



## Wk. 2 PARENT BULLETIN 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021

**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.

### Week at a glance...

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
YEAR 7					
YEAR 8					
YEAR 9					
YEAR 10					
YEAR 11	PPEs start				
YEAR 12					
YEAR 13					

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## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are all well.

Thank you to all parents who completed our autumn parent and guardian survey. The feedback has been really positive; here are a few comments that have been submitted:

*97% of parents answered that their child does well at this school.*

*"The weekly bulletins are invaluable and were especially appreciated during lockdown."*

*95% of parents answered that their child is happy in school.*

*95% of parents answered that students are enabled to do their very best at EPCHS.*

*95% of parents said that staff work hard to help all students to love learning and do as well as they can.*

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If there any updates released from the DfE for the first week back, we will let you know.

On behalf of everyone at EPCHS, have a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy 2021.

*Mrs Vile*



### *Notifications*

- **Christmas Masses and Parish Booking System**

Due to the anticipated increased number of people wishing to attend a Christmas Mass & the COVID-19 restrictions, we sadly need to utilise a booking system. As such if you wish to attend any of the below Masses, please contact the parish office on 0151 327 6158 to secure a place. (If answerphone please speak clearly leaving your name, number of worshippers and contact details – if capacity has already been reached we will return your call to discuss other Mass options).

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Vigil Masses at St Saviours church 4.30pm (NOW FULL) & 7.30pm (Seats are available for 7.30pm Vigil, and both Christmas Day Masses).**

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**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December: 9am Mass St Mary of the Angels / 11am Mass St Saviours.**

***Please note we encourage all to book in advance for Christmas Eve/Day Masses as we will not be able to accommodate you once we are at full capacity.***

***If you are attending one of our churches for Holy Mass, Services or private prayer, for your own safety and the wellbeing of others, please do follow any directions given by the stewards or the parish clergy. Please be assured that all the required and necessary risk assessments and safety measures are in place.***

- **Christmas Mass Times, Ellesmere Port & Hooton Catholic Churches**

This Year, due to the COVID-19 Restrictions, and limited numbers being permissible at Mass, attendance at our Christmas Masses is by pre-booking only. People will not just be able to turn up as usual.

### **St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Parish, Great Sutton & Hooton**

There will be two Masses on Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December and two Masses on Christmas Day morning, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December.

Places are being booked now, to check availability please telephone: [0151 327 6158](tel:01513276158), during Office Hours if possible or email: [stsoff@rcchep.co.uk](mailto:stsoff@rcchep.co.uk)

If you are booking for several people, it important that you tell us whether or not if you are all in the same 'COVID BUBBLE' or separate ones. It will be important to arrive in good time, and to dress warmly as windows and doors may need to be kept open to ensure adequate ventilation in accordance with COVID-19 Protection Measures.

### **Our Lady Star of the Sea & St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Ellesmere Port**

There will be two Masses on Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December and two Masses on Christmas Day Morning, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December.

Places are being booked now, to check availability please telephone: [0151 355 1255](tel:01513551255), during Office Hours if possible or email: [parishol@rcchep.co.uk](mailto:parishol@rcchep.co.uk)

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For full details please go to the Ellesmere Port & Hooton Parishes Website on: [www.rcchep.co.uk](http://www.rcchep.co.uk)

Wishing you all every blessing of Christmas.

*Reverend Canon Niall Mullaley V.F.*

- Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021)**

### Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations: Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Exam candidates must be in their seats by **09:00** and **13:00**. Candidates will be given their seat numbers, they are also on the EXAM NOTICE BOARD

