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PARENT BULLETIN

15th Nov 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,

On Thursday, the school paused to engage in a Remembrance Service and our Chaplaincy team put together a very moving presentation which was shared with staff and students – please click on the link below to view:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85UwZVO1R8E

Well done to all our students who were very respectful throughout.

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2021 Remembrance Day Video Service - EPCHS

Have a lovely weekend and take care.

MrsVíle

For each other:
Father, we pray for all those around us, for those who perhaps can hear this prayer, for those who, although further from us, are still close in our hearts, for those who do not know we love them, for those who do not love us and for those we might have forgotten. We thank you for them, their lives and their hopes. Be ever close to them, holding your hand out to stop them from falling and keeping their lives on your most holy path. Amen

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• TIKTOK Challenges

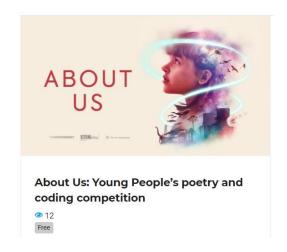
Please can we ask Parents and Guardians to discuss the use of TIKTOK with their child/children. The safer school's partnership for the Police have highlighted some dangerous challenges set on this social media platform relating to schools and challenges inside school. Behaviour relating to the challenges place staff and students in danger and any inappropriate or dangerous behaviour will be dealt with in line with the school's Behaviour and Relations Policy, and in serious cases the Police.

Mrs Jones

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Poetry and Coding Competition



REGISTER FOR EVENT

Date And Time

Wed, 3rd Nov, 2021 to Sun, 19th Dec, 2021@ 11:45 PM

Location

Online Event

Event Types

Competition

To enter the above competition please follow the link below. The link below also gives you more detail about the competition and how to enter as well.

https://writingeastmidlands.co.uk/event/competition-about-us-young-peoples-poetry-and-coding-competition/

Mr Hickman

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Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Parent Consultation

Dear Parent / Carer

During the academic year 2020/21, Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) became statutory in all secondary schools in England.

As a Catholic school, our mission is to support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all of our pupils, rooted in the wisdom and teaching of the Church. The education of children in human sexuality is an important, precious and privileged responsibility. The Church teaches us that this is very much a partnership with parents, in which parents are the 'first educators' of their children on these matters; ultimately, you confer on us the right to co-educate your children with you.

To support the teaching of RSHE, in January 2021, we adopted **Life to the Full** by Ten:Ten Resources. Ten:Ten is an award-winning Catholic educational organisation that is well-respected and very experienced in this field of work.

Life to the Full has been approved by our diocese. Furthermore, Ten:Ten entered into a partnership with the Catholic Education Service and the Department for Education to provide training for teachers in Catholic schools on the subject of the new statutory curriculum which a number of our staff successfully completed.

Ten:Ten understand the foundational role that parents and guardians have in educating and nurturing their children on these matters. Through their online programme, they have built in resources which will not only keep you informed about what is being taught in school, but will also give you the opportunity to engage your children in discussion, activity and prayer.

To support our school further, we would therefore like to gather feedback on our approach. To this end, we have opened a consultation period during which we welcome your feedback.

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Ten:Ten have provided an online **Parent Consultation Tool**. This is a simple-to-follow, short online course which:

- Outlines the statutory changes that have taken place.
- Articulates a vision for Catholic Relationships and Health Education.
- Explains how Life to the Full aims to help us fulfil the statutory curriculum with a Catholic ethos.
- Provides some information about key decisions we make, in consultation with parents.
- Answers some Frequently Asked Questions.

Ten Ten have also provided an **Online Parent Portal** to aid this process and we will be using it throughout the year to keep you informed and updated about the work we are doing in school in relation to RSHE.

To take part in the consultation and feedback, please do the following:

- Read the Relationship and Sex Education Policy on our school website:
 https://epchs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Relationships-Sex-Education-Policy.pdf
- Read the RSHE Learning Journey for students at EPCHS: https://epchs.co.uk/rse-learning-map/
- Access the Parent Portal here: https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/online-parent-portal-secondary/
- Access the Parent Consultation Tool here: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-secondary
- You will need the following login credentials for our school:

Username: ellesmere-port-ch65

Password: boat-15-ch65

• Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.

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• Complete the following questionnaire:

https://forms.office.com/r/YXEqdZBPci

Alternatively scan the QR code for access to the questionnaire



• Send us your feedback by November 26th, 2021

If you wish to discuss any of the information shared or discuss RSHE at EPCHS please contact me either in school or via my email, M.Hughes@epchs.co.uk.

