



Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

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PARENT BULLETIN

7th June 2021

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...

Excellent leadership at all levels.

Our Vision...

Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

Our Vision...

At the heart of the community.

Our Vision...

Keeping children safe in education.



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to overstate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on school communities. We have all had to deal with many challenges and have risen to each one of these. As our year 11 and 13 leave today I would like to thank you all for the support you have provided. We are confident that we have done our utmost to help them to be well rounded people who are ready to make their mark in the world. Thank you.

Have a lovely half-term and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 7th June.

Mrs Vile

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Notifications

- Attendance Update

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

90.9%

TOP YEAR GROUPS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

KS3: Year 7 – 91%

KS4: Year 10 - 92.2%

KS5: Year 13 - 95.4%

BEST FORM WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

KS3: Year 8 Teresa 94.6%

KS4: Year 9 Oscar 96.8%

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KS5: Year 13 Andre 100%

FORM WEEKLY ATTENDANCE %

Year 7	%	Year 8	%	Year 9	%	Year 10	%	Year 11	%	Year 12	%	Year 13	%
7A	91.8	8A	67.1	9A	95	10A	91.4	11A	77.5	12B	95.3	13A	100
7B	83.3	8B	92.1	9B	87.9	10B	93.5	11B	94.8	12K	96.9	13J	97.9
7J	90	8J	87.6	9J	83.7	10J	94.4	11J	83.3	12O	88.1	13L	87
7K	92.5	8K	89.2	9K	96.6	10K	92.2	11K	92.4				
7M	92.3	8M	86.8	9M	82.4	10M	93.9	11M	90.8				
7L	90.9	8O	91.9	9O	96.8	10O	89.1	11O	94.5				
7O	93.6	8T	94.6	9T	85.7	10T	90.5	11T	95.2				
7T	93.8												

- **Year 11 into Year 12 next step transition programme**

At Ellesmere Port Catholic High School we want to ensure that all students are supported and ready for their next steps whether that be in education, employment or training. As a result, all departments will be posting independent, online learning resources the week beginning Monday 7th June until 2nd July. Information regarding these tasks can be found on each of the Teams pages for your child's individual subject areas.

In addition, for those wanting to join our successful 6th form we have put together a transition programme that is designed to help students made a strong start to their A-Level studies. The step-up from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5 study can be a challenging one, however, we provide students with a dedicated Year 12 transition programme so that their Year 12 journey is supported both academically and pastorally. In the weeks beginning 21st June and 28th June each department area will be delivering live lessons on Zoom to help students lay the foundations for study and enable them to demonstrate commitment to learning. Please find the timetable of lessons below and the zoom links to access the sessions will also be posted on the school's website and on Teams.

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Please be aware that a future Year 12 group has now been set up on Teams. Here we will be uploading the latest news and information that is relevant and alongside the live lessons there will be folders containing transition work for your child to complete for their subject areas which staff will post after the May half term break. Students can also contact the 6th form team via this forum if they have any questions over the coming weeks.

We wish your child every success this summer and look forward to them joining our 6th form community.

6th Form - Transition live lesson timetable

	Monday 21.6.21	Tuesday 22.6.21	Wednesday 23.6.21	Thursday 24.6.21	Friday 25.6.21
Period 1 9-10am		English Literature	Sociology		
Period 2 10-11am	Business Studies	English Language		Chemistry (EBR)	
Period 3 11.15-12.15pm	Geography	Computer Science	Physics (THI)	Psychology	Maths
Period 4 1-2pm	Health and Social Care	Theology	Health and Social Care	History (LHE)	Art
Period 5 2-3pm		Biology			PE

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	Monday 28.6.21	Tuesday 29.6.21	Wednesday 30.6.21	Thursday 1.7.21	Friday 2.7.21
Period 1 9-10am				English Literature	Psychology
Period 2 10-11am	Computer Science				
Period 3 11.15- 12.15pm	Business Studies	Chemistry (LFO)	Maths	English Language	Maths
Period 4 1-2pm	Sociology	Theology	Art	Geography	
Period 5 2-3pm	Physics (DWO)	Biology	History (LOA)		PE

ZOOM LINKS FOR ALL THE SESSIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE 'FUTURE YEAR 12' MICROSOFT TEAM AND ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE.

