



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,

Thank you for all your support this term and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday 4th January.

On behalf of all staff and governors at EPCHS, we wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas, and all the best for 2022.

Mrs Vile

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Notifications

- **Staggered return in January**

When we return in January we will again have a staggered start due to all students having to be tested for COVID-19 before they return to the classroom.

Below is a summary of the arrangements.

For year groups not in school, work will be set on Teams using online platforms such as SAM and Hegarty.

Please be aware this might change if any new announcements are made over the coming days and weeks. We will let you know as soon as we know.

Take care,

Mrs Henderson

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	TUE 4 TH JAN	WED 5 TH JAN	THU 6 TH JAN	FRI 7 TH JAN
YEAR 7	REMOTE LEARNING	IN SCHOOL (Testing P1 onwards) 09:00 – 7B 09:20 – 7J 09:40 – 7K 10:00 – 7Martin 10:20 – 7O 10:40 – 7T 11:15 – 7A	IN SCHOOL	IN SCHOOL
YEAR 8	REMOTE LEARNING	IN SCHOOL (Testing P3 onwards) 11:15 – 8B 11:35 – 8J 11:50 – 8K 13:00 – 8Martin 13:20 – 8Max 13:40 – 8T 14:00 – 8A 14:20 – 8O	IN SCHOOL	IN SCHOOL
YEAR 9	REMOTE LEARNING	REMOTE LEARNING	IN SCHOOL (Testing P1 onwards) 09:00 – 9B 09:20 – 9J 09:40 – 9K	IN SCHOOL

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			10:00 – 9Martin 10:20 – 9O 11:15 – 9A 11:40 – 9T	
YEAR 10	REMOTE LEARNING	REMOTE LEARNING	IN SCHOOL (Testing P3 onwards) 12:00 – 10A 13:00 – 10B 13:20 – 10J 13:40 – 10K 14:00 – 10M 14:20 – 10O 14:40 – 10T	IN SCHOOL
YEAR 11	IN SCHOOL (Testing P1 onwards) 09:00 – 11B 09:20 – 11J 09:40 – 11K 10:00 – 11M 10:20 – 11O 10:40 – 11T 11:15 – 11A	IN SCHOOL	IN SCHOOL	IN SCHOOL
YEAR 12	IN SCHOOL (Testing P4) 13:00 – 12A 13:20 – 12J 13:40 – 12L	IN SCHOOL	IN SCHOOL	IN SCHOOL

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YEAR 13	IN SCHOOL (Testing P5) 14:00 – 13B 14:20 – 13K 14:40 – 13O	IN SCHOOL	IN SCHOOL	IN SCHOOL
	<i>Once tested, students will return to class.</i> <i>(Year 13 will go home).</i>	<i>Once tested, students will return to class.</i>		

- **Hegarty Maths Leader Board**

Hegarty Maths Leader Board HT 2

Year 7			Year 8			Year 9			Year 10			Year 11		
Maths set	Student	Hrs	Maths set	Student	Hrs	Maths set	Student	Hrs	Maths set	Student	Hrs	Maths set	Student	Hrs
7x1	Favour I	6.5	8x1	Declan K	4.9	9x1	Ryan L	1	10x1	Keira H	3.9	11x1	Maria D	12.1
7x2	Ava M	2.3	8x2	Flourish U	0.4	9x2	Harvey C	3.8	10x2	Molly H	3.5	11x2	Keane F	36.4
7x3	Beth R	4.6	8x3	Ruby S	2.6	9x3	Imogen C-B	2.6	10x3	Ella D	6.9	11x3	Erin K	9.5
7x4	Demi-Leigh L	0.5	8x4	Millie H	2.5	9x4	Max D	6	10x4	Keira L	2.7	11x4	Kerryanne M	14
7x5	Michael S	3.5	8x5	Anna C	0.7	9x5	Georgia M	2.7	10x5	Elizabeth D	4.2	11x5	Isabella D	7.1
7y1	Emily-Kate L	3.8	8y1	Lewis T	7.3	9x6	Olivia M	1.5	10x6	Isabelle A	1.2	11x6	Kelbie S	3.8
7y2	Ashling P	2.8	8y2			9x7	Chloe M	2.5	10x7	Aliesha E	0.4	11x7	Jack S	3.4
7y3	Evie-Rose R	3.6	8y3	Harry W	0.2									
7y4	Oliver W-W	2.7	8y4	Antek M	2.1									
1st	Favour I	6.5	1st	Lewis T	7.3	1st	Max D	6	1st	Ella D	6.9	1st	Keane F	36.4
2nd	Max H	4.8	2nd	Declan K	4.9	2nd	Harvey C	3.8	2nd	Elizabeth D	4.2	2nd	Kerryanne M	14
3rd	Beth R	4.6	3rd	Megan H	4.4	3rd	James Brent B	3	3rd	Keira H	3.9	3rd	Maria D	12.1