We hope that our approach assures you about our teaching of RSHE at EPCHS and we look forward to working with you over the coming year, as part of our Personal Development program.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hughes (Assistant Headteacher for Personal Development)

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2023-24 EPCHS Admissions Policy Consultation

In line with the statutory duty of admission authorities to consult on admissions arrangements, please find attached to this bulletin email the proposed admission arrangements for admissions in September 2023 onwards.

As a local stakeholder, we invite your comments on our policy in the consultation period which will run for 6 weeks commencing 11th November 2021 to 23rd December 2021.

The Governing Body invite comments which can be sent to Headteacher@epchs.co.uk

Mrs Lyth

Ofqual – Letter to students



Correspondence

Letter to students

Published 11 November 2021

Dear Student

My name is Jo Saxton and I am Ofqual's Chief Regulator. My job is to make sure that qualifications, examinations and assessments in England are properly run and are as fair as possible to all those taking them. Together these things mean you have the best chance of getting the grades you deserve and passports to the next phases of your education and life.

While the country is still responding to COVID-19, I want to make sure you know what is going to happen next with the qualifications you are working towards and how changes we're making will affect you as you come to the end of your studies.

We want to get back to normal – that means getting back to exams and other formal assessment. Exams are set, marked and graded by examiners, with everyone taking the same assessments at the same time, in the same way. Other formal assessments have carefully designed and well-established marking arrangements. All this gives you the fairest chance to show what you know, understand and can do.

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Arrangements for GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022

Changes

I know that you might be concerned at the thought of taking exams next year after the disruption you have experienced. That is why we have put in place changes to exams and assessments to make them as fair as possible during the pandemic. This means that you can concentrate on what really matters—studying and revising as you prepare to get the best results you can.

The changes include advance information, designed to give you some help for revision ahead of summer exams. It will be published no later than 7 February, and your school or college will let you know when this is available.

If you want to know more about these changes your teachers will be able to explain what this will mean for each of your subjects. You can also find more information on the 2022 changes to exams and changes to non-exam assessments on our website.

Grading

When grading exams in 2022, we will aim for a grading standard that reflects a midway point between 2021 and 2019. This means that exam boards will set the grade boundaries so that more students get higher grades in 2022 than before the pandemic. This will provide a safety net for those students who might otherwise just miss out on a higher grade. We have taken this decision to reflect the disruption that you as a cohort have experienced already in your course.

Grading is monitored by the experts every step of the way, and as usual, we will review results for each subject before you get them.

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Your interests are key to me – that means fairness and high-quality qualifications that will be recognised and valued: qualifications that employers, colleges and universities trust.

Video Link of Jo Saxon speaking to students about the exam arrangements for 2022

Ofqual Chief Regulator Dr Jo Saxton talks to students about grading on Instagram

Contingency arrangements

Though we expect exams to go ahead as planned, if the 2022 exams cannot go ahead due to further Covid disruption, your grades will instead be determined by your teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) approach. We have published our decisions about this approach following a public consultation, which included students. This means that your teachers will gather evidence, through assessments, to help them determine Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) if exams do not take place.

For many of you this year will be your first experience of formal exams. We don't want to add to your workload, which is why any additional assessments should help you prepare for your exams, and not create a distraction.

Your school and college will give you more information on the arrangements. We have also published guidance for your teachers.



Arrangements for Vocational and Technical Qualifications (VTQs)

We also expect exams and assessments to take place for VTQs in the 2021 to 2022 academic year. Vocational and Technical Qualifications include those such as BTECs, OCR Cambridge Technicals, Functional Skills and ESOL Skills for Life, among many others.

As there is such a wide range of different vocational and technical qualifications, it isn't possible to have just one approach for them all.

We have confirmed arrangements for the assessment and awarding of VTQs and other general qualifications, such as the International Baccalaureate, for 2021 to 2022, which take account of the disruption that you may have experienced.

If you're not sure what the arrangements are for the particular qualification that you're studying towards you should speak to your school, college or awarding organisation.

Additional information

If you have any questions, you should speak to your teachers who will be able to support you. You, or your parents or carers, might also find it helpful to <u>sign up for updates on our website</u> or by following <u>our lnstagram channel @Ofqual</u>.

Good luck with your studies,

Dr Jo Saxton

Chief Regulator

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• Extra-Curricular activities per year group

(Also available via our school website: https://epchs.co.uk/extracurricular-activities/)



EPCHS - What's going on?



