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PARENT BULLETIN

21st June 2021

Our Vision...

Strong Catholic ethos.

Our Vision...

Ensuring every child is known.

Our Vision...

High expectations of everyone.

Our Vision... Excellent teaching.

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,

I hope you are all well.

We look forward to our year 11 and 13 leavers' assemblies next week.

On behalf of the school governors and myself, thank you for all your support in these challenging times

Have a lovely weekend.

MrsVíle

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Attendance Update

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE 91.3% (excluding Year 11 and 13)

TOP YEAR GROUPS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

KS3: Year 7 - 94.4%

KS4: Year 10 - 93.6%

BEST FORM WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

KS3: 7 Oscar – 100%

KS4: 10 Andre - 97.5%

FORM WEEKLY ATTENDANCE %

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Year		Year		Year		Year		Year		Year		Year	
7	%	8	%	9	%	10	%	11	%	12	%	13	%
7A	93.5	8A	81.8	9A	87.5	10A	97.5	11A	N/A	12B	93.3	13A	N/A
7B	97.5	8B	90.2	9B	95.1	10B	95.8	11B	N/A	12 K	84.6	13J	N/A
7 J	92.6	8J	92.5	9 J	91.4	10 J	92.9	11J	N/A	120	77	13L	N/A
7K	92.9	8K	94.4	9K	96.1	10K	97.4	11K	N/A				
7M	92.2	8M	90.6	9M	78.6	10M	90	11M	N/A				
7L	91.8	80	93.4	90	91	100	87.1	110	N/A				
70	100	8T	96.4	9T	85.7	10T	96.4	11T	N/A				
7T	94.5												

 A letter to secondary school and college parents in England on continuing regular Covid-19 testing from Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education



Education Secretary Gavin Williamson has today written to secondary school and college parents and guardians in England to talk about the importance of regular testing when it comes to keeping covid out of the classroom.

The Prime Minister announced on 14 June that step 4 of the roadmap would have to be paused for up to four weeks because of the spread of the new variant.

With the increase in cases with variants of concern, it is important to continue regular testing in order to detect cases of coronavirus, stay ahead of the virus and keep covid out of the classroom.

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This means that regular asymptomatic testing for all will continue, and we need you and your children who are in secondary school or college to carry on testing at home, twice a week.

As you know, testing has been playing a vital role in our response to the virus. It is helping to break chains of transmission by identifying asymptomatic positive cases quickly. This means those who test positive can self-isolate, keeping other pupils and students in face-to-face education. Reporting all test results, positive or negative, helps the health experts have a clearer picture of any potential outbreaks in different parts of the country.

I want to thank you all for your efforts so far. I know that this has been an enormously challenging time for families, who have faced many pressures over the past 18 months. Your continued support in helping us fight the virus has been vital.

Secondary pupils and college students, households and their bubbles, along with school and college staff have now completed more than 50 million tests since these were introduced back in January. That really is an incredible number and we need you to continue your efforts.

It is wonderful to see so many children back in school and through your actions we can work together to keep everyone safe ensuring we can also keep your children in school with their friends.

Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP Secretary of State for Education



• Mrs McHugh's Library News

Mrs McHugh's Library News - 18 June 2021

Hello everyone, and welcome to this week's edition of Mrs McHugh's Library News!



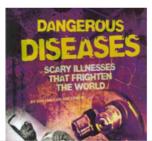
You may have heard last week that The Queen awarded CBE's (Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) to people who have achieved great accomplishments in their line of work. I thought it would be *inspirational to tell you* about a local recipient of the award, Professor Tom Solomon. Tom works at the *University of Liverpool* and has been awarded the CBE due to his services to neurological and emerging infections research, including during the COVID-19 response.

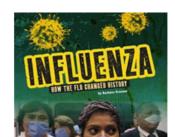
If **you** want to find out more about Tom's amazing work, check the link below.

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/mar/14/meet-the-man-leading-britains-fight-against-ebola

Hopefully, Tom Solomon will inspire **you** to consider studying science at university. Biomedical Research courses are available at universities such as Oxford, Imperial College London or at schools of Tropical Medicine in London or Liverpool. **You** too could be **part of a team working on ground-breaking research projects** to help stop the spread of infectious diseases worldwide. Check out some reading on myON!









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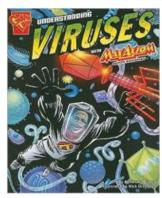














We know that reading for pleasure is important too! Check out these book reviews by fellow students at EPCHS.



'You'd always expect a kingdom in a fantasy novel, but this book takes place in somewhere people wouldn't dare to step foot in.

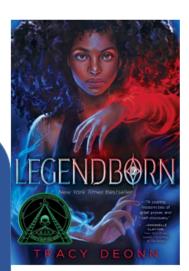
Leigh Bardugo's Grishaverse has expanded through multiple books and by far, the Six of Crows is one of my favourites! From the first chapters, the book immediately hooked me in. There is so much exciting tension and loveable characters. Her work is truly amazing and well written, making me want to learn more and even live in that universe!

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a mix of fantasy and crime, someone who would enjoy the thrill of a heist. Or just anyone who had the misfortune to listen to me ramble about this incredible book.' Arnee, (Year 8)

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'This book is a thrilling YA read which is fast paced and contains lots of action. It combines the historic mystery and magic of Arthur with a modern twist - you definitely will not be able to put it down. This book is about a young black girl who loses her mother, before going to college and embarking on a journey of self-discovery. There she uncovers the true reason of her mother's death by visiting the past, whilst making a few friends and finding herself along the way. This enticing book entwines magic and friendship, as well as the being incredibly inclusive with diverse characters and including the struggles that many minorities face. This is the first book of the series and ends on a major cliff-hanger which is quite frustrating but the thrill of the book completely makes up for it. This book is absolutely amazing and I would rate it a 9.5/10.' Angel (Year 10)



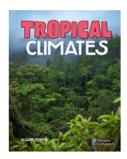


Lewis's Amazing Fact of the Week!

