



# Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

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PARENT BULLETIN

19<sup>th</sup> Apr 2021

***Our Vision...***

Excellent teaching.

***Our Vision...***

Strong Catholic ethos.

***Our Vision...***

Ensuring every child is known.

***Our Vision...***

High expectations of everyone.

***Our Vision...***

Excellent leadership at all levels.

***Our Vision...***

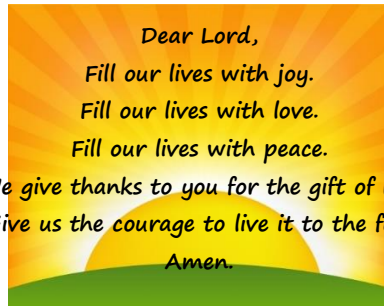
Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

***Our Vision...***

At the heart of the community.

***Our Vision...***

Keeping children safe in education.



## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for all your support throughout this term. We have been impressed by how well our students have behaved in terms of following the Covid-19 guidance and doing their lateral flow tests.

We hope our students and their families have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

*Mrs Vile*

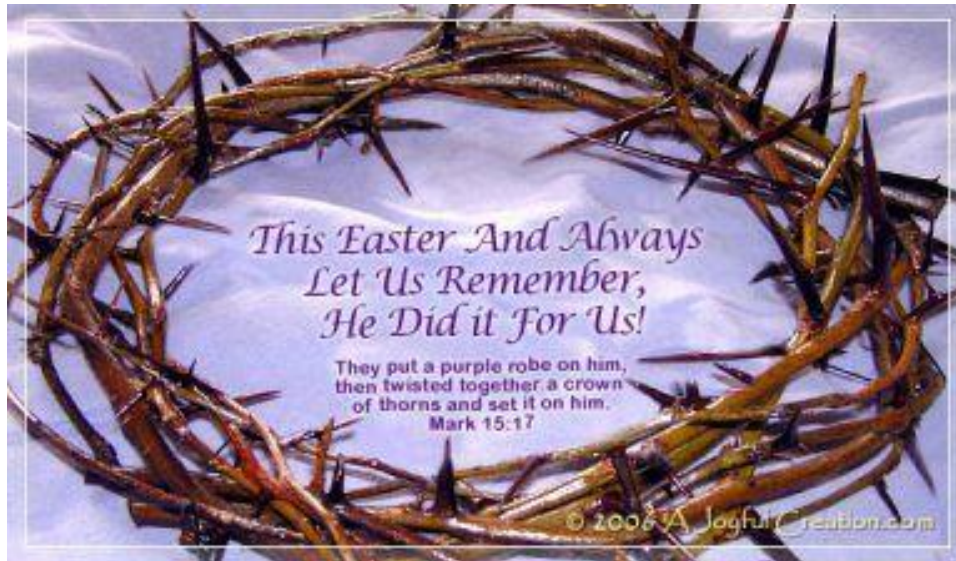
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## Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness  
Transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end  
Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair  
Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death  
Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.



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## Eastering COVID

We have been through deaths  
We have felt the loss of life and of meaning.  
We have remembered the senseless suffering  
Of the cross on calvary.



All this is grist to God's mill  
That makes the bread of our resurrection.  
All our struggles with suffering,  
All our searching for meaning,  
Is caught up into a deeper wisdom,  
Written into a longer story  
And caught up in the trust of a loving God.  
Nothing is wasted.

And so, we struggle and we search  
Knowing that beneath the ashes  
The ripples of resurrection  
Are already breaking through.  
Casting an eternal light  
Into our darkened memories.  
Into our so sad hearts.

But our memories of covid will be eastered  
Into a new and deeper life.  
Belonging: going deeper,  
Compassion: growing stronger,  
Our world: more tolerant,  
Our values: purged of greed.  
Our horizon: widened to eternity.

The risen Jesus is already walking among us  
Inviting us to trust his Father  
And to renew the Spirit.  
So, talk to Him.



David O'Malley Easter 2021

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## Notifications

- Hegarty Maths Leader Board**

Total hours of learning on Hegarty Maths (from 1st January 2021 to 22nd March 2021). Well done. Keep up the good work!!!