Registration 08:45 - 09:00	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Morning 09:00</b>	GCSE Physical Education Practical (Badminton) (3h)	English Language (1h 45m)	Mathematics Paper 1 calculator (1h 30m)	<a href="#">Option A/D31</a> 3D Design Practical in D7 with TBA (3h) <a href="#">Option A/D32</a> 3D Design Practical in E2 with THA (3h) <a href="#">Option H</a> Art Practical in E3 with LMO (3h)	Mathematics Paper 2 non-calculator (1h 30m)	English Literature Paper 2 (1h)	Combined Science - Chemistry (1h 10m) Separate Science Chemistry (1h 45m)	<a href="#">Option A/H/L</a> History (2h 30m)	<a href="#">Option H/L/FR1/LFR2</a> French Listening in B1 with LJR (1h (F)) French Listening in B2 with RHO (1h (F)) French Listening in B3 with RAB (1h (F)) French Listening in B4 with LDR (1h 20m (H))	<a href="#">Option A/H/L</a> Spanish Listening in B2 with RHO (1h 20m (H)) Spanish Listening in B3 with RAB (1h (F)) Spanish Listening in B4 with LDR (1h (F)/1h 20m (H))
<b>BREAK (11:00 – 11:15)</b>	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
<b>Period 3 – normal lessons</b>	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons
<b>LUNCH (12:15 – 13:00)</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>Afternoon 13:00</b>	<a href="#">Option L</a> Music Technology Written Paper in D1 (2h) Music Listening (1h) - Isabel Spreadborough only GCSE Physical Education Practical (Badminton) (2h)	Religious Studies (50m)	English Literature Paper 1 (1h)	Combined Science - Biology (1h 10m) Separate Science Biology (1h 45m)	<a href="#">Option L</a> Enterprise (1h 30m) French Reading (1h(F)/2h(H)) Geography (2h) Music Technology Practical Paper in D1 (2h) Spanish Reading (1h(F)/2h(H))	<a href="#">Option H</a> Computer Science (1h 30m) French Reading (1h(F)/2h(H)) Geography (2h) Health and Social Care (2h) Physical Education (1h 15m) Spanish Reading (1h(F)/2h(H))	<a href="#">Option A</a> Drama (1h 45m) Geography (2h) Hospitality and Catering (1h 30m) Spanish Reading (1h(F)/2h(H))	<a href="#">Option A/H/L</a> French Writing (1h 15m (F)/1h 30m (H)) Spanish Writing (1h 15m (F)/1h 30m (H))	Combined Science - Physics (1h 10m) Separate Science Physics (1h 45m)	Mathematics Paper 3 calculator (1h 30m)

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- **Winter Support Payments**

After the Government announced £170 million in funding would be available for local authorities through its COVID Winter Grant Scheme, Cheshire West and Chester Council will receive £925,000 in total to support residents.

This funding will help families struggling to pay for food, fuel or water bills throughout the winter period.

## **Who will qualify?**

- Families with children receiving free school meals on 1 December 2020.
- Families receiving either a Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction on 1 December 2020 **AND** with children below the age of four, or children between the ages of 16 and 18 inclusive.
- Individuals who have left the care of Cheshire West and Chester Council and are below the age of 25 on 1 December 2020.

## **Details of the award**

Applications must be made online as bank details are required to make payments. An award of £45 per eligible person and £35 per household will be paid into the nominated bank account, subject to checks against records held by the Council. An automated notification will be sent out to confirm that an application has been received.

## **To apply online:**

Visit: [Winter grant scheme](#)

## **When payments will be made**

Payments will start in December, but volumes are likely to be high. The Council is asking that, once an application form is completed, time is given to send the awards out as repeat contacts are likely to delay any awards made.

## **Contact us**

**Telephone:** 0300 123 8123

**Email:** [winterpayments@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:winterpayments@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

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### Other help available

Citizens Advice Cheshire West, in conjunction with The Fuel Bank Foundation will also receive funding to support people who are struggling to meet their fuel bills.

[Visit the Citizens Advice website](#)

Disability Positive has also been awarded funding to support children and adults it works with who have long-term health conditions, helping them access food, energy or water bill support.

The Welcome Network is commissioned by the Council to coordinate food offers across the borough. Details of local food offers in Cheshire West and Chester over the Christmas are being compiled on the Welcome Network website.

[Visit the Welcome Network food map](#)

*Mr Jones*

## SIXTH FORM INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

- **Work experience opportunities – STFC Daresbury Laboratory**

STFC Daresbury Laboratory is a government funded Lab, working mainly in the fields of Engineering, Physics and Scientific Computing. Every summer they offer **work experience to high school students, aged 14-18.**

Applications for the 2021 programme will open in **January 2021.**

To find out more about the online work experience programme, please take a look at their website:

<https://stfc.ukri.org/about-us/work-with-us/work-experience/workexperienced/>

Students who apply will be asked to describe why they are interested in taking part in the programme and provide some information about their predicted grades. All students who apply will be invited to take part in a webinar series, which will run throughout the summer

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and successful applicants will be invited to take part in a week-long interactive project, which meets Gatsby benchmarks. The dates for these placements are provisionally **28 June-2 July, 5-9 July and 12-16 July.**

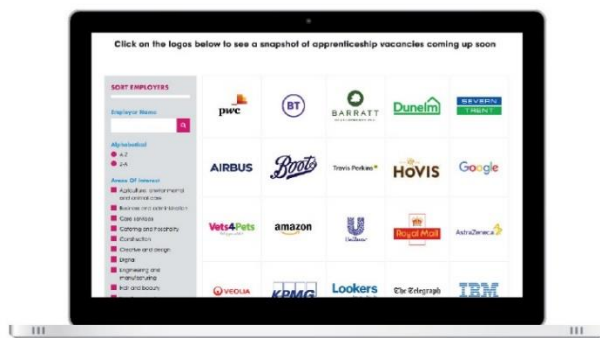
- **Unifrog: Skills and Enterprise Week: Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021**

As part of Skills & Enterprise Week, we're running **free student skills development webinars** at 4.30pm each day. In each session, **employers** will explain why these skills are important and how students can develop them:

- Leadership development - Mon 25 January
- Digital skills development - Tue 26 January
- Problem solving skills development - Wed 27 January
- Entrepreneurship skills - Thu 28 January
- Communication and presenting skills development - Tue 2 February

Students can **sign up now via the Webinars tool** on their Student homepage.

