



Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

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PARENT BULLETIN

4th Oct 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...

Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

Our Vision...

At the heart of the community.

Our Vision...

Keeping children safe in education.

Our Vision...

Excellent leadership at all levels.



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Just a polite reminder that Friday 8th October is INSET Day.

Also, we advertised earlier in the week for two parent governors on our governing board. We encourage parents (or people with parental responsibility) of registered students at the school to nominate themselves to fill these places, or for anyone to nominate another parent to do so (please see prior consent if this is the case). For further details, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support, have a lovely weekend and take care.

Mrs Vile

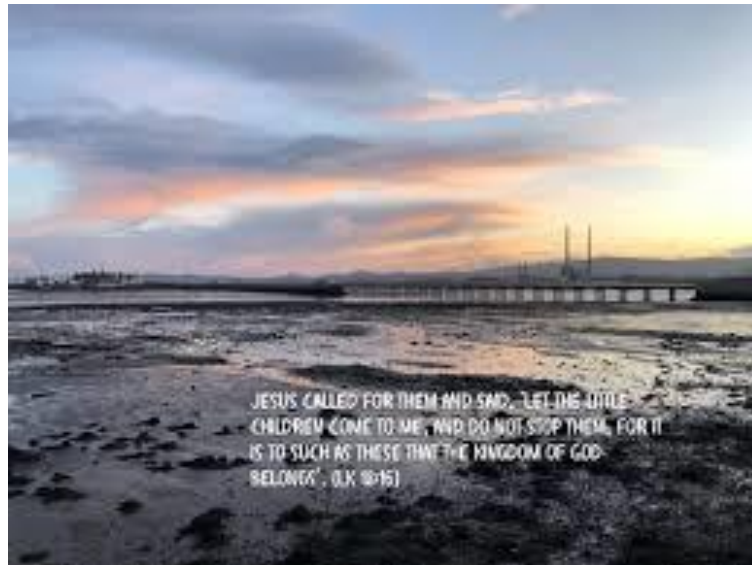
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Your Best

If you always try your best
Then you'll never have to wonder
About what you could have done
If you'd summoned all your thunder.

And if your best
Was not as good
As you hoped it would be,
You still could say,
"I gave today
All that I had in me."

From "Suzie Bitner Was Afraid of the Drain"
by Barbara Vance

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Notifications

- **Year 7 Conwy Trip**

This is taking place 21st to 23rd March 2022. Letters can be found on the school website if you wish for your child to go.

Mr C Jones

- **Ellesmere Port and Chester Virtual Careers & Education EXPO**

We are excited to announce the 'Ellesmere Port and Chester Virtual Careers & Education EXPO' organised by [The Pledge Partnership for Cheshire & Warrington](#) on Tuesday 5th October 6pm – 7.30pm. This event is free and open to all within Ellesmere Port, Chester, Neston and Helsby, especially those in Year 10 – Year 13 including parents/carers. The purpose of this event is to enable students to explore ideas of what subjects to study, careers to pursue, connect with businesses and understand educational pathways and opportunities.

For now, we are not sure if we will be able to host traditional careers fairs, so this is a great chance to get the same information. The event will be hosted on Learn Live, an online platform. Students will watch a series of videos from employers and local colleges and take part in our Live Chat function which is fully moderated, allowing them to ask questions safely and directly to employers and education providers during the live event.

We ask that all young people and parents register prior to the event so take part and for more information please visit:

<https://learnliveuk.com/ellesmere-port-and-chester-pledge-virtual-expo/>

For more information or for your company to be involved with the Pledge.

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- Mrs McHugh's Library News



Mrs McHugh's Library News



1/10/21

A warm welcome to our new library users in year 7! It's been wonderful to see so many of our **Year 7 students** enthusiastically choosing books and starting their reading journey with EPCHS. We already have some students who've read and successfully quizzed on their books and started banking words! Congratulations to:



Rosalie J, Ava McM, Aussie S, Isabelle S, Favour I, Susan H, Ashling P, Katelyn S, Ellie B, Chloe C.

Our **Year 8 students** have embraced their love of reading too! Students have eagerly started reading and banking words, so congratulations to:



Ellis A, Mat B, Molly C, Megan H, Keira J, Declan K, Alfie M, Flourish U, Bethany G, Rosie P, Ruby S, Kaysi F, Olivia P, Anna C, Millie H, Max TM, Sebastian L, Katie J, Alicia P.

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A huge congratulations to students in Years 9 and 10 who are continuing to read for pleasure and who have banked impressive word counts on Accelerated Reader:

Year 9 students: Sophie D **265,123**, Kaydence Y **54,822**, Christian S **30,820**

Year 10: George B **831,633** words banked!

Reading is so important and is the gateway to success in all subjects. Reading also helps you to discover and develop your own interests and talents! The more you read, the **more facts and information** you will acquire and it will help you **to build a wide and rich vocabulary**.

Reading fiction **helps to improve your comprehension** which is so important in all areas of study and will help you enormously in your exams!

As you read, you'll become **more confident and articulate**. You'll improve your self-esteem and promote your wellbeing.