Students should attend all the sessions for the subjects they have chosen.

Mrs Henderson

- **Congratulations Mrs Guest**

We would like to congratulate our specialist dyslexia teacher Sarah Guest on becoming a senior lecturer at Chester University specialising in Dyslexia Research and Practice and Dyscalculia Research and Practice. Mrs Guest will remain working for the school alongside her new role and we look forward to her sharing her skills and knowledge within the inclusion & diversity department.

Mrs Marstrand

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- **SIXTH FORM INFORMATION & GUIDANCE**

UNIFROG: RESULTS DAY AND CLEARING: 'KNOW-HOW' GUIDES

Unifrog have collaborated with a group of UK Universities to create 7 'Know-how' library guides to help navigate you through Results Day and Clearing. To access them go to <https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/results-day-and-clearing>

UCAS DISCOVERY DAYS – ON DEMAND UNTIL 4th JUNE

Although the live events have now happened, the **UCAS/DISCOVERY** days are on-demand until 4 June. You can still sign up to watch seminars on student essentials, including subject-specific sessions, applying to university and student finance; pick up prospectuses and check out over 100 UK universities; get inspiration and explore different career opportunities; understand if an apprenticeship is right for you and contact course experts. To register go to <https://www.ucas.com/events/demand-until-4-june-ucasdiscovery-388981>

BANGOR UNIVERSITY – VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS – 26th JUNE AND 10th JULY

This will be a great way to get to know more about Bangor University. There will be videos and presentations to watch; 360 tours of the campus and accommodation and a live opportunity to talk to lecturers and other staff during the live chat session. To register, go to <https://www.bangor.ac.uk/openday>

In addition, their 'Virtual Experience' is available to view at any time. Go to <https://www.bangor.ac.uk/virtual-experience/>

UK UNIVERSITY AND APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH VIRTUAL FAIR- WEDNESDAY 16th JUNE

UK University and Apprenticeship Search are holding a **free Virtual Fair** on **Wednesday 16th June, 12pm to 6pm**. A wide range of **Universities, Colleges and Apprenticeship providers** will be taking part. You can explore virtual exhibition stands; have live chats with

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Admissions Officers, Student Ambassadors, academics and recruitment teams; view virtual campus tours, prospectuses and information and take part in 10 live interactive webinars in the auditorium. For more information or to register go to <https://ukunisearchnorth.vfairs.com/>

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY - VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS – 16TH AND 19TH June

Newcastle University are holding two virtual open days on **Wed 16th June, 4pm-7pm** and **Saturday 19th June, 10am-1pm**. During the open days, you will be able to join **live Q&A sessions**; **chat online with academics and current students**; enjoy a **live tour of the campus**; find out more about student services such as **accommodation, health and well-being and student finance**; speak to the Admissions Team and find out if you may be **eligible for a lower entry offer**; download videos and materials to view after the event. To register go to <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/study/meet/virtual-open-day/>

INVESTIN STEM AND MEDICINE SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

A reminder that InvestIN are holding a series of **virtual and face-to-face STEM and Medicine internships** this summer. There is no application process but you only have until 6th June to register. There is however a cost to take part. With the face-to-face internships you will also have to factor in the cost of accommodation and travel as they are taking place in London. **Bursaries are available for those students that meet certain criteria**. For more information, go to <https://investin.org/collections/stem-summer-internships-ages-15-18>

