



Our Vision...

Excellent teaching.

Our Vision...

Strong Catholic ethos.

Our Vision...

Ensuring every child is known.

Our Vision...

High expectations of everyone.

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.

Our Vision...

Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

Our Vision...

At the heart of the community.

Our Vision...

Keeping children safe in education.

Our Vision...

Excellent leadership at all levels.



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are all well.

We hope you found this week's Year 10 Parents Evening beneficial. We have sent out a survey for previous parents' evenings and are grateful for any feedback.

Just a reminder that due to the bank holiday school will reopen on **Tuesday 4th May**.

Have a lovely weekend and take care.

Mrs Vile

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Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.
Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.
If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter;
for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.
Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery.
But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals;

and everywhere life is full of heroism.

BE YOURSELF.

Especially, do not feign affection.

Neither be critical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings.
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.
And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be,
and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.
With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

Max Ehrmann

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Notifications

- Attendance Update

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

93%

TOP YEAR GROUPS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

KS3: Year 7- 95.4%

KS4: Year 9 - 94.7%

KS5: Year 12 - 96.8%

BEST FORM WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

KS3: 7 Oscar – 97.7%

KS4: 9 Oscar – 97.6%

KS5: 12 Bernadette -100%

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FORM WEEKLY ATTENDANCE %

Year 7	%	Year 8	%	Year 9	%	Year 10	%	Year 11	%	Year 12	%	Year 13	%
7A	92.9	8A	77.1	9A	96.3	10A	74.3	11A	88	12B	100	13A	96.4
7B	93.9	8B	90	9B	96.1	10B	94.3	11B	92.6	12J	92.3	13J	98.6
7J	93.5	8J	90.4	9J	93.1	10J	91.1	11J	85.8	12K	97.7	13L	83
7K	97.5	8K	90.9	9K	96.6	10K	93.1	11K	94				
7M	96.8	8M	90	9M	94.3	10M	95.5	11M	88.3				
7L	94.8	8O	90	9O	97.6	10O	93	11O	91				
7O	97.7	8T	91.8	9T	90	10T	95.8	11T	95.6				
7T	95.7												

- **The importance of testing and reporting in secondary schools**

Testing continues to play a crucial role, in and out of classrooms, in our fight against coronavirus (COVID-19).

Students should continue to test themselves and report results whilst encouraging their families to do likewise.

Reporting test results can be done simply and quickly, from mobiles, online or by phone, and should be completed straightaway. Reporting not only supports contact tracing in the event of a positive case, but assists our understanding of community rates of infection.

To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, Gov.uk have produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#), featuring further guidance and common questions. This also includes details on financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case.

Mr C Jones

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- **Young Enterprise Awards**



Cheshire & Warrington Final
SUSTAINABILITY AWARD
For the Niom-Niom Revolutionary App
Well done!

Despite fierce competition from many North-West colleges, I am delighted and above all, very proud to announce that we succeeded in winning one of the Young Enterprise Awards. Winning the Sustainability Award represents a well-deserved acknowledgement of my team's hard work and amazing resilience. During the preliminary interview, Jack, Jake, Poppy-Jay, Rachel and Ezra managed to overcome their nerves and confidently answered all the judge's questions effectively and professionally. They were able to highlight the sustainability focus of their business idea which was well received by the judges. A special well done to Jack who volunteered to speak out in front of last night's audience. This took great courage and confidence. Well done Jack.

The Young Enterprise programme provided opportunities for our Year 10 to develop essential skills and attitudes which not only enriched their academic learning, but also provided a strong foundation for their future. The experience was clearly invaluable.

Well done Team!

Mrs Williams

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- **Mrs McHugh's Library News**

Congratulations to our reading super stars this week:

Word Count - Super Stars – 22/04/2021 – 29/04/2021

Ruby-Jane Smith - 156,178, Sophie Dover - 81,482, Chloe Dowdall - 29,720 , George Phillips - 27,197, Rosie Partridge - 22,585, Alexandra Robinson - 8,975, Nathaniel Wiseman - 8,422, Bethany Nixon - 5,966, Lewis Troisi - 5,889, Matas Zidonis - 5,889, Anna Cole - 5,326, Conor McCone - 5,059, Errin McLaughlin - 5,056, Aeryn Osborne - 4,883, Michael Harmes - 4,546, Lucas Callaghan - 4,294, Christian Stafford - 4,290, Kasparas Bernotas - 3,534, Harlee Bellagamba - 3,180, Rheanna Price 3,165, Leighton Devaney - 3,164

Quiz Super Stars – 22/04/2021 – 20/04/2021

Mia Bennett, Peter Georgeson, Chloe Wilson, Jack Cottis, Tia Aston.

