

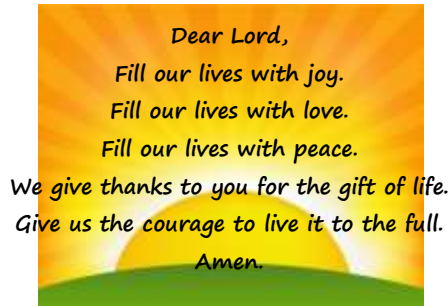


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Excellent teaching.

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Strong Catholic ethos.

Our Vision...
Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

Our Vision...
Ensuring every child is known.



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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,

We hope the families of our Year 9 students found last night's Parents' Evening beneficial.

Having reached the threshold as set by the government, the enhanced measures we have now implemented in school include outdoor PE only for Years 8 and 11, enhanced levels of ventilation and more rigorous cleaning. All of our temporary, additional measures aim to reduce the transmission of Covid-19 in school and will be reviewed regularly.

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

Mrs Vile

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MY PRAYER FOR YOU:

I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD HAVE A FEW MOMENTS TODAY TO REFLECT ON GOD'S GOODNESS. MAY YOUR HEART BE FILLED WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE AS YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS HE'S DONE. HE IS SO GOOD!

SHARE TO BLESS A FRIEND!

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Thank You Any Name

*Let this card remind you
that you're special
through and through
And thought about so warmly
(and so very often, too!).
You're helpful and supportive
in a way that warms the heart,
Whatever happens,
you are there
to play your thoughtful part.
Thank you for your kindness
which can never be repaid
And for your understanding
and the difference it made.*

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Notifications

- Year 11 PPE Timetable – 6th to 16th December

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations: Monday, 6th December – Thursday, 16th December 2021

Exam candidates must be in their seats by **09:00** and **13:00**. Candidates will be given their seat numbers, they are also on the EXAM NOTICE BOARD

Registration 08:45 – 09:00	Monday, 6 th December	Tuesday, 7 th December	Wednesday, 8 th December	Thursday, 9 th December	Friday, 10 th December	Monday, 13 th December	Tuesday, 14 th December	Wednesday, 15 th December	Thursday, 16 th December
Morning 09:00	English Literature (1h 45m)	Option A English Functional Skills Reading (1h) French Reading (1h) Music Technology Writing in D1 with FAN (2h) Option H – TIMETABLE CLASH History Paper 1: 'People's Health and Elizabeth' (1h 45m) – KM	Mathematics Paper 1 non-calculator (1h 30m)	English Language (1h 45m)	Mathematics Paper 2 calculator (1h 30m)	Option A Art Practical in E2 with THA (3h) Product Design Practical in D3 with TBA (3h) Option H Drama Practical in A1 with DKE (3h)	Mathematics Paper 3 calculator (1h 30m)	Combined Science - Physics (1h 10m) Separate Science Physics (1h 45m)	Option H English Functional Skills Writing (1h) Option L Product Design Practical in D3 with TBA (3h) Option H – TIMETABLE CLASH History Paper 2: 'America' (50m) – KM
BREAK (11:00 – 11:15)	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons	Period 3 – normal lessons
LUNCH (12:15 – 12:30)	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Afternoon 13:00	Option A/H/L Geography Paper 1 (1h 30m) History Paper 1: 'People's Health and Elizabeth' (1h 45m)	Combined Science - Biology (1h 10m) Separate Science - Biology (1h 45m)	Option H Drama Writing (1h 45m) English Functional Skills Reading (1h) Music Technology Practical in D1 with FAN (2h) French Reading (1h) Health and Social Care (2h) Spanish Reading (1h)	Option A English Functional Skills Writing (1h) Music Technology Practical in D1 with FAN (2h)	Combined Science - Chemistry (1h 10m) Separate Science - Chemistry (1h 45m)	Religious Education (50m)	Option L Business (1h 30m) Computer Science (1h 30m) French Reading (1h) Health and Fitness (1h) Physical Education (1h 30m) Spanish Reading (1h)	Option A/H/L Geography Paper 2 (1h) History Paper 2: 'America' (50m)	Option A/H/L French Writing (1h) Spanish Writing (1h)

- Food Hampers

From next week all Year 7 forms will be taking part in a Revers Advent Challenge. Each form group will be asked to put together a hamper for families in need over the festive season.

