



## JEREMIAH 29:11

**FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,"  
DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER  
YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE  
YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.**



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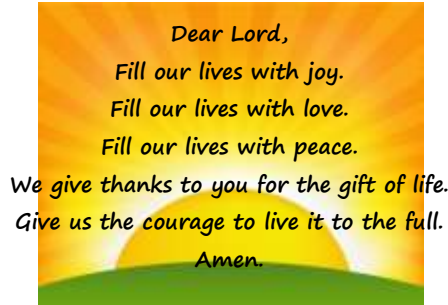
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**Our Vision...**  
Strong Catholic ethos.

**Our Vision...**  
Excellent teaching.

**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,

The inspection this week went very well this week and the inspection team have agreed with all our own self-evaluation judgements. We are not allowed to share any further information as it is confidential or post on social media, but as soon as the report is available I will share it across our community. It will be a testament to our mission and provision for all our students. Thank you for all that you do for your children and our students.

I would sincerely like to thank Father Humphrey for celebrating mass to our students on Wednesday mornings and hope in the near future we will once again be able to invite parents and parishioners into the school.

Wishing you all a very relaxing and peaceful weekend.

*Mrs Vile*

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## FACE COVERING UPDATES

From Thursday 20 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff, and pupils and students in year 7 and above. They were introduced in classrooms at the start of the spring term as a temporary measure.

## Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be logged on TestRegister and [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Reminder on the temporary suspension of confirmatory PCR tests in education and childcare settings

We updated you on the temporary pause of confirmatory PCR tests. As a reminder, you are only asked to take a follow up PCR test after a positive LFD test if you:

- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme
- have received a positive day 2 LFD after arriving into the UK

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If anyone has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, they are strongly advised to take a PCR test, not an LFD test. If someone with symptoms has already taken an LFD test for any reason and the result is positive, they do not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

## NOTIFICATIONS

### Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations: Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

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, 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Morning 09:00	English Literature: 'Poetry Comparison' (1h)	Mathematics Paper 1 non- calculator (1h)	<u>Option A</u> Art Practical in E3 with LMO (3h) <u>Option H</u> Music Technology Writing in D1 with FAN (2h) – plus CA (Y11) <u>Option L</u> Art Practical in E2 with THA (3h)	English Language: 'Descriptive Writing' (1h)	Mathematics Paper 2 calculator (1h)	<u>Option A</u> Computer Science (1h) Hospitality and Catering (1h 30m) Performance Skills Writing (1h) Physical Education (1h 15m)	Combined Science - Physics (1h) Separate Science Physics (1h)	<u>Option I</u> Business (1h 30m) Drama Practical in A1 with DKE (2h) Health and Fitness (1h 30m) Product Design Practical in D3 with TBA (3h)
BREAK (11:00 – 11:15)	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
LUNCH (12:15 – 13:00)	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Afternoon 13:00	<u>Option A/H/L</u> Geography (1h 30m) History (1h 30m)	Combined Science - Biology (1h) Separate Science Biology (1h)	<u>Option H/L</u> French Reading (1h) Spanish Reading (1h) <u>Option I</u> History (1h 30m) – JM only	Religious Education: 'Catholic Christianity' (50m)	Combined Science - Chemistry (1h) Separate Science Chemistry (1h)	<u>Option H/L</u> French Writing (1h) Spanish Writing (1h)	<u>Option A</u> Performance Skills Practical in A1 with DKE (2h) <u>Option H</u> Product Design Practical in E2 with THA (2h) – Group 2 <u>Option I</u> Drama Writing (1h)	<u>Option H</u> Business (1h 30m) Health and Social Care (1h 30m) Music Technology Practical in D1 with FAN (2h) – plus CA (Y11) Product Design Practical in E2 with THA (2h) – Group 1

Parent Guide on RSHE– Please click link below:

[CPD\\_RSHE\\_PARENTS.pdf](#)

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### What's going on at EPCHS?

#### Visit From Ashleigh Porter-Exley



**Ashleigh Porter-Exley - WINNER of Sir Alan Sugar's Young Apprentice 2012 kindly visited and gave a talk to our Year 11 students this week on motivation, ambition and how to succeed in the face of adversity. Her aim is to prove to kids that you can achieve your dreams if you fight hard enough and believes that there has never been a candidate like her on Young Apprentice.**

**Please click link below in relation to a Parent Carer Forum event in February**



Parent Carer Forum  
Event February 2022

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Ellesmere Port Catholic High School are proud to offer a wide range of activities for students throughout the school. From arts to sports and everything in between, there is an activity for all. You now, need to #MakeitCount

\*Please click on the link to take you to the site\*

<https://epchs.co.uk/extracurricular-activities/>

### Sixth Form Information, Advice and Guidance

**UCAS Discover Apprenticeships - free online event - 9th February - 10am until 6pm**



As part of 'National Apprenticeships Week', UCAS are bringing students everything you need to know to determine if an apprenticeship might be a good option for you. It is a day of inspiration, information and where you will have live access to employers.