Mrs Boothroyd

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- Mrs McHugh's Library News

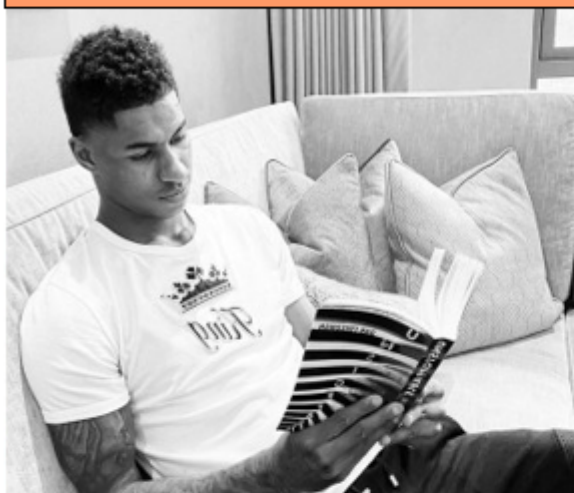


Mrs McHugh's Library News 28 May '21



Hello everyone and welcome to the last edition of Mrs McHugh's Library News before half term!

Fun Fact: Marcus Rashford didn't start enjoying reading until he was 17 years old!



Marcus Rashford Recommends:
Relentless by Tim Grover

About the author: Tim Grover is a personal trainer who has worked with some of the world's greatest athletes, including Kobe Bryant and Michael Jordan.

About the book: *Relentless* is a self-help book and teaches you how to maximise your potential. Its subtitle is 'From Good to Great to Unstoppable.'

You can borrow *Relentless* from EPCHS school library.

Marcus Rashford wants to be unstoppable in all walks of life, not just football – and we want EPCHS students to be this way too!

Quotes from *Relentless* to inspire you in school...

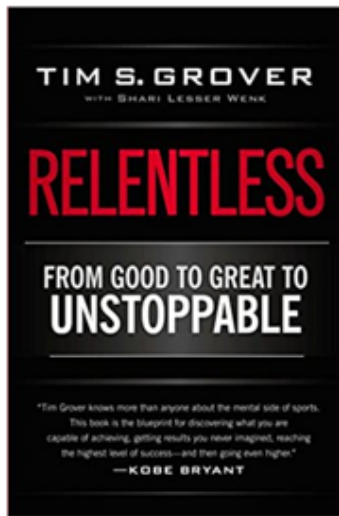
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"Do. The. Work. Every day, you have to do something you don't want to do. Every day. Challenge yourself to be uncomfortable, push past the apathy and laziness and fear."

"In anything you do, it takes no talent to work hard. You just have to want to do it."

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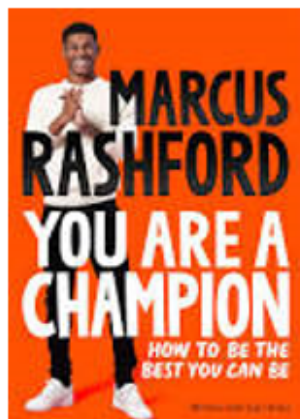
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EPCHS has won a free ticket to an exclusive Marcus Rashford interview and a free copy of his new book, ***YOU ARE A CHAMPION!*** The book will be available to loan after half term.



Tear up the rule book. Find your own lane. You are only in competition with yourself.

Marcus Rashford MBE is recognised worldwide for his journey both on-and-off the pitch – but how did a boy from south Manchester become not only an International footballer but also one of the leading activist voices in the UK?



Hopefully ***you*** will be inspired by Marcus and ***his relentless ambition and desire to always do his best.*** Why not come to the library and choose a book to help you fulfil your potential? My recommendation for this week is *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds.

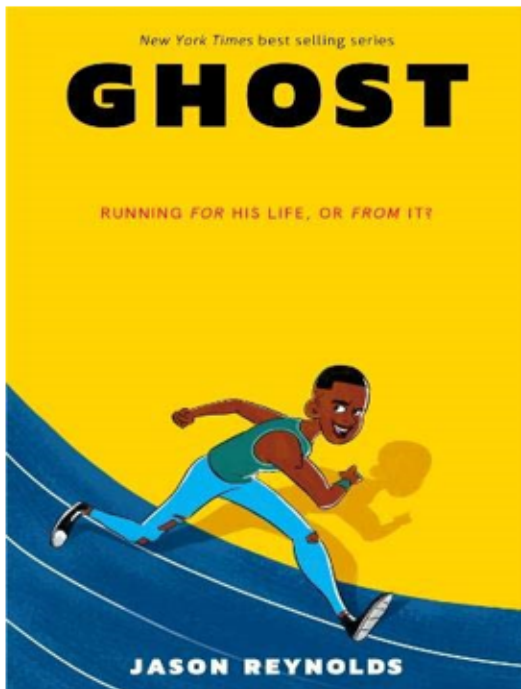
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Fun Fact: *Ghost* was in the top 100 books in America for *The Great American Read* in 2018.