*Miss Smith*

Year	7	8	9	10	11
1st place	Antek M	Harshitha LP	Martin S	William M	Maddison L
2nd place	Sofia P	Beth H	Lauren A	Charlene Y	Neha D
3rd place	Stanley K	Molly S	Rhys H	Evie A	Crescent T
4th place	Alfie J	Paul J	Callum P	Jake C	Becky J

- Conway Outward Bound (for current Year 7s)**

We have provided students with the letters for this outward bound residential which will be on the 13th-15th October 2021. Letters can also be found on the school website. Places will be given on a first come first served basis.

*Mr Jones*

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- Catering Services

**Catering Services**  
**Spring Summer Term 2021**

We are expanding our food offer, to ensure that there is a good variety of choices for our students. The food Hubs offer a selection of hot snacks, sandwiches, sweet treats, drinks and fruit. The main dining room, offers a wider selection of food that are nutritionally balanced.

**Meal Deals** – offer the most value for money at £2.50. We offer hot filled panini or breaded chicken fillet, a fruit juice, milkshake or water, plus a cookie, traybake and fruit £2.50

**Our Pre – Order cold offer**, will consist of any filled sandwich, baguette or wrap, sweet treat, cold drink and a piece of fruit for £2.50.

**New Food Offer,**  
Loaded Dirty fries, chilli beef nachos, chicken korma.

We look forward to seeing our students back after Easter. Kind Regards  
Lorraine McDougall  
Catering Manager

This menu is compliant with the school food standards. We encourage pupils to enjoy a healthy balanced diet. We can cater for many special dietary requirements. Please speak to the Catering Manager if you have any questions.

**EAT  
LEARN  
LIVE**

*Miss McDougall*

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- Instrumental Lessons

## EPCHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Research has proven that academic exam success, positive mental health, improved social and employability skills are all enhanced through learning a musical instrument as well as developing a lifelong love of music.



## INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Edsential Music Service offers high quality individual and small group tuition in a range of styles and genres. Standards of tuition are outstanding, and tuition is delivered by highly skilled instrumental tutors. You will have access to the music hubs, bands, orchestra, online music theory tuition. At the end of the school year your tutor will write a report on the progress you have made as a young musician.

**SIGN UP** for lessons follow the steps below:

<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>GO TO THE WEBSITE</b> <a href="https://edsential.com">edsential.com</a></p> <p><a href="https://edsential.com/teaching-and-learning/music/">https://edsential.com/teaching-and-learning/music/</a></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>CLICK ON TO THE MUSIC PORTAL</b></p> <p>Parental Portal for signing up for lessons</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>SIGN UP FOR LESSONS</b></p> <p>You will start lessons on your chosen instrument after Easter holidays.</p>
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**Groups or Solo**  
Lessons are taught in small groups or individually in the music department.



**Learn to play**  
Guitar, woodwind, piano, keyboard, voice, percussions, drums, strings and brass.



**Music Enrichment**  
All pupils who have instrumental lessons have access to music theory tuition and music centre hubs.

*Miss Anglesea*

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- **Easter Testing Arrangements**

Students without symptoms should continue to test themselves twice a week at home during the Easter holidays using the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) home testing kits. Ideally this should be done every Monday and Thursday.

Anyone living in a household with someone who attends or works in a school and does not have symptoms can also access LFD home testing kits. These testing kits are available from community collection points listed in the following link: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> or by ordering for home delivery via [https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests.](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) We would encourage everyone without symptoms to test themselves twice a week.

Any student who develops symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested as soon as possible with a PCR test, not an LFD test. An appointment for a PCR test can be booked via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

### **Easter Test and Trace Arrangements**

Parents/guardians should continue to notify the school if their child develops symptoms of COVID-19, is tested asymptotically (tested when they have not got symptoms) with a PCR or tests positive after a home LFD test in the final week before the Easter break using the following number 07784 672439.