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Can we ask if parents can provide children with non-perishable items of food we could add to a hamper.

Things to consider - biscuits, jam, tins, small selection boxes or other chocolate, crackers or mince pies or cakes with a long best before date.

Please only give what you can; we appreciate this can be a difficult time of year.

Mrs Wright

- **PE Achievements**

1.) Last week drew a close to the last...



...for our Year 10 pupils. They were able to experience a workshop that introduced them to the importance of their mental health and how physical exercise can improve not only their physical wellbeing but also their mental wellbeing. The pupils took part in this practical workshop and really enjoyed their experience working with ex professional rugby players. These sessions linked in well with the Year 10 curriculum and pupils are ready to start rugby next term.

2.) Last week our Year 7 & 8 netball teams played in two matches against Whitby High School and Bishops Blue Coat High School. All players displayed some fantastic netball skills and really demonstrated what they have learnt in lessons and extracurricular time out on the court. It is fantastic to see the girls grow not only in confidence as a team but also individually as sports players. We have a bright future! Well done girls.

3.) Year 7 basketball team have also had a very successful week after playing in a local tournament at Neston High School. They finished second based on points achieved in the game. The boys demonstrated great skills and tactics in the game and represented EPCHS well in the game.

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- **Parent Governor Vacancies**

The school has two vacancies for the role of parent governor on our governing board. We are very keen to 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.

One of our current parent governors, Alison Ryan, would be happy to discuss the role further with any potential candidates. To request more information or a candidate form, please email admin@epchs.co.uk

Mrs Lyth

- **Mrs McHugh's Library News**



Mrs McHugh's Library News 3rd December 2021

Congratulations to Holly C who recently won the Year 7 Poetry Competition! Holly took inspiration from *William Wordsworth* to write her poem, '**The Well**'.

Run with an open heart.
Run where it lay rotten.
Hear the church clock chime on the summer breeze.



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Air warm, whom shall run away?

Twas lonely and sad.

A bend

A lean in

She fell in.

A scream, a yell while

Down in the well.

Her eyes were dim with

childish tears.

Whom lay wet in the cobbled well.

A man, a woman came to look...

A girl lay asleep.

Beyond reach she was, in fear of her life.

Holly received a £15 Amazon Gift Voucher, chocolate and Achievement Points for her Form. Students were encouraged to borrow anthologies of poetry from the library to gain inspiration.

Congratulations to our runners up,

Ashling P for '**The Months'**

James P for '**The Bear Under there'**

And

Emilia S for '**Growing Up'**

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January is nice and cold,
Where kids have fun in the fallen snow.

February brings the rain,
Where Kids splash in puddles all day.

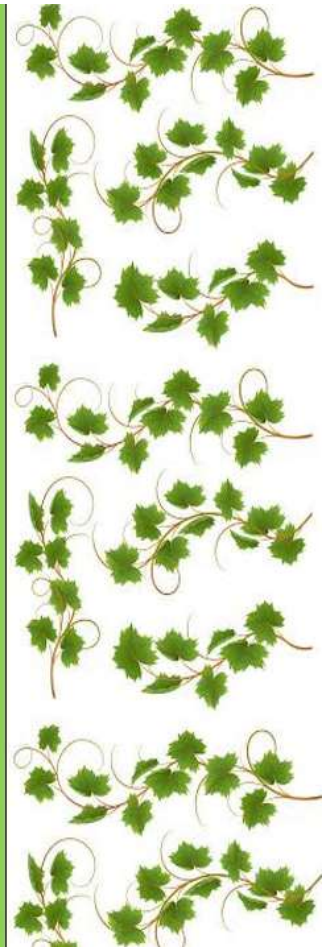
March brings the spring,
With new-borns and flowers.

