**EPCHS Student 'PD' Bulletin #55** 

"I Have Come So That They May Have Life And Have It To The Full" John 10:10

This week we pray for the World Leaders at #COP24

Creator God, please guide us. Help us act in love and courage To honour You, O Creator, And to fulfil our role as protectors of The Earth, our common home. The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Amen.



Daily prayer is a great way to praise and thank God for all he has done for us. Try and spend some time each day to converse with your Heavenly Father.

Do you follow the school social media platforms? If not, follow today and keep up to date with everything school related and more...



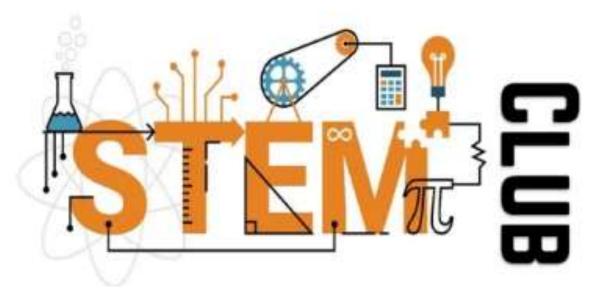
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT				
Extracurricular Timetable 2021/22				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch & 3-4pm	3-4pm	3-4pm	3-4pm	3-4pm
GIRLS:	GIRLS:	GIRLS:	GIRLS:	GIRLS:
Yr. 7 & 8	Yr. 7 & 8	Yr. 9, 10 & 11	Yr. 7 & 8 & 9	Yr.11
BADMINTON	NETBALL - CLO	NETBALL - CLO	FOOTBALL - GTR	BASKETBALL - JPR
(LUNCH) - CLO		Yr. 7 & 8		
		GYMNASTICS		
		(LUNCH) - CLO		
BOYS:	BOYS:	BOYS:	BOYS:	BOYS:
Yr. 7 & 8	Yr. 7 & 8	Yr. 9, 10 & 11	Yr. 7 & 8	Yr. 11
BADMINTON	FOOTBALL -THT	FOOTBALL -THT	RUGBY - NAN	BASKETBALL - JPR
(LUNCH) - CLO				
GIRLS:	BOYS & GIRLS:	BOYS & GIRLS:	GIRLS:	
Yr. 7 & 8	SIXTH FORM	Yr. 9	Yr. 10	
BASKETBALL - JPR	SPORTS - JPR	BASKETBALL - JPR	BASKETBALL - JPR	
BOYS:	BOYS:	BOYS & GIRLS:	BOYS:	
Yr. 7 & 8	Yr. 9, 10 & 11	BADMINTON - GTR	Yr. 10	
BASKETBALL - JPR	RUGBY - NAN	(Intervention exam classes)	BASKETBALL- JPR	
		Ready .	Respectful .	Safe

## STEM Club is on every Tuesday...

STEM Club is every Tuesday with Mr Hickman in C2, 3-4pm. All students are welcome from KS3 and KS4, so don't miss out on this great opportunity – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics.and much more!



# SAM Learning Online study with proven results.

Dear Pupils,

## **Introducing SAM Learning**

At school we are always looking for ways to extend our pupils' learning. Part of our improvement programme involves the use of SAM Learning, a unique online service that offers multiple subjects. Studies show that pupils achieve 2 GCSE grades on average better than expected with as little as 10 hours or more use of SAM Learning.

#### **Access Details**

As one of our pupils, you are able to access the service at anytime and anywhere, whether you are at school, but also at home, in the library and community centre – and it works on any device, from smartphone to home PC. All you need to do is visit the website and enter your unique login details:

## Website address: www.samlearning.com

Centre ID:	СН65ЕР
User ID:	Date of birth followed by two initials: first name then last name. Example: 010804DJ is the User ID for David Jones born 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2004.
Password:	Initially same as your User ID, you are encouraged to change this to something difficult to guess.

It is advised that you keep a record of your access details in your planner

## **Getting Started**

When you first log in, you will be able to set up your own Avatar – which you can customise, as you complete challenges – as well as link with your friends to compete in challenges.

Your teachers will show you how to use the service and you might wish to show your parents how it works. The service enables your homework's to be set and marked online, which means you can easily see how well you are getting on.

All pupils in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 should be checking SAM Learning accounts regularly to complete homework set by your teachers and engaging with independent revision.

We hope that you are able to take full advantage of SAM Learning and wish you the best of luck in your studies.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Cavanagh Assistant Headteacher Implementation

## School Field at lunch time...

Last year Mr Cavanagh shared with you the new rules for the School field at lunchtime. As a quick reminder please check them out below:

- Footballs to be collected from the centre of the field.
- Footballs to be returned on the blow of the whistle 12.50pm.
- Poor language and behaviour will result in a 1-day suspension from the field.
- All litter must be removed from the field before the end of lunch.

You know how to #MAKEITCOUNT - You can do it and RESPECT the game!

## Covid-19 Testing...

#### It is recommended that ALL students continue to take Lateral Flow Tests at home, twice weekly.

You should report the results straight away, whether positive, negative or void, either online at gov.uk/report-covid19-result or by calling 119, free from your mobile or landline. If the test is positive then the person should also take a confirmatory PCR test and follow the latest government guidance.

Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and can spread it without knowing. Taking regular rapid tests will help give you peace of mind that your child is not spreading the virus without knowing.

## Please help to continue keep your community safe. Thank you.



# Wellbeing Drop-in...

Please remember Mr Patel and Miss Davies, our Learning Mentors are both available at lunch for Wellbeing drop-in. If you would like to see them, just find them on the yard at break or lunch.



