

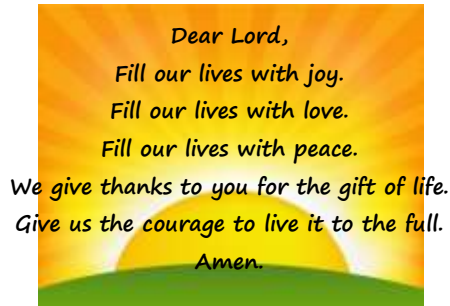


**Our Vision...**  
Excellent teaching.

**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.



## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

By the end of today all students will have been tested in school 3 times and will move to home testing. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March is National Day of Reflection. We will mark this as a school by holding a 1 minute silence at 12pm to pause and reflect. Our School Chaplains will be preparing a reflection for students.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and take care.

*Mrs Vile*

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### Notifications

- **6<sup>th</sup> Form**

Ellesmere Port Catholic High School strives to support the needs of each of its students and encourage the development of individual skills and talents. The school's approach aims to develop the whole person and successfully equip each student for the challenges of life.

On Thursday 25th March there is a 6th form parents evening. Due to current COVID restrictions these meetings will take place online. Time slots with each subject area can be booked on Arbor and instructions have been sent via email to all parents/guardians on how to do this. The meetings themselves will take place over Zoom and each department will post their individual link.

We hope you will have an enjoyable and informative evening.

*Mrs Henderson*

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- **Parents Evenings**

**Year 11** – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. The booking will open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 12pm and close on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. School Cloud is being used for this and parents will receive instructions on how to book.

**Year 12 & 13** – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Bookings open now and close on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. Bookings are being made via the Arbor Parent App and meetings will be held on Zoom – parents will be provided links closer to the time.

- **Arbor**

**Next Monday 22nd March 2021, Arbor will be switching their SMS provider.** This is following issues with Virgin, Tesco, GiffGaff and Sky mobile accounts not being able to reply to SMS sent through Arbor.

This means that a new bank of numbers will replace the current numbers you use to send SMS messages from via Arbor.

**From Monday please do not reply to any messages stored in your phone prior to Monday 22nd March as this will not be received.**



**Please download the Arbor Parent App. You can access your child's timetable, update contact details, inform us of a change in address or update any medical issues we should be aware of. Attendance and behaviour marks can also be viewed.**

**The first time you log in needs to be on the main website, to read and agree to terms and conditions, after that you can access the App on your mobile.**

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Report Cards are going out today via email and the Parent App for students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12. Please contact [l.hughes@epchs.co.uk](mailto:l.hughes@epchs.co.uk) or [admin@epchs.co.uk](mailto:admin@epchs.co.uk) if you have any questions concerning the reports.

*Mrs Hughes*

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- **Uniform**

As a school community we are aware uniform and the replacement of uniform may be a sensitive issue for some families currently. We are also aware that replacing uniform is difficult due to limited access to shops where uniform can be purchased from. Harvey and Tilly's, the suppliers of EPCHS uniform are operating a booking system for appointment. If your child does not have the correct uniform, please send in a letter to your child's Form Tutor so we are aware and this will help limit the challenges from staff that your child will face.

Many thanks,

*Mrs Jones*

- **Update to guidance for parents**

The Department for Education has updated their guidance on [what parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](#).

The guidance now includes information on returning to boarding school from overseas, including arrangements for pupils to quarantine on arrival in the UK. It also provides additional information to support parents considering elective home education for their child.

They have also published a collection of [guidance providing information for parents and carers](#) of children attending early years settings, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This collection brings together information and guidance for parents on:

- essential information for the spring term
- coronavirus (COVID-19) testing

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- clubs and out-of-school settings
- home schooling and remote education
- support for children and young people

*Mr C Jones*

- **How to do a COVID-19 Self-Test (rapid antigen test)**

The video link below shows you how to test yourself for coronavirus (COVID-19) using a self-test rapid antigen test kit, as well as how to read your result and report it to the NHS. Actual test kits may vary slightly from the version used here, so please always check the instruction leaflet in your kit.

<https://youtu.be/S9XR8RZxKNo>

- **Message from Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group; Safety of Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine**

The World Health Organisation and European Medicines Agency both say there is no indication of a link between the vaccine and reports of blood clots.

In a statement, Dr Phil Bryan, MHRA Vaccines Safety Lead, said: "Vaccine safety is of paramount importance and we continually monitor the safety of vaccines to ensure that the benefits outweigh any potential risks. It has not been confirmed that the report of a blood clot, in Denmark, was caused by the COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca. The Danish, Norwegian and Icelandic authorities' action to temporarily suspend use of the vaccine is precautionary whilst they investigate. Blood clots can occur naturally and are not uncommon.