April brings primrose sweet,
With flowers scattering around our feet.

May brings flocks of animals,
Prancing and dancing in the wind.

June brings smiles full of joy,
As the warm breeze flows.

July brings the sun,
Where all the kids are having fun.



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August brings the green trees,
With every branch full of leaves.

September brings the harvest,
With blackberries in the hedgerows.

October brings the spooky season,
With costumes and bags ready for sweets.

November brings the blast,
Where leaves are whirling fast.

December brings the cold snow,
While we celebrate with everyone we know.



I want to sit on my chair
But I am just filled with scare
I cannot compare
With the bear under there.

I am filled with despair
That I cannot sit on my chair
I cannot compare
With the bear under there.

I see it over there
Maybe I should go to the funfair.
I cannot compare
With the bear under there



That one day I realised I looked outside the windowsill
Without having to be on my tiptoes,
I realised I was growing up.

That day I realised my eye line was way above my
parent's hips,
I realised I was growing up.

That day I put on my blazer and my mum shed
A tear,
I realised I was growing up.

That day I realised I was the same height as my
mum,
I realised I was growing up.

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Christmas is coming to the library!

The tree is up! Our Christmas books are out! And our chocolate has arrived! Are you a champion reader in year 7 or 8? If so, a chocolate gift is waiting for you! **Keep reading** and you'll be rewarded with a prize in your next library lesson!



I have many secrets told by friends that I will grow old with.

When I was a kid, I counted down the days

Till I grow up

And

When will I be as tall as my Mum?

When I got to the age I am now, I realised that

'yet wisdom gained shows thy wisdom still ahead.'

Christmas Story Competition!

Can you write a short Christmas themed story? We would like you to have a go at writing a story, or the start of a story. Maximum length a sheet of A4! All entries must be submitted to Mrs Wright by the 10th December on Teams or hand delivered to Mrs McHugh or Mrs Williams in the library. The prize is a £15 Amazon Voucher, Achievement Points and form points, and runner up prizes of selection boxes and goodies!

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Congratulations to our STAR Readers 12th November – 3rd December 2021

Words Banked!

Ava M 398,960. Tobias B 385,728. Aleksandra O 291,309. Olivia P 132,040. Flourish U 120,873. Mateusz B 113,958. Ruby S 104,005. Lewis P 90,297. Kyrah-Marie 84,129. Leo C 49,495. Lily B 79,119. Isabelle L 75,192. Lily T 66,645. Rosie P 57,809. Freya Mc C 46,797. Abbie H 44,019. Dan R 43,785. Sonny B 43,179. Beth R 41,754. Jake E 31,742. Przemyslaw N 28,326. Joseph B 26,261. Isabelle S 27,771. Skye B 18,158. Madison L 17,680. Damlan G 17,216. Reuben K 17,216. Charlie C 15,534. Amelia C 15,438. Bella K 15,438. Declan D 15,244. Rosalie J 15,189. Luke R 13,847. Ashling P 10,694. Chloe T 10,484. Aiden O 10,065. Esteban I 9,385. Tilly F 8,744. Max O 8,734. Harvey F 8,216. Tyler H 7,815. Aeryn O 7,815. Alexis H 7,667. Fraser D 7,383. Michael S 7,333. Libby McN 7,243. Ella K 7,217. Alfie J 7,117. Jack C 7,092. Taylor-Leigh R 6,772. Jaydan N 6,581. Stanley S 6,007. Joshua J 6,001. Oliver M 5,859. Amelia C 5,645. Lewis C 5,645. Emily F 5,645. Isaac FP 5,645. Ethan HC 5,645. Lloyd J 5,645. Aston M 5,645. Joseph M 5,645. Polat M 5,645. Teddie O 5,645. Max TM 5,645. Tegan W 5,538. Lucas C 5,432. Esme L 5,318. Evie D 5,282. Ethan P 5,076. Austin M 5,065. India-Mai F 5,049.