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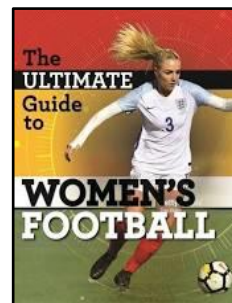
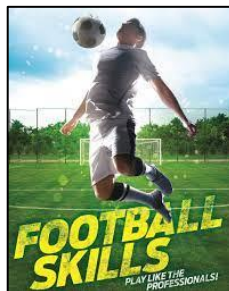
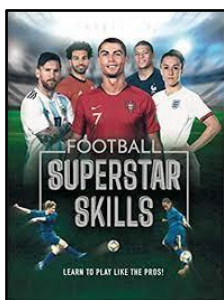
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New to the library this week! We have a fantastic new collection of books on sport.



**'a real joy -
engrossing and
engaging from
the first page'**



It's 1918. Lily spends her days working in a munitions factory, her nights picking metal out of her hair, and her lunchtimes kicking a ball with her workmates. Together they form a football team, the Rockets, and a league soon follows. But when the war ends, the girls lose both their jobs and their football. Not Lily. If her only chance of being a goalie is to play with the men, then that's what she'll do!

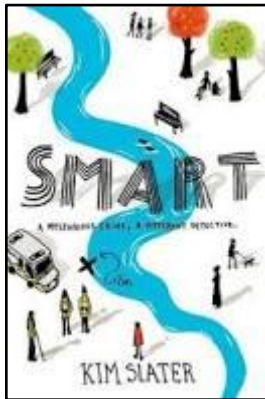
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The books I *loved* reading this week...



BL: 4.7 A mysterious crime, a different detective.

An evocative and compelling debut novel for fans of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*. I would highly recommend this book – the chapters are short and fast moving. It is compelling and emotive with a loveable character at its heart.

There's been a murder, but the police don't care. It was only a homeless old man after all. Kieran cares. He's made a promise, and when you say something out loud, that means you're going to do it, for real. He's going to find out what really happened. But being a detective is difficult when you're Kieran Woods. When you're amazing at drawing but terrible at fitting in. And when there are dangerous secrets everywhere, not just outside, but under your own roof.



BL: 5.2 Upper Years. If you're a fan of books written in verse as I am, this outstanding and thought provoking book will sing to you!

A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world.

Debut novel of *renowned slam poet Elizabeth Acevedo*.

Please encourage your child to read for pleasure! The library at EPCHS is a wonderful resource where students can borrow books for a 2 week period. We have a wide range of fiction and non-fiction available for loan and if a particular book is not available we will happily order it in. The library is open **to all year groups** so please encourage your child to visit the library to borrow a book. Students who read for pleasure make **significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little (Sullivan and Brown 2013)**. Reading for pleasure also **increases empathy, improves relationships with others, reduces the symptoms of depression and improves wellbeing throughout life (The Reading Agency 2015)**.

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Happy reading everyone!

Mrs McHugh

- **SIXTH FORM INFORMATION & GUIDANCE**

UCAS DISCOVERY DAY, 5th MAY, 10am-6pm

UCAS are hosting their online **UCAS/Discovery Event on 5th May, 10am-6pm**. You can either participate in it live or later on-demand. It will give you the opportunity to explore over 100 Universities; explore different career opportunities; understand if an apprenticeship is right for you; take part in live sessions and get your questions answered by the experts; get practical help on personal statements, accommodation, student loans and more and hear from real students. To book go to <https://www.ucas.com/events/ucasdiscovery-389071>

STEPPING UP TO FIGHT FOR MENTAL HEALTH – EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY AND ROMAN KEMP: 10th MAY, 5pm-6pm

As part of 'Mental Health Awareness Week', you can join Edge Hill University and Roman Kemp for an online event where Roman Kemp will take part in a panel discussion analysing the topic of mental health from different angles. For more information go to: <https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/events/2021/05/11/stepping-up-the-fight-for-mental-health-panellist-event-with-radio-and-tv-host-roman-kemp/>

THE PLEDGE – SUMMER CAREERS EVENTS: 5th, 6th and 19th MAY

A reminder that The Pledge are hosting the following events:

On **Wednesday 5th May 5pm-7pm**, they are hosting a Business Services careers event so if you are considering a career in **Law, Finance, Marketing, HR, Business Development or IT**, this will be of interest to you. You can book on at Eventbrite:

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cheshire-and-warrington-business-services-industry-insight-event-tickets-141403851727>

On **Thursday 6th May at 5pm** they are hosting an online STEM event entitled '**Using Science for a great career**'. You can book onto this event using