About the book: Running. That's all Ghost has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons – until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medallist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

About the author: Just like Marcus Rashford, Jason Reynolds didn't read his first book cover-to-cover until he was seventeen years old! But in January 2020 he was named the Library of Congress' National Ambassador for Young People's Literature!

Check out this YouTube video of Jason Reynolds reading from the first chapter of *Ghost*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzCBbaRkpr8>

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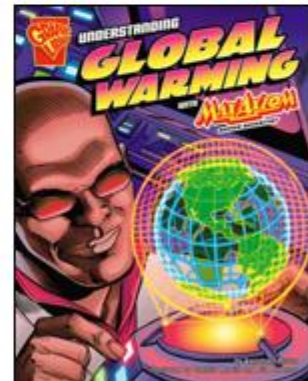
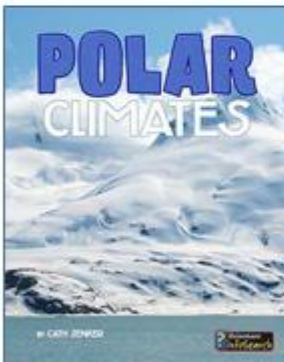
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We have had another busy week in the library and it has been wonderful to see students reading my book recommendations! Watch out for student book reviews in next week's edition of ***Mrs McHugh's Library News***! Why not write a review yourself and **let your friends know the reasons why you would recommend your latest read to them!**

Each week we will be mentioning a new feature in ***Mrs McHugh's Library News***: **Lewis's Amazing Fact**. Lewis is a year 7 student who has been reading extensively with myON. Here's Lewis's fascinating fact for this week:

Glaciers and ice caps hold up to 70% of earth's freshwater!

You can read about glaciers too with myON – why not read these books!



A **huge thank you** goes out from me to **Joanna and Julia** in year 8 who have volunteered in the library this term! They are wonderful library ambassadors!

Mrs McHugh

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- **Covid Local Support Scheme**

The Covid Local Support Scheme was announced nationally in April as a short-term successor to the Winter Grant Scheme to cover the later stages of restrictions being in place, through to 20 June 2021. Although this is an extension of the previous scheme under similar guidance, it has been renamed and is seen as separate to the Winter Grant Scheme, which has now closed.

Cheshire West and Chester Council has received an allocation for the Covid Local Support Scheme. The Council has agreed to allocate each school £20 for each child who is in receipt of benefits related free school meals. Schools are free to decide how they wish to allocate this money, and we will be providing supermarket vouchers to families receiving free school meals. The vouchers will be issued to support families during half-term.

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

All the help available for families can be found on the 'Useful resources and information for the school holidays' webpage on the Council website:

- Visit: [Useful resources and information for the school holidays](#)

Some of the help available includes:

The Welcome Network

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](#)

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The Council Tax Reduction Scheme

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](#)

The Discretionary Housing Payment scheme

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

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

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](#)

Mr Jones

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- Cheshire Mental Health Newsletter



Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust



Welcome back to our Cheshire Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) newsletter. This is our regular update from the local team supporting Cheshire schools and colleges with all things mental wellbeing.

We'd really appreciate you sharing this with your young people, families and wider networks.

If you have any feedback about the newsletter feel free to contact us via cwp.adminmhst@nhs.net

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An update from your local team

There are lots of exciting things going on across our Cheshire MHSTs.

Wave 2 sites (Crewe and Ellesmere Port) are currently supporting a number of schools with the Year 6 transition to High School as well as offering various wellbeing workshops for children, young people and parent/carers. If you'd like to know more or arrange a workshop for your school, please speak to your EMHP.