Extra-curricular clubs at EPCHS...



Mr Parkin's Key Stage 3 History Film Club is up and running! Open to ALL Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students the clubs is comparing the Hollywood screen hits to the real events through the study of history.

For further information, please see Mr Parkin in B14 during the week.





Our first session will be Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

## Look out for further information on ALL Students Teams

For further information of to find out more check out: <u>www.dofe.org</u>



Because there's no better way to... try new things, meet new people, discover new talents, learn new skills, see what you're made of, give to your community, feel more confident, make a difference, recognise your potential, boost your wellbeing – and know that whatever life throws at you, you're ready.



So what are you waiting for? Join DofE at www.dofe.org

# **Mental Health Matters**

## Need urgent mental health support?

Anyone can experience a low mood, increased anxiety or poor mental health. A free 24/7 all age urgent mental health helpline is available to residents across the borough, provided by Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation. Call **0800 145 6485** for urgent mental health support.



#### New mental health text messaging service launched for Cheshire and Merseyside

Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership have teamed up with mental health charity Shout 85258 to provide a free text messaging service in the region.

This is a free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service for anyone who is feeling overwhelmed or is struggling to cope. The service is staffed by trained volunteers who will work with you to take your next steps towards feeling better.

Anyone in Cheshire West, Cheshire East or Wirral can text BLUE to 85258 for immediate support.

## Why not practice a little #SelfCare?



## **Reach out**

These are unusual times! Often talking things through with a loved one will help



## with a

Plan

Create a revision schedule but remember to include breaks!



## You time

Schedule downtime to do something you enjoy



#### Eat & drink well Go for healthy food and

Go for healthy food and stay hydrated



## Shh!

Work somewhere where you can concentrate and put your phone down to avoid distractions



#### Zzz... Try to get enough sleep and don't stay up too

and don't stay up too late!

## New clubs and activities starting soon with some already started....

Year 7 - Science Club – Speak to Mrs Jones in C1 for further details

Year 7 - Art Club – Speak to Mrs Moore

Year 9 - Comics and Manga Club – Speak to Mr Hartley

Performing Arts Club – Speak with Mrs Kennedy Last week saw the first session with Mrs Kennedy and the hall was packed! The club is every Thursday 3-4pm in the Hall.

#### **EPCHS Music Band**

Miss Anglesea is looking to put a band together. She is looking for guitarists, keyboard players, drummers and vocalists. Rehearsals are every Thursday and Friday at LUNCH. For further information please see the Music Department.



## Would you like to learn the way of the Samurai?



Ellesmere Port Jujitsu Club are offering free sessions Please see Mr Hughes if interested in this new club.

This will be after school in our gym - starting at 4pm this Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. This after school club is a great opportunity to stay active, meet new people and learn a new skill.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Form information and activities...

## What Career? And What University? Live, 12th and 13th November

What Career? And What University? Live is a free virtual event taking place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10am until 3pm and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 11am-3pm. For more information or to book free tickets, please go to https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/virtual-november-2021

### UCAS Hub Live – Wednesdays at 2pm

**UCAS Hub Live** sessions are happening every **Wednesday from 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2pm**. They feature UCAS experts, Careers Advisers, Universities and Employers. Each session lasts approximately 40 minutes and there is plenty of time for Q&As. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/ucas-hub-live">https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/ucas-hub-live</a>. To take part in the live sessions, all you need to do is sign into your own UCAS Hub on the day. If you don't have a UCAS Hub, please go to <a href="https://www.ucas.com/what-are-my-options/create-your-ucas-hub-today">https://www.ucas.com/what-are-my-options/create-your-ucas-hub-today</a> to create one. The next session is called **'Deciding your career path'**.

#### 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/

## 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

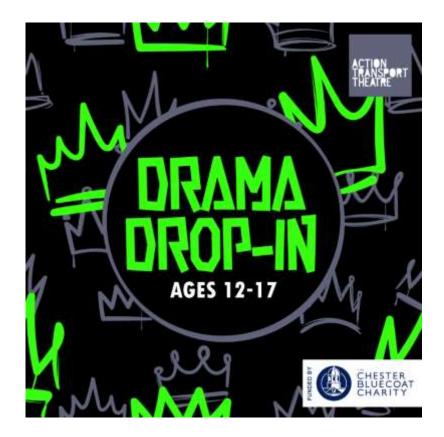
They have spaces on their October work experience week, taking place from 24th-30th October. **Please note that you have to pay to attend.** 

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

## Ward Round Live – Virtual Hospital Work Experience – 7th November

**'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. This event is taking place on **Sunday 7th November, 10am-4pm. Please note that there is a charge for this course.** For more information or to register, please go to <u>https://educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/ward-round-live/</u>

## Action Transport Theatre...



Drop-In (12-17) is a drama session for young people and creative collaborators. Sign up at: <u>http://actiontransporttheatre.org</u>

Would you know what to do if you found someone unresponsive and not breathing normally?

This simple guide could help save the life of an adult one day, push to start...

What to do if someone is unresponsive and not breathing normally 1. Call 999/112 for emergency help Ask if an AED is nearby 2. Lay a piece of towel or clothing over the casualty's nose and mouth 3. Pump > 30 chest compressions at a rate of 100-120 per minute > Do not give rescue breaths Continue to pump until help arrives. Make sure you always have life saving knowledge at your fingertips. Download our free first aid app from your app store today. St Johr sja.org.uk

"Teachers can open the door, but you must enter it yourself." — Chinese Proverb