Year 7

Day / Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45-9:00	Sensory Circuits (Gym)	Sensory Circuits (Gym)	Sensory Circuits (Gym)	Sensory Circuits (Gym)	Sensory Circuits (Gym)
12:20-12:50	Badminton (Gym) Languages club (Arabic) See Mrs Barker History Film Club (B14)	Languages Club (Mandarin) See Mrs Barker	Gymnastics (PE) iMac GarageBand Club (Music)	KS3 Band (Music) CAFOD Club (RE)	KS3 Band (Music)
3:00-4:00	Basketball (Gym) Homework Club (Library)	STEM club (C2) Girls Netball (PE) Boys football (PE) Homework Club (Library)	10:10 Chaplaincy Team (Chapel) Homework Club (Library)	Performing Arts Club until 16:30 (Drama) Girls Football (PE) Boys Rugby (PE) Homework Club (Library)	
4.00-5.00					Ju-jitsu (Gym)





EPCHS - What's going on?



Year 8

Day / Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:20-12:50	Badminton (Gym) Languages club (Arabic) See Mrs Barker	Languages club (Mandarin) See Mrs Barker History film club (B14)	Gymnastics (PE) iMac GarageBand Club (Music)	KS3 Band (Music) CAFOD Club (RE)	KS3 Band (Music)
3:00-4:00	Basketball (gym) Homework Club (Library)	STEM club (C2) Girls Netball (PE) Boys football (PE) Photography club (B19) Homework Club (Library)	Creative writing comics and Magna Club (E2) 10:10 Chaplaincy Team (Chapel) Homework Club (Library)	Performing Arts Club until 16:30 (Drama) Girls Football (PE) Boys Rugby (PE) Homework Club (Library)	
4.00-5.00					Ju-jitsu (Gym)



EPCHS - What's going on?



Year 9

Day / Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:20-12:50	Languages Club (Arabic) See Mrs Barker	Languages Club (Mandarin) See Mrs Barker	Gymnastics (PE) History film club (B14) iMac GarageBand Club (Music)	KS3 Band (Music)	KS3 Band (Music)
3:00-4:00	Basketball (Gym) Homework Club (Library)	STEM club (C2) Boys Rugby (PE) Homework Club (Library) DofE Bronze Award till 4.30pm every Week B (Hall)	Girls netball (PE) Boys football (PE) Basketball (PE) Photography Club (B19) 10:10 Chaplaincy Team (Chapel) Homework Club (Library)	Performing Arts Club (until 16:30) (Drama) Girls football (PE) Homework Club (Library)	
4.00-5.00					Ju-jitsu (Gym)

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EPCHS - What's going on?



Year 10

Day / Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:20-12:50	Languages club (Arabic) See Mrs Barker iMac GarageBand (Music)	Languages club (Mandarin) See Mrs Barker	iMac GarageBand Club (Music)	History film club (B14)	VOX Vocal Group (Music)
3:00-4:00	Homework Club (Library)	Boys Rugby (PE) Homework Club (Library) DofE Silver Award – every Week B till 4.30pm (Hall)	Girls netball (PE) Boys football (PE) 10:10 Chaplaincy Team (Chapel)	Performing Arts Club until 16:30 (Drama) Basketball (PE)	
4.00-5.00					Ju-jitsu (Gym)



EPCHS - What's going on?



Year 11

Day / Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	F
12:20-12:50	Languages club (Arabic) See Mrs Barker	Languages club (Mandarin) See Mrs Barker	iMac GarageBand Club (Music)		History film club (B14) VOX Vocal Group (Music)
3:00-4:00	Homework Club (Library)	Boys Rugby (PE) Homework Club (Library) iMac Garage Band (Music)	Girls netball (PE) Boys football (PE) 10:10 Chaplaincy Team (Chapel)	Performing Arts Club until 16:30 (Drama) Basketball Boys (PE)	
4.00-5.00	#1	Aakai+Ca	unt		Ju-jitsu (Gym)

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EPCHS What's going on?



Year 12 + 13

Day / Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00-4:00	Homework Club (Library)	Sports (PE) Homework Club (Library) DofE Silver Award – Week B till 4.30pm (Hall)	10:10 Chaplaincy Team (Chapel)	Performing Arts Club until 16:30 (Drama)	
4.00-5.00					Ju-jitsu (Gym)



SIXTH FORM INFORMATION & GUIDANCE

Medical Projects 'Ward Round Live'

'Ward Round Live' is a LIVE, highly interactive, online experience where students are taught by an NHS Doctor to assess and speak to LIVE 'patients' from a studio ward. The remaining available dates for 2021 are **Saturday 4**th **December 2021** and **Saturday 11**th **December 2021**. The course is suitable for students aged 15+ who are interested in studying medicine. To read more about the course, including price, timings, and to book a space, you can follow the link here: https://educationprojects.co.uk/courses/ward-round-live/

