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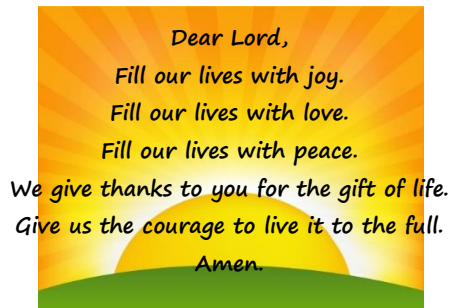
11th Oct 2021

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,

I would firstly like to say how impressed we were with the behaviour of our students during our practice fire drill which took place on Thursday.

There are a number of exciting things happening across school next week including MP Justin Madders coming in on Monday to be interviewed by some of our Year 10 and 11 students, and our Year 8 Conwy Residential trip Wednesday to Friday.

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

Mrs Vile

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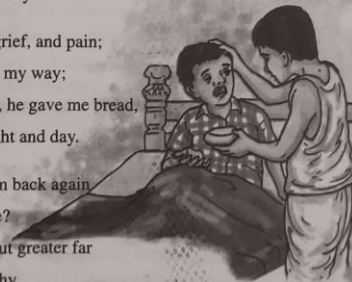
SYMPATHY BY CHARLES MACKAY

I lay in sorrow, deep distressed;
My grief a proud man heard;
His looks were cold, he gave me gold;
But not a kindly word.

My sorrow passed - I paid him back
The gold he gave to me;
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks
And blessed his charity.

I lay in want, and grief, and pain;
A poor man passed my way;
He bound my head, he gave me bread,
He watched me night and day.

How shall I pay him back again
For all he did to me?
Oh, gold is great, but greater far
Is heavenly sympathy.



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Notifications

- **Year 7 settling in meetings**

Year 7 settling in meetings will be held on Thursday 21st October. You will be able to book an online meeting with an assigned member of our teaching staff or leadership team to discuss how your child has settled into year 7. Bookings will open at 9am on Thursday 14th and will close at 9am on the 21st.

Full details on how to book will be sent out via email next week.

Mrs Hughes

- **Oxford University – “Physics related topics”**

Oxford University are offering a place for students in years 10, 12, and 13 to attend Physics and mentoring courses within Physics related topics. This is a great opportunity for them to access and be able to demonstrate their understanding of the physical world that we live in today. The below link takes them to the clubs and tutorials that are being advertised at Oxford University.

<https://www.physics.ox.ac.uk/engage/schools/secondary-schools/projects-and-mentoring>

I hope that some of our students will be interested enough to have a go and to develop their knowledge even further!

Mr Hickman

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- SAM Learning



Dear parent/guardian

Tasks & Homework with SAM Learning

We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that tasks, like homework, can now be set using SAM Learning. Students are able to access tasks assigned to them via their SAM Learning account by clicking on the 'My Set Tasks' tab. This tab shows when the task (and related activities) is due to be completed, if it has not been completed and also if it is overdue.

All completed activities are either computer or self marked, depending on the type of activity. Instant feedback is provided screen-by-screen and total points/scores earned are reported at the end of the activity. Additionally, students, parents and guardians can track progress through the student's account by clicking on the 'My Progress' tab. All staff receive a report on the tasks assigned and have access to detailed report information through their teacher or administrator account. Students are also able to re-visit activities at any time to improve on their last score.

Access details

Students are able to access SAM Learning anytime, anywhere – from school, at home, in the library, at a community centre, or right from their smartphone. All they need to do is visit the website and enter their unique login details.

Website address: www.samlearning.com

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Centre ID:	CH65EP
User ID:	Date of birth followed by two initials: first name then last name. Example: 010800DJ is the User ID for David Jones born 1st Aug 2000.
Password:	Initially same as the User ID, Learners are encouraged to change this to something difficult to guess.

It is advised that students keep a record of the access details in their planner.

We would encourage all parents and guardians to access accounts with their child so they can give you a tour of the features and show you some of the work they are doing. We hope that your child is able to take full advantage of SAM Learning and thank you in advance for supporting the initiative. If you would like any further information please feel free to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr M Cavanagh
Assistant Headteacher Implementation**

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- SIXTH FORM INFORMATION & GUIDANCE

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

Have you considered a career in Physiotherapy?

Do you get on well with people?
Are you a good communicator?
Do you like solving problems?
Do you recognise people's strengths?
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.

CHARTERED SOCIETY OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

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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Medical Work Experience Week - 24th to 30th October – London

- Organised by 'Medical Projects', this work experience week will give you the opportunity to gain insight into the profession of Medicine, ready for personal statement writing and interviews. It will take place in London and include:
- NHS Doctor & medical student teaching.
- A & E hands-on simulations using Medical Manikins.
- Simulations to develop skills for medical school e.g. teamwork / communication skills / decision making / working under pressure.
- Practical clinical skills i.e. cannulation / taking blood.
- Application advice for Personal statements, entrance examinations, medical school insight.
- Mock MMI Interviews with personal feedback.
- Accommodation with breakfast and dinner in London

They have spaces on their October work experience week, taking place from 24th-30th October.

Please note that you have to pay to attend.

For more information, please go to <https://educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/uk-medical-work-experience-course/>

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 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.**

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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**.

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/>

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- Cheshire Mental Health Support Teams 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.

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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

An update from your local team

We hope that you are all settling back into the new term and staying safe and well. It has been good to be back in our partner schools where we continue to offer consultations, groups and training as well as direct work.

As you may be aware, World Mental Health Day is on 10th October, with the theme of mental health in an unequal world. We are delighted to be offering assemblies and staff training in some of our schools during the weeks surrounding 10th October and look forward to further reducing the stigma surrounding mental health. If you would like to arrange an assembly or training, please speak to your local MHST.



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Helping Young People to Move on from School or College

Time to Talk Next Steps has been set up to support young people aged 16-25 years, who have additional needs and are struggling with confidence and motivation. The aim is to provide support to make plans for the future, post COVID 19.

The team of experienced staff have good knowledge of education, employment, social care and health systems, and can provide tailored support. Young people can access peer support, online one to one sessions.

For more information and to make a request for support go to [Time to Talk Next Steps - NDTi](#)

DfE funded senior mental health lead training

You can now book a Department for Education-funded place on the Anna Freud NCCF Senior Mental Health Lead training. The DfE have guaranteed to reserve a grant for those eligible schools and colleges who book before the grant application process is available.

Senior mental health lead training is a major training initiative that combines the expertise of Anna Freud Centre



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course leaders with a valuable, engaging community of practice, to support senior mental health leads in building a sustainable, whole school approach.

For more information, and how to apply click [here](#).



Helping Young People in Crisis

Health Education England and Healthy Teen Minds are working together to help individuals develop their confidence, knowledge and skills when supporting young people in a mental health crisis. **Crisis Tools** is relevant to anyone who may find themselves supporting a young person in crisis, including health and care professionals, teachers or any other professionals, parents and carers.

The Crisis Tools website features a resource sharing hub and bite-sized learning guides aimed at improving your knowledge and understanding of young peoples experiences.

MyMind website and social media

For more information about your local CAMHS service and access to a range of other

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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
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