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So with all this in mind, why not come to your school library and lose yourself in the plot of a great story! Reading your chosen book is **guaranteed to reduce your stress levels and release tension**, and reading for just 10 minutes before bedtime has been shown to help with a good night's sleep.

If you're in year 9 or above and would like to test your comprehension of the books you're reading with an Accelerated Reader account, just come along to the library and ask for your name to be added onto the system! It's a great way to challenge yourself!

Reading and Empathy

It's always wonderful witnessing the empathy that our students show each other on a daily basis at EPCHS. With this in mind, we can use reading to further develop our sense of empathy and build a better world for us all. So why not read one of these amazing books and ensure you're part of the most empathic generation of global citizens! These books come highly recommended, I loved them and I'm sure you will too! There's something here for all reading abilities and ages.



Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enrol him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of colour in his entire grade.

As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighbourhood friends and staying true to himself?

Accelerated Reader: Middle Years, Book Level 2.9



Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) 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. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

Accelerated Reader: Middle Years, Book Level 4.6

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I'm going to tell you the word that ruins my entire life: BIG. Because my name is Jemima Small. But I am exactly the opposite.

Jemima Small is funny and super smart. She knows a lot of things. Like the fact that she's made of 206 bones, over 600 muscles and trillions of cells. What she doesn't know is how that can be true and yet she can still feel like nothing... Or how being made to join the school's "special" healthy lifestyle group - A.K.A Fat Club - could feel any less special.

But Jemima also knows that the biggest stars in the universe are the brightest. And maybe it's her time to shine...

Accelerated Reader: Middle Years + Book Level 4.8



When Allison runs away from home she doesn't expect to be taken in by Marla, an elderly woman with dementia, who mistakes her for an old friend called Toffee. Allison is used to hiding who she really is, and trying to be what other people want her to be. And so, Toffee is who she becomes. But as her bond with Marla grows, Allison begins to ask herself -where is home? What is a family? And most importantly, who am I, really?

Accelerated Reader: Upper Years, Book Level 4.0

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These books are just a small selection of amazing books that you can find in your library at EPCHS. Why not come along and choose a book for yourself. Reading can help you to tackle life's challenges and most importantly, give you hope for a better future!

Happy reading to staff, parents and pupils alike!



- **SIXTH FORM INFORMATION & GUIDANCE**

**Physiotherapy awareness day at the Countess of Chester Hospital – 22nd October:
9am-3pm**

If you are interested in a career in Physiotherapy, the Countess of Chester Hospital are hosting an awareness day on 22nd October, 9am-3pm. There is a £10 charge to attend this event. Places are limited and on a 'first come first serve' basis. A booking form has been uploaded to the Year 12 and Year 13 Teams.

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Have you considered a career in Physiotherapy?

Do you get
on well with
people?

Are you a good
communicator?

Do you
recognise
people's
strengths?

Do you like
solving
problems?

Are you
practical?

Do you like
working in
a team?

Do you want
to make a
difference to
people's
lives?



The Countess of
Chester Hospital is
holding a
Physiotherapy
Awareness Day on
the:

22nd October 2021
09:00 - 15:00

Come along to find
out more about the
services we provide.

Contact 01244 364090 for
more information.



Ward Round Live – Virtual Hospital Work Experience

'Medical Projects' are again hosting 'Ward Round Live' where you can experience virtual hospital work. This is for students **15 years and over**, who may be aspiring

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Medics and Healthcare workers. It is a great way for students to get interactive work experience if they are considering study or a career in the Medical and Healthcare sectors.

These events are taking place on **Saturday 16th October and Sunday 7th November, 10am-4pm.**

Please note that there is a charge for this course.

For more information or to register, please go to <https://educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/ward-round-live/>

Receive a lower conditional offer to study at Newcastle University via the PARTNERS Programme

The **Partners Programme** is run by **Newcastle University** and is one of the most well established supported entry routes to Higher Education of its kind. Over 6,500 students have studied at Newcastle University via the Partners Programme. It offers a range of support and opportunities to help you make a successful application to Newcastle University. Through the Partners Programme, you could:

- receive a **lower conditional offer** to Newcastle University
- attend the PARTNERS Academic Summer School
- develop skills necessary to be a successful student
- meet other students and increase your confidence
- receive support through the application process, on results day and after entering the university.

If applicants are successful in receiving a PARTNERS offer for their chosen course, they must complete the **PARTNERS Academic Summer School (PASS)**. The dates of the event are dependent upon several variable factors, including the ongoing public health situation, exam timetables and academic semesters. However, the event is likely to take place during **27 June – 8 July 2022**.

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As soon as Newcastle University are in a position to confirm the exact dates of PASS 2022, they will notify applicants via email. This information will also be confirmed on their website at the earliest opportunity.

For more information, please go to: <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/partners/>

InvestIn – Autumn career experience programmes

These programmes are delivered live or online. The sessions, run by experienced professionals, will be interactive and hands on. You can choose from 28 careers.

Please note that places are limited and there is a charge for them. For more information, please go to <https://investin.org/pages/choose-your-career>

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