Virtual UK Higher Education Expo: November 24th: 11am-6pm

This event gives you the opportunity to have live 1-2-1 conversations with some of the UK's top universities and providers of Higher Education. For more information or to register, please go to https://ukhex.vfairs.com/en/register

Newcastle University: free webinars to support your student journey



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Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/EllesmerePortCatholicHighSchool/



These hour-long sessions are tailored to some of the key moments in the decision-making and application process for university: from helping you to work out if university is the right route for you, to advice about personal statements, portfolios and admissions interviews. The next two sessions are:

Is university for me? December 2nd, 4.30pm-5.30pm

What is UCAS and preparing your personal statement. December 7th, 4.30pm-5.30pm

For more information and to register, please go to https://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/on-campus-events/

UCAS/Discovery apprenticeship fair LIVE: 30th November

This is an on-line event which is an ideal opportunity for students to chat about apprenticeships with many different employers in one place. It is taking place on **30**th **November, 10am-6pm**. For more information and to register, please go to https://www.ucas.com/events/ucasdiscovery-apprenticeships-fair-404796

UCAS 'Create your future': 23rd and 24th November: design, music, and the performing arts

This is a face-to-face event with hundreds of creative courses, apprenticeships and careers in **design, music, and the performing arts**. It is taking place at the Manchester Central Convention complex on 23rd November and 24th November, 9.30am-3.30pm on both days. For more information and to register, please go to https://www.ucas.com/events/create-your-future-manchester-2021-398211

Virtual NHS Healthcare Work Experience Programme: November 2021 - April 2022

This is a 6 month programme, one day per month, starting in November. During these work experience days, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will observe healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and each other. They will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching. This will help them to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different. They will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community.

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They will also receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the entire 6-month programme will be awarded with Highly Commended References too. They can register through the website link below. Places are £10 a day to cover administrative costs and run the tech on the day. For more information, please use this link:

https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/

UCAS Hub Live - Wednesdays at 2pm

UCAS Hub Live sessions are happening on Wednesdays between now and March 2022
They feature UCAS experts, Careers Advisers, Universities and Employers. Each session lasts approximately 40 minutes and there is plenty of time for Q&As. The next session is on 17th November entitled 'World of apprenticeships'. For more information, go to https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/ucas-hub-live. 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 https://www.ucas.com/what-are-my-options/create-your-ucas-hub-today to create one.



Mrs McHugh's Library News

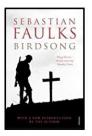
Mrs McHugh's Library News 12th November 2021



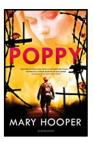
This week has been <u>really busy</u> in the library. We've had a great response to the Year 7 Poetry competition. The winning entries will be announced next week. <u>It's still not too late to enter – closing date is 14th November 2021. <u>Just upload your poem to Mrs Wright in Teams.</u></u>

EPCHS commemorated Remembrance Day on Thursday with a very moving and <u>thought provoking</u> presentation. Learn more about the 'War <u>To</u> End All Wars' by borrowing a book at EPCHS library.



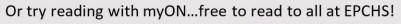
























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Happy reading to students, parents and staff alike!

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Roving Vaccination Clinics

The roving COVID-19 vaccination clinics taking place across the borough next week are outlined on the poster below. The pop-ups will be delivering **Pfizer and AZ** vaccinations.

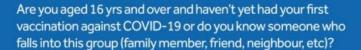
These are public clinics for first and second vaccinations only

- Monday 15 November: 9am 6pm The Barbour Institute, High Street, Tattenhall, CH3 9PX
- Tuesday 16 November: 9am 6pm The Barbour Institute, High Street, Tattenhall, CH3 9PX
- Wednesday 17 November: 9am 6pm The Barbour Institute, High Street, Tattenhall, CH3
 9PX
- Wednesday 17th November: 10am 5pm Former TJ Hughes Unit (opposite Asda),
 Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0AP



COVID-19 Roving Vaccination Clinics

From Monday 15th November 2021





There will be walk-in vaccination clinics in your area on the following days next week:

The Barbour Institute, High Street, Tattenhall, CH3 9PX

Monday 15th November: 9am - 6pm Tuesday 16th November: 9am - 6pm Wednesday 17th November: 9am - 6pm Former TJ Hughes Unit (opposite Asda), Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0AP

Wednesday 17th November: 10am - 5pm

Clinics will be offering Pfizer and AZ

This is for first and second vaccinations only. These clinics are not offering walk in Booster vaccinations

Please note whilst we aim to be open until the displayed closing times, clinics may close early if demand has been high and all vaccine supply used on the day

You don't need to book an appointment in advance - just turn up on the day.

Can't make it?

You can book an appointment through the National Booking Service either online (www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination) or by phoning 119.

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