Miss Smith

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- **DfE Update**

Update on the delivery of the 12 to 15 vaccination programme

Young people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

NHS England have now confirmed that, as with first doses, healthy school-aged children aged 12 to 15 will be able to receive their COVID-19 vaccination in their school next term, as well as having the option to receive the vaccine out of school, such as through vaccination centres. These offers will run in parallel.

Vaccination for this group will continue to be deployed primarily by the school age immunisation service (SAIS). In school vaccination will begin from Monday 10 January and all schools should have received at least one visit before February half-term. We expect most schools to require multiple visits so vaccines can be administered to all consenting pupils. SAIS teams will be in touch with schools from the start of next term to discuss what is best for their circumstances.

For some very small schools, on-site vaccination may not be appropriate but alternative arrangements will be put in place to ensure timely, accessible, and equitable vaccination for these children.

More information for schools on the vaccination programme and how second dose delivery will work, including information on consent gathering, will be published by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) shortly.

We are grateful to schools for their ongoing support with the rollout of the 12 to 15 vaccination programme. Vaccinating young people is increasingly important for keeping them, their friends, family members and teachers safe as we approach the Christmas holidays.

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Over the Christmas holidays, parents can already book first vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the [NHS booking system](#). Second doses will be available for eligible children by Monday 20 December.

Further information on [vaccination for 12 to 15 year olds](#) is available on the NHS website.

- **SIXTH FORM INFORMATION & GUIDANCE**

Year 12 STEM work experience opportunities at Unilever Port Sunlight: Summer 2022

Unilever Port Sunlight is the centre for Unilever's Home Care and Beauty and Personal Care Research and Development with major programmes for hair, laundry, deodorants and household care being run from the site. **They are planning to run a Year 12 work experience programme, in four, one-week blocks, Monday-Friday, 9.30am - 3.30pm, weeks commencing 13th June, 20th June, 27th June and 4th July 2022.**

This programme is most appropriate for students studying STEM subjects, Business Studies and Psychology and those with a specific interest in understanding how a company like Unilever works and learning more about the available range of roles and opportunities.

The programme is run by '**All About STEM**' so if you have any questions or queries, please address them to helen@allaboutstem.co.uk using 'Unilever Y12 Work Experience' in the subject line.

For more information, please go to <https://www.allaboutstem.co.uk/year-12-work-experience/>

To submit an application please go to <https://createsend.igoo.co.uk/t/r-l-trddliyd-bwilulkii-i/> The deadline for applications is **31st December**. Successful candidates will be informed by **31st January 2022**. Before you apply, please consider the dates of your PPEs next summer which are taking place **week commencing 13th June and 20th June 2022**.

Year 13: support with Personal Statements

For those of you currently working on your personal statements, UniTasterDays have a number of on demand webinars that may be of use to you. Please go to

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<https://www.unitasterdays.com/ondemand>. You can also access the 'Personal Statement Hub' through the University of Portsmouth's website. Please go to <https://www.port.ac.uk/collaborate/schools-and-colleges/post-16-events/personal-statement-hub-registration>

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.