Keep reading and you will ensure **your future success!**

Reading is the single most important factor in life chances. It determines what your future career will be and improves your understanding of the world we live in.

Read with **myON** and/or choose a book from **your school library!** The library is open every day Monday – Friday.

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- **SIXTH FORM INFORMATION & GUIDANCE**

Unifrog webinars: university courses and apprenticeships: 6th and 8th December

For those of you still undecided about what to do when you finish school next year or those in Year 12 starting to think about your post 18 options, Unifrog are running two webinars next week which may be of interest. The first is called '**How to find your perfect university course**' which will take place on **6th December at 5pm** and the second is called '**How to find your perfect apprenticeships**' which will take place on **8th December at 5pm**.

For more information or to register, please go to:

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars>

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>

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.

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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/>

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 4th December 2021** and **Saturday 11th 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/>

Newcastle University: free webinars to support your student journey



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 session on **December 7th from 4.30pm-5.30pm** is **'What is UCAS and preparing your personal statement'**. There will be more webinars in 2022. For more information and to register, please go to <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/on-campus-events/campusevents/>

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Mrs Boothroyd

- E-Scooters Warning from PC Sarah Bailiff

10 reasons why you SHOULDN'T buy an E-scooter for Christmas



Far be it from us to decry the advances of technology, but various reasons are put forward to avoid E-scooters. Let's look at some of the top issues and the reasons behind them in order that you can make an informed decision if you do intend to purchase one for yourself or your children, possibly for Christmas this year.

1.They're illegal(ish)

This is, it must be said, a bit of a blow but you should have been informed of the legalities of use at point of purchase if you have already bought one. Actually, they are not illegal to own, and on private land (with permission of the landowner), you can whiz about to your heart's content – but public use is a very different matter. Her Majesty's Government has classified them as 'powered transporters', thus banning them from pavements and pedestrian areas (Highway Act 1835), footpaths (Road Traffic Act 1988) and cycle lanes (RTA 1988 again).

You could technically ride them on the road, but gov.uk warns that you would then require *"insurance; conformity with technical standards and standards of use; payment of vehicle tax,*

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licensing, and registration; driver testing and licensing; and the use of relevant safety equipment,” which Whitehall gently suggests you might find “very difficult”.

For the record, mobility scooters and electric wheelchairs are exempt from these bans, which shows that governments can bend; but as of now, your options are not so much limited as vanishingly rare.

But, what about hire E-scooters? I’ll come to that later....

2. They could hurt you

Whilst the Government trial hire E-scooters are limited to 15.5mph (12mph in Chester City Centre), several models on the market can easily top 40mph or 50mph and one is said to be capable of 75mph! Clearly, this is extremely risky, and not just because crash helmets and body protection are optional. A 2019 US study found that 45% of resultant injuries were to the head and 27% “upper extremity fractures” (i.e. broken arms). Coming off at any speed could easily make you an unwanted burden on the NHS. Not a great idea in the current situation.

3. The rider (i.e. YOU) could hurt someone else

Although not the only quiet mode of transport (cyclists can reach a fair speed without much aural warning), E-scooters often surprise pedestrians, including road-crossers, many of whom have consequently found themselves mown down.

At worst, this has led to tragedy. Hire E-scooters have in-built public liability insurance; your private model doesn’t.

Some E-scooters are also somewhat lacking in the boring but important areas of visibility such as headlights, indicators and horn – useful for alerting and avoiding others.

4. They’re for kids, right?

Motorised scooters have been around for over a century – the Smithsonian Museum cites the 1915 Autoped as “*the true ancestor of the modern motor scooter*” and have always been aimed at adults. However, it cannot be denied that their powerless push-along cousins have found a much wider user-base among the younger age groups, mainly those of primary school age.