<https://usingsciencecandw.eventbrite.co.uk>

On **Wednesday 19th May** they are hosting an **Adult Social Care Careers Insight Day**

Students can book onto this event at <https://adultsocialcareinsightday.eventbrite.co.uk>

For more details on all of The Pledge events go to <https://candwgrowthhub.co.uk/industry-insights/>

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT UNIFROG

A reminder that Unifrog are currently advertising two Summer Intern vacancies. One is for the **Summer Intern for Content** and the other is the **Summer Intern for HR, Operations and Finance**. These roles will start sometime in May and end in mid-September. You can be based remotely or subject to Government guidelines, from their office in London. The **closing date for applications is 3rd May**. For more information or to apply go to <https://www.unifrog.org/jobs>

Mrs Boothroyd

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- **SSYP Newsletter – Operation Sceptre Spring 2021**



Welcome All,

I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break and everyone is returning to school refreshed. I would like to make you aware that Cheshire Police is running Operation Sceptre again from Monday 26th April 2021 to Sunday 2nd May 2021. Operation Sceptre is a countrywide initiative to reinforce the message that reducing knife crime remains one of the top priorities for policing nationally.

The evidence speaks for itself, by carrying a knife you are much more likely to get stabbed as situations involving weapons can quickly get out of control.

There are no winners, if the victim survives they will likely have life changing injuries, the offender will be facing a lengthy prison sentence and all the consequences related to having a criminal record. The ripple effect will reach out to all the family members on both sides of the incident.

1 in 3 knife related injuries are caused by the victim's **OWN** knife.

Can I carry a knife for protection? No, it is against the law.

Where can I hand in a knife? Knives can be handed in at your local Police Station.

What do I do if I know someone is carrying a knife? It is imperative that this information is passed onto the Police.

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Any information you do pass on will be confidential and it could save someone's life.

You will reduce the likelihood that the person who would have carried the knife harming someone or being harmed. Information can be confidentially passed to the Police via 101 or via our [website](#).



[Crimestoppers](#) is an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up to stop crime and is 100% anonymous.

[Fearless](#) provides non-judgemental advice about crimes that affect you, including knife crime. There are a range of [support services](#) listed on the site and you can also give information anonymously.



For hints and tips please follow our social media accounts below. You can contact us online or via our website

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Kind Regards

Youth Engagement Officer, Safer Schools Partnership



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- **Parent Carers Forum – 4th May**

Virtual form event will be held next Tuesday evening via Zoom. If you would like to register for the event, click here to complete the [forum registration form](#). You will then receive an email before the event with the login details for the meeting.



Our Next Forum Event:
Tues 4th May 2021
7.00 - 8.00 pm

UPDATE
Benefits & Commissioning Strategy

Hosted by:
Angela Lewis (Commissioning Manager)
Sarah Banks (Disabled Children & Young People Service)
Dial House (Benefits advice)

*** click here to register ***

All meetings will be recorded so you won't miss out.
email: secretary.pcf.cwac@gmail.com

- **The Workout Parent – free fitness coaching sessions for parents**

Chapter Mental Health are offering a free, fully funded coaching programme available for working parents.

'*The Workout Parent: 30 Days to be Different*', is available to all working parents in the Cheshire area (see full qualifying criteria below). **Application deadline is Sunday 9th May.**

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<https://chaptermentalhealth.org/the-workout-parent/>

For full information, please click on the link above. If you have any questions that aren't answered on the information page, please contact

michelle.bonfield@chaptermentalhealth.org

In order to qualify for the programme, parents should have the following 4 things:

- a. *Be a **working parent** in need of some well-deserved wellbeing in the Cheshire (East & West) area**
- b. *A **commitment** to make a change to your fitness this May and beyond*
- c. *Some **previous experience** of fitness training*
- d. *No serious injuries and or medical conditions*

**Wirral & Flintshire area applications will also be considered, subject to place availability.*

- **Chester Digital Pride 2021**

Chester Pride are once again running a talent show for young people between the ages of 3 and 16. As Chester Pride is online this year, they are filming on 29 May for the digital event. For more details see below or contact info@chesterpride.co.uk

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**CALLING ALL TALENTED
YOUNG PEOPLE!**

**KIDS GOT
TALENT**

**WE'RE FILMING FOR DIGITAL PRIDE
ON SATURDAY 29TH MAY 2:30PM - 5:30PM
AND NEED YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A TALENT
AGED 3 - 16 TO PERFORM**

Email info@chesterpride.co.uk to book your slot at our filming afternoon.
Social distancing measures will be in place at all times during filming.
A limit of one parent/guardian will be permitted per young person.

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