"More than 11 million doses of the COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca vaccine have now been administered across the UK. Reports of blood clots received so far are not greater than the number that would have occurred naturally in the vaccinated population. The safety of the public will always come first. We are keeping this issue under close review but available evidence does not confirm that the vaccine is the cause. People should still go and get their COVID-19 vaccine when asked to do so."

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A further statement from AstraZeneca provides additional detail including: “A careful review of all available safety data of more than 17 million people vaccinated in the European Union (EU) and UK with COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca has shown no evidence of an increased risk of pulmonary embolism, deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or thrombocytopenia, in any defined age group, gender, batch or in any particular country.

“So far across the EU and UK, there have been 15 events of DVT and 22 events of pulmonary embolism reported among those given the vaccine, based on the number of cases the company has received as of 8 March. This is much lower than would be expected to occur naturally in a general population of this size and is similar across other licensed COVID-19 vaccines.”

**Dr Fil Bianco, Coronavirus Vaccination Programme Clinical Lead at the Ellesmere Port vaccination centre provides a reassuring message about the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.**

“The World Health Organisation and European Medicines Agency both say there is no indication of a link between the vaccine and reports of blood clots.”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR1IQzXWgdcORmOXd9NkQI2-x2du-z3TBF\\_wCiOQA6nDslmxsSrGYkvkl&v=cnHq167lx8w&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR1IQzXWgdcORmOXd9NkQI2-x2du-z3TBF_wCiOQA6nDslmxsSrGYkvkl&v=cnHq167lx8w&feature=youtu.be)

- **Mrs McHugh’s Library News**

***Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child’s future success*** – more than their family circumstances, their parents’ educational background or their income.

**All the staff at EPCHS understand the fundamental role reading plays in terms of well-being, educational attainment and future life chances. We want to see *all* our students develop a *life-long habit of reading for pleasure* and recognise the improved life chances this brings.**

Please continue to support your child with reading. ***To support a love of reading*** students **across all year groups can read for FREE with myON**. Students can borrow books from the

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school library too. A wide selection of fiction and non-fiction is available. Please encourage your child to use the library in school as well as their local library in town.

Congratulations to our STAR Readers this week! The following students have read and successfully quizzed on a book or books this week! The number in brackets represents the number of words students have **read this week!**

Sophie Dover (184,976 words)  
Mateusz Brzozowski (178,295 words)  
Imogen Collins-Bell (160,526 words)  
Dannielle Jones (99,750 words)  
Isabelle Lawrence (89,457 words)  
Logan Wilson (80243 words)  
Nathaniel Wiseman (67,123 words)  
Sofia Patnett (30,285 words)  
Francesca Saville(21,247 words)  
Reuben Keenan (20,165 words)  
Matas Zidonis (5,831)  
Micheal Roberts (5,278 words)

*Mrs McHugh*

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- **SIXTH FORM INFORMATION & GUIDANCE**

## **WHAT CAREER LIVE AND WHAT UNIVERSITY LIVE – 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - FREE VIRTUAL EVENT**



'What Career Live' and 'What University Live' is a virtual event taking place on **19th March (10am-5pm) and 20th March (11am-3pm)**. It will give students the opportunity to listen to and speak to universities and companies in real time, get expert advice and benefit from 1-to-1 support to help kick start their futures. There will be talks from universities and companies (both real time and on demand), workshops, a CV clinic, a US university zone, a creative hub, a parent's lounge, a careers advice lounge, a disability support hub and a 'Buskers Corner' where you can listen to and watch performances by students from the Access Creative College. This event is **free but tickets need to be booked in advance**.

To do this and for more information go to [Virtual Event - 19 & 20 March 2021 | What Next? \(whatcareerlive.co.uk\)](https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk)

### **YOUTHFED WORKSHOPS**

YouthFed are running some **FREE** workshops for young people aged 17-19. As follows:

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### **Accredited first aid in the workplace:**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 4:00pm – 5:30pm.** Students need to attend both sessions.

### **Access to employability:**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 4:00 – 5:00pm**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 4:00 – 5:00pm**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 4:00 – 5:00pm**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 4:00 – 5:00pm**

This is a 4-week course offering guidance on employability skills, CVs, transferable skills and more.

To access this training students will need to use the following link to register their interest:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=S9yt5Ou1IEWrWPO81RWpikCdKak9hh9GtKk-b8U8Q\\_NUOUUyWUVSOFBBRDI0Tkk1NDIDWEpiQUE0US4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=S9yt5Ou1IEWrWPO81RWpikCdKak9hh9GtKk-b8U8Q_NUOUUyWUVSOFBBRDI0Tkk1NDIDWEpiQUE0US4u)

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