'In the Andes Mountains, scientists have noticed that trees are migrated up the slope when they reproduce to escape warming temperatures. They are moving about 8-12 feet (2.5-3.5m) upward each year. Plants themselves are trying to outrun climate change!'

Why not find out some more fascinating facts about Tropical Climates and the important role they play by reading, Tropical climates with myON!





The climate in a region affects all aspects of life. This book looks at tropical climates. It explores the characteristics of the land and weather in regions with tropical climates, and how plants, animals, and people have adapted to life in tropical regions. The effects of climate change and other developments are also covered.



Word Count - Super Stars - 11/06/21- 17/06/2021



Aleksandra O, Arnee P, Ellis T-C, Kaysi F, Logan W, Daniel W-B, Matas Z, Alex R, Sofia P, Oliver F,

Max O, Przemysław N, Daisy-May A, Madison L, Liberty J, Michael R.

Quiz - Super Stars - 11/06/21- 17/06/2021

India-Mae F, Alfie-George D, Lucy H, Scarlett B, Leah K.

• SIXTH FORM INFORMATION, GUIDANCE AND ADVICE

UCAS/DISCOVERY WEEK: 22nd – 26th JUNE

UCAS are holding their 'Discovery Week' with live events and information about university, apprenticeships and careers. There will be over 100 universities, colleges and employers taking part. The itinerary will include:

Live application clinics and personal statement workshops

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- Course taster sessions and virtual tours
- University 'life' stories and student Q&As
- Apprentices talking about 'apprenticeships'
- Careers of the future
- Student finance made easy
- Student accommodation.

For more information and to register, go https://www.ucas.com/events/ucasdiscovery-week-393976

UNIFROG – FREE WEBINARS IN JUNE

For those Y12s considering university after school, Unifrog are hosting a series of **free webinars** this month which may be of interest to you. Please see the schedule below. For more information and to register for these webinars, please go to: www.unifrog.org/student/webinars

WEBINAR	DATE	TIME
Finalising your decisions (about where to study)	21 st June	5.00pm
Applying to the Arts (Art and Design)	21 st June	6.00pm
Personal Statement writing	22 nd June	5.00pm
Applying to Oxbridge	22 nd June	6.00pm
Applying to Medicine	23 rd June	5.00pm
Applying to selective universities	23 rd June	6.00pm
Applying to Law	24 th June	5.00pm
Applying to Engineering	24 th June	6.00pm

NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY – PARENT AND CARER EVENING – 30th JUNE – 6PM

Northumbria University are holding a virtual 'Parent and Carer Evening' for Parents and Carers of students in Sixth Form. Pre-recorded content will be available from 23rd June. There will be a live Q&A with staff from their Student Recruitment, Accommodation, Applicant Services and Security teams on Wednesday 30th June, 6pm-6.45pm. To register, please go to https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/information-for-schools-and-colleges/parents-and-carers/

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MEDICAL PROJECTS – WARD ROUND LIVE – MEDICAL WORK EXPERIENCE - 15th JULY – 10am-4.30pm

'Ward Round Live' is a virtual work experience day where, with the use of live streaming in a simulated hospital ward, you will be able to speak to patients, learn from NHS Doctors and experience a wide range of medical cases. Please note there is a cost to take part in this work experience day. For more information please go to www.educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/ward-round-live/

'STARTING WELL' DROP IN SESSIONS: SUPPORT WITH PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH

'Starting Well' offer confidential care and support for young people aged between 11-19, in relation to anything that might be worrying them regarding any aspect of their physical and emotional health. For more information about their drop in sessions, please go to https://www.startingwell.org.uk/topics/support-and-advice/drop-in-sessions/



Cheshire Mental Health Support Teams Newsletter





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

The Crewe MHST have recently been supporting the Cheshire East Wellbeing for Education Recovery to deliver staff wellbeing sessions within schools and have enjoyed meeting new faces from within our MHST schools. Additionally, we are also now half way through delivering the transition project for year 6 children in a small number of schools.

Wave 3 (Macclesfield) are working really hard developing links with schools. The EMHPs are enjoying forming new relationships and receiving our initial referral's from school staff. We are starting to offer consultation appointments, which we are hoping will strengthen these relationships and provide an additional source of support to families.

Ellesmere Port, Chester and Winsford are all working well with their schools and looking forward to continuing to develop their offer over the coming weeks.



If you have any questions regarding the MHSTs, please speak to your local team or email $\underline{\text{cwp.cheshiremhstadmin@nhs.net}}$

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Pride Month

In celebration of Pride Month, the Anna Freud Centre have produced a series of resources for teaching children and adolescents about gender understanding differences.

The resources include a lesson plan for LGBTQ+ history for both primary and post-16, as well as a worksheet to encourage children to celebrate themselves and what makes them unique.

Mentally Healthy Schools LGBTQ+ lesson plans

Something to watch:

Children's yoga

Children's mental and physical health has never been such a big part of our general discourse. Encouraging and teaching children different ways to look after themselves has life-long benefits. Childline has set up a Calm Zone web page with various methods for helping children with their mental health, including yoga videos which helps with both physical and mental health:

Calm zone | Childline



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Mental Health Lead Training

The Anna Freud Centre are offering Mental Health Lead training to senior education leaders and designated mental health leads to build a sustainable Whole School Approach to mental health. The course focuses on preventing mental health needs, supporting early interventions and developing relationships with external agencies.

This 2-day course can be booked from September.

To register your interest you can email: SMHL.Training@annafreud.org Alternatively visit: the Anna Freud website

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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