The event will cover what an apprenticeship is, whether it is an option for you and what apprenticeship opportunities and programmes are available with top apprenticeship employers.

You will be able to access live sessions including CV and application workshops, interview clinics and advice on how to land a dream apprenticeship.

There will be live chat with top name apprenticeship employers including SKY, PwC, Rolls Royce and more.

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You will be able to hear from apprentices about what it is like to study and work at the same time.

If you can't make the 9th February, the content will be available on demand until 23rd February.

To book and for more information, please go to <https://www.ucas.com/events/discover-apprenticeships-404016>

### **Careers with the Royal Air Force (RAF) - free virtual careers event - 10th February - 6.30pm until 8.30pm**



If you are interested in a career in the Royal Air Force, they are holding a free virtual careers event on Thursday 10th February, 6.30pm until 8.30pm. For more information and to book a place go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raf-virtual-event-access-all-areas-tickets-223254599517?aff=FlyerEng>

### **Medic Mentor - Free E-Learning courses for aspiring medical, dental and veterinary students**

The **largest free national work experience programme for aspiring medical, dental and veterinary students** has returned. This was developed last year in partnership with **Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust (UHB)** and it is **FREE** for students.

Medic Mentor have developed a series of **E-learning courses that you can complete in your own time**. You have 1 month to complete each session, and once you have completed the programme, you will receive a certificate from Medic Mentor and UHB as evidence of your participation.

**Medical Schools are accepting virtual work experience as an alternative to in-person work**

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**experience** in light of the pandemic and reduced access to placements.

Participation in the virtual work experience will also provide you, your parents and guardians with several opportunities to speak to doctors, dentists and vets continuously throughout the academic year. You will be able to do this on Tuesday evenings and most weekends, for free. You can also call the Mentor Helpline number 01530 417 299 from 10am-5pm, Mon-Fri if you would like advice on careers or applying to medical, dental, veterinary school.

Medic Mentor is a non-profit social enterprise and all of their proceeds are reinvested in supporting students to make informed career decisions.

**To register you need to complete the online application form as follows:**

**Medicine:** <https://medicmentor.co.uk/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

**Dentistry:** <https://medicmentor.co.uk/dental-live-virtual-work-experience/>

**Veterinary:** <https://medicmentor.co.uk/veterinary-virtual-live-work-experience/>

For more information, here are some links to feedback videos from students and teachers:

**Student Feedback:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVHw3K0h5Sk>

**Teacher Feedback:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUOeFBivUc&t=3s>

If you have any further questions, please email [education@medicmentor.org](mailto:education@medicmentor.org) or call them on 01530 417 299

### **Work experience with HSBC and M&S Bank – Chester - Summer 2022**

If you are interested in a career in financial services or banking, HSBC and M&S Bank are running a **work experience programme** in **Chester** this summer. The work experience weeks will be **w/c 20<sup>th</sup> June, w/c 4<sup>th</sup> July or w/c 1<sup>st</sup> August**

The programme will give you a realistic taste of what life is like at a leading global bank. You can build on your knowledge of banking and financial services and explore potential future careers available at M&S Bank and HSBC. You will gain insight into the different roles and functions across the organisations, as well as improving personal and employability skills. Where a physical placement is available, you will spend the day with a team getting hands on experience of what it is like to work in a bank. You will get to know about

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the values of the organisations, their history and gain an insight into the actual jobs you would be doing if you want to work for them in the future.

For more information and to apply please go to

[https://mycareer.hsbc.com/en\\_GB/external/PipelineDetail/M-S-Work-Experience-Programme-2022-Chester/20858?src=JB-12441](https://mycareer.hsbc.com/en_GB/external/PipelineDetail/M-S-Work-Experience-Programme-2022-Chester/20858?src=JB-12441)

The closing date for applications is **20<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **Virtual NHS Healthcare Work Experience Programme**

**This is a 6 month programme, one day per month until April 2022.** 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/>

### **ORCHESTRA WORKSHOPS**

We have the Manchester Camerata Orchestra coming into school over the next month to run workshops with selected pupils. The workshops will take place within the music department and a final concert will be held in Manchester. It is such a wonderful opportunity for our students to work with industry professionals.

Here is a list of workshop times/dates and a list of pupils.

- Workshop 1: 1 Feb (Tues), 9.30am – 12pm
- Workshop 2: 9 Feb (Weds), 9.30am – 12pm
- Workshop 3: 15 Feb (Tues), 9.30am – 12pm
- Workshop 4: 2 March (Weds), 9.30am – 12pm
- Concert in Manchester: 23 March (Weds), All day event.

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