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E-scooters or PLEVs (Personal Light Electric Vehicles) on the other hand, riders have to be 18 years or over (for hire E-scooters). They must also hold a Provisional or Full Driving License for car/motorcycle/moped, something under 16's will not have.

5. They're not very secure

The problem with E-scooters is that their basic shape does not offer an easy route to locking them up. Unlike bikes, there is no frame presenting a thief-proof way to attach the chassis to road furniture, and you cannot get a decently girthed chain through the wheel.

Sadly, what is not very lockable is therefore nickable, and your expensive chariot is thus all the more attractive. Furthermore, most E-scooters do not have a lockable ignition, the more typical starter-button mechanism allows the chancers to pootle off into the sunset. And even if they cannot start it, they might be tempted to senselessly chuck it in the river or canal.

6. They're not the best workhorse

Like the horses that came before them, bicycles can help you carry large loads with the use of panniers on either side, which will distribute the weight.

E-scooters offer no such logistical assistance. You could fill a backpack or rucksack, but the resulting balancing act may be difficult to control. Just as E-scooters are not built for the long commute, they are also unsuited to heavy lifting.

7. They might not be all that green

There is no doubt we have to clean up our act in regards to omissions, and moving over our motive power from fossil fuels to electricity is a big part of that. But is an E-scooter actually that green?

True, you won't be pouring petrol in and spewing fumes out, but the electricity that recharges its batteries doesn't fall out of the sky, it still has to be paid for. In addition, what is that battery made of? Usually, it's a lithium ion battery, which is expensive to replace, and what happens when the battery ends its lifecycle?

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And talking about the lithium ion batteries, there is a possibility it could burst into flames. This has happened, hundreds of times, according to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, with many of these incidents available to view on YouTube and TikTok!

8. It's you versus the lorries!

Although as previously stated, private E-scooters are currently illegal, it is possible that the government may at some point relax the law on using them on completion of the current city hire trials. If it does, it is unlikely that the change in law will allow usage on pavements, pedestrian areas, footpaths and cycle lanes as previously mentioned. In short: you ain't going on the pavement or cycle lanes, but you will more than likely be on the road. Do you really fancy your chances against a lorry?

9. You may be liable to Police action

Enforcement is mainly focused on private E-scooters. The most appropriate action for the individual circumstances will be undertaken but could include (but not limited to):

- Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance: £300 fine and six penalty points and seizure of the vehicle.
- Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence: up to £100 fine and three to six penalty points.
- Youth Divert Scheme (16yrs and under only).

Police will also take action against rider behaviour, whether private or rental. Offences could include:

- Riding on the footway: Fixed Penalty Notice and possible £50 fine.
- Using a mobile phone whilst riding: £300 and six penalty points.
- Riding through a red light: Fixed Penalty Notice £100 fine and possible penalty points.
- Drink driving offences: As with driving cars; Court imposed fines, driving ban and possible imprisonment.
- Drug drive offences: As above.
- Riding without Due Care and Attention.

If your E-scooter is seized, you would unlikely be able to reclaim it as these vehicles are incapable of being made "road legal" and insured (see Point 1). The only avenue to seek the return of a seized E-scooter is via the Court route (Police Property Act 1897). The owner of the E-scooter would need to contact the Court to seek an application for return

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of the item in Police Property, a power only available to the Court to grant. If this is being considered, the owner would need to make Police aware within 14 days of the seizure if they intend to take Court action, otherwise the vehicle would be disposed of after the 14 days retention period.

10. They're expensive

Not just for the reasons above, they are expensive to buy. You could pick one for as little as £100 but the average pricing is somewhere around £400-£1,000, some as much as £6,000!

So, before you spend your hard earned cash on an E-scooter for you or your child this Christmas, re-read the above and consider an alternative until there is a change in the law.

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