drama would like to announce the winners of the year 7 poster competition that was held before half term.













Catherine Morris 7B, India-Mai French 7k, Sophia Jayne 7O, Melissa Lyth 7O, Charlie Jones 7L

The following students have been picked by our 6th form subject leaders as the posters that stood out to them the most. Well done to everyone for creating amazing Posters, they are now on our classroom walls. Please call into Drama for your prizes.

Mental Health Matters

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT SOMEONE WHO IS EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM

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-  Don't pressure them to talk about things they don't want to talk about
-  Don't judge or be critical when talking to them
-  Offer emotional support
-  Ask them how you can help or support them
-  Spend time with them
-  Listen to what they have to say
-  Don't be afraid to talk to them. Ask them how they are doing
-  Regularly check up on them and stay in touch
-  Educate yourself about mental health
-  Help them to find the right support and care they need
-  Offer helping them with some daily tasks
-  Remind them that you are there to help

Information for our 6th Form Students

Wrexham Glyndwr University - Healthcare Professions Event

Wrexham Glyndwr University are providing an opportunity to speak to academics within the Allied Health Professions.

On **Saturday 5th December**, they are holding a face to face event for Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Nursing. All details are in the link below.

https://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/en/Howtoapply/VisitGlyndwrUniversity/CampusVisit/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If demand is high, there are provisions in place to replicate the event on different dates/times which will be communicated to interested parties.

North West Science Network Twilight Talk Series

The second of the **North West Science Network (NWSN) Twilight Talk Series** is set to launch on **Wednesday 2nd December**.

For their second talk of the series, Dr Tim Ward, recalls his days of growing up in Salford, doing badly at school and suffering set back after set back to become one of the World's experts in Cancer research...and then fate played an ironic blow.

The **talk will be available on the Corpus Christi YouTube channel from Wednesday 2nd December** and his **live Q&A will take place on the 9th December 5-6 pm**.

Please register by using the link below. The talk will take place via Microsoft Teams. Event details will be sent via email nearer to the time.

Register here <https://forms.gle/ZW6tNBab8rGfD3RE8>

King's College London Geography Taster Day

On **Wednesday 2nd December**, the Geography Department at King's College London will be holding a virtual Taster Day for any students interested in Geography at University. This will offer any interested students a taster of what studying Geography at University is like. There will be a mix of recorded and live sessions. There will be lectures focused on natural hazards and digital platforms in cities, along with an activity combining these elements to understand how Digital Geography communication can be used to improve information around natural hazards. There will also be opportunities to interact and ask questions with KCL students and staff.

[Students can register here for this event.](#)

Virtual Subject Sessions at Northumbria University

Northumbria University are offering a series of 'virtual subject events' starting on **1st December**. They are a fantastic opportunity to get a real taste of university study.

Details of the sessions are listed below, with the associated link to allow students to sign up.

Sport Coaching - Are champions born or made?

Date: Tuesday 1st December

Time: 12:00-12:50

Sign-up here: <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0125v2NqXtkN>

English Literature - Offensive Shakespeare

Date: Thursday 3rd December

Time: 12:00-13:00

Sign-up here: <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0125x60HdaQi>

Maths - Complex, not so complex!

Date: Friday 4th December

Time: 12:00-13:00

Sign-up here: <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0125D0jUsrVu>

Music - Page to performance

Date: Thursday 10th December

Time: 12:30-13:00

Sign-up here: <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0125dQXnsHBS>

English Language and Linguistics - World Englishes (A Review and Reflect Session)

Date: Friday 11th December

Time: 12:00-13:00

Sign-up here: <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU01256qgOxb11>

English Literature - From Austen to Austenland: Representing the Regency (LIMITED SPACES)

Date: Recorded session followed by a live seminar session in early 2021 (date tbc)

Time: See above

Sign-up here: <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0125hhd9z2bZ>

English Literature - Money, Modernity and the American Dream in F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* (1925) (LIMITED SPACES)

Date: Recorded session followed by a live seminar session in early 2021 (date tbc)

Time: See above

Sign-up here: <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0125S3yYhgc8>

Need urgent mental health support?

Anyone can experience a low mood, increased anxiety or poor mental health.

A free 24/7 all age urgent mental health helpline is available to residents across the borough, provided by Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation.

Call 0800 145 6485 for urgent mental health support



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Thought for the week...



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