### **Notifying the school if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms after the school closes for Easter**

#### **Notify the school if:**

- Your child develops symptoms, is asymptotically tested (tested when they do not have symptoms) with a PCR or tests positive after a home LFD test up to and including the **3 April 2021** and;
- Your child was in school in the 2 days prior to the symptom on-set (or test if they have been tested but do not have symptoms)

#### **You do not need to notify the school if:**

- Your child has not been in school in the 2 days prior to the symptom on-set (or test if they have been tested but do not have symptoms)

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- Your child develops symptoms or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) **from 4 April 2021**

The national test and trace service will contact you to complete the contact tracing.

### **Returning to school after Easter**

The school does not need to be notified if your child is required to self-isolate during the Easter holidays. If your child is required to isolate after the 18 April 2021 and will not be in school on the 19 April 2021 please call 0151 355 2373 (Attendance) by the 18 April 2021 outlining the reason why they are isolating and the date they will return. We will then review these emails when we re-open on the 19 April 2021.

### **Test and trace arrangements when the school re-opens after Easter**

From the 19 April 2021 onwards the normal test and trace procedures will apply, and parents should contact the school to notify us if their child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive after completing a home LFD testing kit using the following number 0151 355 2373.

### **Summary of COVID notification deadlines**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
Up to the 3 April 2021	Continue to notify the school if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, is tested asymptotically (tested when they have not got symptoms) with a PCR or tests positive after an LFD	07784 672439
From 4 April 2021 until 18 April 2021	<b>Do not</b> notify the school if your child starts with symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested asymptotically (tested when they have not got symptoms)	No contact required
18 April 2021	Notify the school if your child is self-isolating and will not be returning on the 19 April 2021	0151 355 2373 (Attendance)
19 April 2021	Notify the school if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested asymptotically (tested when they have not	0151 355 2373 (Attendance)

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*Mr Jones*

- **Additional Test Kits**

Just a reminder that additional test kits can also be collected from local test sites on gov.uk if your child has been absent and hasn't received a home test kit before the Easter holidays.

- **Online Parents Evenings – School Cloud**

Year 7 – 22<sup>nd</sup> April – opens for bookings today from 5pm

Year 8 – 29<sup>th</sup> April – opens for bookings today from 5pm

Year 10 – 6<sup>th</sup> May – opens on the 19<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm

An email with instructions has gone out today and if you have any issues please contact the school office.

- **Library News**

In the summer 2020, research by the National Literacy Trust found that only 26% of under-18's spent time reading each day – the lowest daily level recorded since the charity first surveyed children's reading habits in 2005.

All the staff at EPCHS understand the fundamental role that reading plays in ensuring good mental health, educational attainment and future life chances. It is particularly encouraging to witness the great reading progress occurring at EPCHS – **our students are bucking this national trend and embracing reading with myON, with a book from the school library or from home.**

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Please continue to support your child with their reading to help ensure that they develop a **lifelong love of reading**. Reading for as little for **20 minutes a day** will help your child develop into a confident and competent reader and help to ensure their future educational success.



### The Easter Read Challenge

We celebrated **reading success** this week with the gift of an Easter egg to our **top readers**. Nine of our most prolific readers were invited to the library to receive their reward and special recognition from Mrs Vile. A huge congratulations to, (the number in brackets represents the words read).

Isabelle Lawrence (**1,917,708**) , Sophie Dover (990,565), Ellis Tomlinson-Scott (179,790), Mateusz Brzozowski (813,221), Sebastian Laskowski (288,816), Nathaniel Wiseman (488,733), Holly Wildman-Andrews (105,050), Bethany Gilfoyle (874,258), Charlie Jones (176,919).



**Another 80+ Easter Eggs were rewarded to students who have shown commitment to reading:**

Kaysi F, Kaden B, Kira Mc, Darcy M, Molly C, Corey D, Esteban I, Stanley K, Conor Mc, Kira Mc, Olivia P, O'Shea S, Ella T, Logan T, Flourish U, Ellie-May C, Evie-Rose D, Elsie M, Rosie P, Reuben K, Przemyslaw N, Tia S, Ruby S, Annie C, Jacob P, Lewis T, Ellis A, Alucia E, Declan K, Errin Mc, Alfie M, Maisie N, Alfie P, Jay S, Sienna T, Tia A, Tyra R, Tia R, Mason S, Connor U, Emily F, Jasmine L, Alexandra S, Millie W, Alexandra R, Ella C, Fred P, Christian S, Imogen CB, Vincent CB, Katie J, Alfie-George D, Madison L, Joel M, Roxy P, Francesca S, Max S, Olivia S, Kaydence Y, Ellis CR, Dannielle J, Ryan L, Casey M, Julia C, Joel C, Adam S, George C,