- **Information about Apprenticeships from 'Amazing Apprenticeships'**



There are lots of other **current apprenticeship vacancies** with really exciting apprenticeship employers. We've collated a [helpful list](#) for you to browse over the Christmas break.

The list of current **apprenticeship vacancies** includes Nestlé, Virgin Media, Network Rail, Sky and more.

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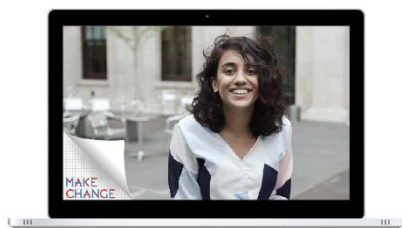


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With hundreds of vacancies to browse, Christmas is the perfect time to start thinking about applying for that perfect apprenticeship!

Don't forget to check out our [Vacancy Snapshot profiles](#) for more information on some of the UK's biggest and best apprenticeship employers.

- **Economist Degree Apprenticeship**



There are over **70 current vacancies** available with the Government Economic Service for the **Economist Degree Apprenticeship** Programme.

This is a brilliant opportunity to work in a central government department or agency on some of the most important social, environmental and economic issues our country faces.

We recently hosted an [informative webinar](#) with the Government Economic Service taking a closer look at the programme and current vacancies. This is a great resource for **students, teachers and parents & carers** to find out **how to apply**.

You can also visit the [GES Vacancy Snapshot profile](#) for a deeper look into the scheme and to begin preparing for the application process.

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- **Armed Forces Q&A sheet**



Following an extremely popular webinar with the **Armed Forces**, No.1 in the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2020 listing, we have created a helpful [Q&A factsheet](#).

The **webinar** was attended by over **1,000 students, teachers and parents and carers**, many of whom had brilliant questions for the Armed Forces. We collated together all of the questions and answers into one helpful **Q&A factsheet**, so everyone can benefit from the extra information.

You can also visit the [Royal Navy](#), [RAF](#) and [British Army](#) **Vacancy Snapshot profiles** for more helpful information on the programmes they offer, how to apply and more.

- **Careers with the NHS**

**With a nursing degree, the opportunities are endless...**

Not only will students receive hands-on training and professional support from their passionate peers, they'll be changing lives for the better, right from the start. Few careers can be referred to as a 'job for life', but nursing is one – [94% of nursing graduates employed](#) within six months of finishing their degree.

[Share email guide with someone](#)

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### **Or become an allied health professional**

There are [15 different allied health professional roles](#) and they each work across a range of sectors in the NHS, from emergency response and diagnosis to mental and physical rehabilitation.

Each role plays a crucial part in treating, rehabilitating and improving patient's lives. Students will have the opportunity to get involved from day one, working alongside specialists from all levels who will support and mentor them throughout their career.

[Share more information with a potential student](#)

### **Financial support**

All students will receive at least £5,000 a year to help them with their studies and they won't have to pay a penny back.

If you think a degree in healthcare might be a good fit for you, you can [apply here](#).

If you have any questions, the NHS are there to help – just call them on 0345 60 60 655 or email [advice@healthcareers.nhs.uk](mailto:advice@healthcareers.nhs.uk).

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- **UK University Search Events 2021**

The first will be the national **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** (27th January), featuring a vast array of exhibitors and 10 vital webinars. Students, teachers and parents can find out more and [sign up here](#).

The second virtual event on February 10th is '**Meet the Russell Group**' virtual event. This will feature all 24 Russell Group universities and essential webinars for students considering applications to these institutions. Students, teachers and parents can find out more and [sign up here](#).

### UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair

Wednesday 27 January | 12:00 - 18:00

Perfect for Years 11, 12 & 13 this event is designed to allow students to explore a wide range of **universities, colleges and apprenticeships**, whether you're just starting your research or making your final decisions. There will also be a new webinar line-up, and a competition!



[Find out More and Register for Free](#)

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[russellgroup.vfairs.com](https://russellgroup.vfairs.com)

### Meet the Russell Group Virtual Event

Wednesday 10 February | 12:00 - 19:00

Designed for students aiming to study at a Russell Group university, this virtual event will allow you to **explore all 24 Russell Group Universities** and chat to their representatives. You can also take part in 13 live and interactive webinars throughout the day; including a new Parent and Teacher Support session.

[Find out More and Register for Free](#)

- **Virtual Subject Sessions at Northumbria University**

A reminder of the remaining virtual subject events on offer from **Northumbria University**. They are a fantastic opportunity to get a real taste of university study.

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

**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)

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*Mrs Boothroyd*

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