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/>

Bangor University Entrance Scholarship for 2022 entry students

If you have applied to Bangor University or are thinking of applying there, they are offering scholarships for 2022 entry students. These scholarships **are worth up to £3,000**. The **deadline for applications is 26th January 2022**, with the scholarship exam to be held on **9th February 2022**. For more information about the application process and examples of past papers, please go to

<https://www.bangor.ac.uk/studentfinance/info/bangorscholarships>

Mrs Boothroyd

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- Mrs McHugh's Library News



Mrs McHugh's Library News 17th Dec.



The shark was beneath my bed, growing large as the room, large as the lighthouse, rising from unfathomable depths until it ripped the whole island from its roots. The bed was a boat, the shark a tide, and it pulled me so far out to sea I was only a speck, a spot, a mote, a dying star in an unending sky...

Julia has followed her mum and dad to live on a remote island for the summer - her dad, for work; her mother, on a determined mission to find the elusive Greenland shark. But when her mother's obsession threatens to submerge them all, Julia finds herself on an adventure with dark depths and a lighthouse full of hope...

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Julia and the Shark wins an award from Waterstones

It was a BBC article about a **400-year old Greenland shark** which sparked Kiran Millwood Hargrave and Tom de Freston's children's novel **Julia and the Shark**. This beautifully written and illustrated book has just been named as **the children's gift of the year by Waterstones**.

This is what Hargrave said recently about the inspiration behind the novel.

"I read about Greenland sharks when they discovered one that was **400 years old**. Normally with sharks, they date them by their bones, which grow rings like trees. Greenland sharks have very soft bones, so they can't do that. The way they date them is this parasite that creates crystals in their eyes and in those crystals gets trapped light from hundreds of years ago. So the way they age them is **they date the light in their eyes**. *It's so magical*. I still get goose bumps – it was one of those alchemical moments you get when you're like: 'Oh, there's a story'."

Hargrave goes on to say that the pandemic had a "huge impact" on the novel..."It's a lot more of a hopeful book, and the mental health strand came very much to the fore. During the pandemic, it became so clear, especially for children, you're navigating such a difficult situation, and you don't have your usual support structure, and that's quite similar to how Julia has found herself on this island without her usual support structure around her, in this very strange situation where her mum is becoming a stranger....I really wanted to say in this book that it's not your responsibility to fix things. You don't have to save your mum. She's a grownup. Often children try and take responsibility for so many aspects of their parents' lives and their parents' happiness, which is a lot of what this book is about. Julia tries to be a saviour. But that's not her job. She's a kid.

EPCHS library has '**Julia and the Shark**' available to loan. Why not read it over the Christmas break or borrow it from your local library!

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Christmas Chocolate Event and Blind Book Dating!



Thursday 16th December saw EPCHS celebrate champion readers throughout the school! Congratulations to: Austin M, Rosalie J, Esme L, Ash L, Ruby H, Ava Mc, Aussie S, Beth R, Lily T, Stan S, Abbie H, Isabelle S, Kian A, Ashling P, Katie R, Lewis P, Emily-Kate L, Noah C, Joseph B, Dan R, Kyra-Marie T, Charlie C, Tobias B, Damian G, Charlie R, Ellie B, Favour I, Jade B, Lloyd J, Alexis H, Olivia P, Bethany G, Flourish U, Kira Mc, Stan K, Rosie P, Evie-Rose D, Ruby S, Mateusz B, Lucas C, Aleksandra O, Sebastian L, Kaysi F, Sophie D, Imogen CB, Isabelle L, Madison L, Dannielle J, Rheanna P, Arnee P, George B!

Merry Christmas and happy reading to all students, parents and staff!

Seasons blessings to you all from the library Team.

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