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*Alfie G, Carmen G, Martyna K, Liam K, Harshitha LP, Travis B, Molly H, Martin S, Reece Dunne, Micheal R, Tiffany A, Ruby M, Jack W.*



**STAR READERS THIS WEEK (a shorter week due to Easter):** *The number in brackets represents the number of words read this week.*

*Kira Mc (43,617), Kaysi F (3,240), Conor Mc (3,164), Bethany N (3,479), Mateusz B (40,084).*

*Kasparas B (5,055), Przemyslaw N (5,055), Max O (5,055), Reuben K (3,272), Nathaniel W (6,595), Holly WA (5,164), Lewis T (8,918), Alfie George D (4,044), Sophie D (87,667), Ellis TS (84,673).*

*Julia C (30,640), Dannielle J (107,796), Liam K (3,931), Ellis CR (3,830), Adam S (3,649).*

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SPECIAL MENTION FOR FRED PARKIN! Over the past few weeks, Fred has been reading his way around the United States of America with myON! Fred has read and successfully quizzed on 9 books on the following states:

Alabama, Florida, Maine, New Jersey, New Hampshire, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Arizona and California! Well done Fred! We may not be able to travel due to the pandemic, but Fred has not let this stop him escaping to the USA with his reading! Well done Fred!

Happy Easter and happy reading to all our parents and students!

- **SIXTH FORM INFORMATION & GUIDANCE**

## **THE PLEDGE: STEM CAREER EVENTS**

The Pledge are hosting the following online STEM events:

**“Using Maths for a great career” on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 5pm**

**“Using Science for a great career” on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm**

You can book onto these events using <https://usingmathscandw.eventbrite.co.uk> and <https://usingsciencecandw.eventbrite.co.uk>

## **THE PLEDGE: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE CAREER EVENTS**

**‘NHS Insight Day’ on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

You can book on using the ‘Jobs Live’ site which will also mean that you are registered for future updates regarding NHS careers. Registration is at <https://jobsliveuk.com/partner/nhs-in-cheshire-and-warrington/>

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### **Adult Social Care Careers Insight Day on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

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

### **THE PLEDGE: BUSINESS SERVICES CAREERS EVENT**

If you are considering a career in Law, Finance, Marketing, HR, Business Development or IT this event is taking place on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 5pm-7pm**

You can book on at Eventbrite:

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

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

### **CAREERS IN NURSING VIRTUAL TASTER DAY**

If you have thought about becoming a Nurse and you want to explore various Nursing career options, this event will help you discover the next steps towards your ideal career. Taking place on **Thursday 22nd April 10am-3pm** for Years 11, 12 and 13. To take part register here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-in-nursing-taster-day-tickets-141001295671>

### **NORTH WEST WORKS 4 U JOBS FAIR**

This FREE online Job Fair event is taking place **Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th April @ 11:00am daily**. It will help you to explore employment options and choices if you are looking for your first job. <https://jobsliveuk.com/north-west-works-4-u-jobs-fair/>

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### **SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS - ARMY OFFICER INSIGHT DAY TO IMPROVE EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS**

'Speakers for Schools' are hosting a virtual work experience event on **12<sup>th</sup> April** where the British Army will provide an insight into selection events for leadership and management roles within their organisation. For more information or to apply go to:

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1236>

### **SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS - VIRTUAL INSIGHT DAY WITH THE ROYAL AIR FORCE**

A career in the Royal Air Force can provide speedy role progression and unrivalled skills and training, all whilst traveling around the World and making friends for life. During the one-day insight, you will have the opportunity to learn about the different careers and pathways available. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have whilst learning how to be part of the team. This is taking place on **27<sup>th</sup> April from 10am - 3pm**. For more information or to register go to

<http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/1295>

*Mrs Boothroyd*

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