Wave 3 (Macclesfield) and Wave 4 (Chester / Winsford) sites are pleased to be



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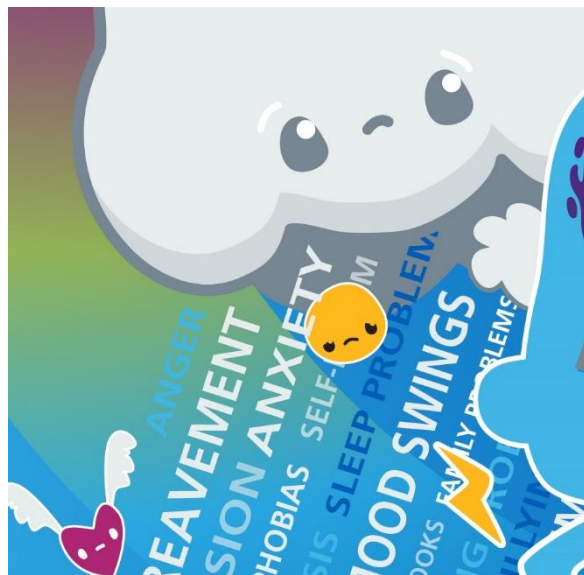
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receiving referrals from their partner schools and to be working with a number of young people and families in the area.

If you would like further information, please contact your local MHST.

Traumatic bereavement resources

Traumatically bereaved children and young people experience significant distress and difficulties, over and above a more typical grief. It may be easily missed or misunderstood, meaning that children's difficulties are not recognised by even the most supportive



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adults
including
parents,
teachers and
bereavement
practitioners.

The UK
Trauma
Council
(UKTC),
hosted and
supported by
the Anna
Freud Centre,
has
collaborated
with leading
bereavement
charities, Child
Bereavement
UK, Winston's
Wish and the
Childhood
Bereavement
Network, to
create a new
portfolio of
resources on
traumatic
bereavement.

Resources are available for professionals,
parents/carers and young people and can be
accessed [here](#).

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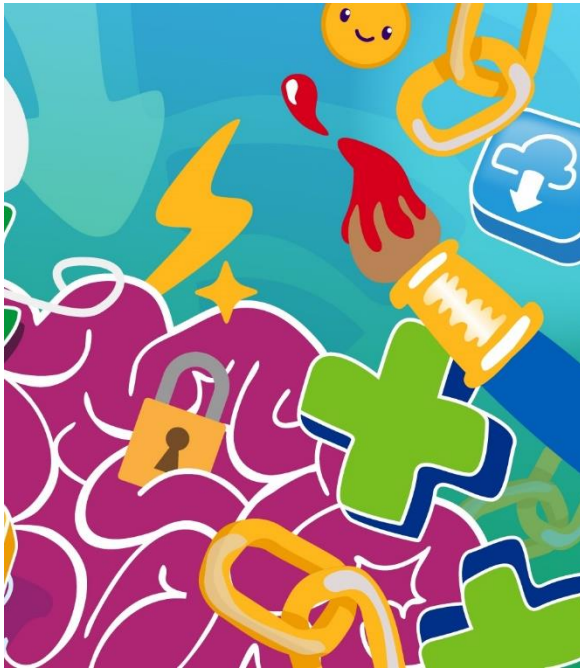
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Horizons

Horizons is an 8 week creative arts course where young people, will be mentored and have the opportunity to work alongside local and national artists. The project has been developed by Convenience Gallery in collaboration with the Open Door Charity.

It's available to young people aged 14-17 across Cheshire and Wirral. The aim is to explore large scale painting and mural techniques and styles. At the end of the 8 weeks young people will have created their own large scale painting and public artwork. There will be a focus on street art, murals and experimental painting.

The course will run from 7th June on Monday evenings between 6-8pm. To find out more please contact:

conveniencegallery@outlook.com

MyMind website and social media

For more information about your local CAMHS service and access to a range of other resources about mental health please click on this link

mymind.org.uk

Our you tube channel and mymind twitter feed can also be accessed by clicking on the icons at the bottom of this newsletter.

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