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PARENT BULLETIN

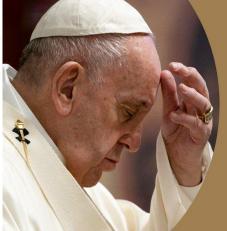
7th March 2022







Franciscus #PrayTogether #Ukraine





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Our Vision... Excellent teaching.

Our Vision... Strong Catholic ethos.

Our Vision... Ensuring every child is known.

Our Vision... High expectations of everyone. 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,

As we work through these difficult times our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine at times we feel as if there is nothing that we can do to effect a positive change on the situation that many people find themselves in . As a Year7 student said to me this week, we can pray, we can raise money and we can hold our heads up high for all the people of Ukraine.

Thank you for all your donations that have already been sent into school, due our Ash Wednesday services the whole school prayed for the people of Ukraine and we will continue to do this.

Mrs Víle

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STUDENT ABSENCE UPDATE NOTICE

To all parents and guardians,

Please may we ask that all student absences are reported no later than 08:40am by phoning the school absence line on 0151 355 2373 and pressing option 1. Please leave a voice message, stating your child's name, form and reason for absence. Please ensure you press # at the end of the message.

If you are unable to call, please email <u>attendance@epchs.co.uk</u> (with the same information) **AND NOT** the school admin account as previously advised.

Many thanks

What's going on at EPCHS?

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/

REMINDER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

All students have been sent an email to their student account with their log in details for the Arbor Student Portal. In the portal they can see their timetable, view behaviour and achievement points, access exam timetables and report cards.

If they need to re-set their passwords, they can do this by just selecting 'forgot password'.

Thanks, Laura Hughes Strategic Data Manager

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Monday 14th March Revision Skills Session

Following on from the PPE feedback we are putting on a revision skills lessons for year 11, which will incorporate different revision methods as well allowing students time to practise them.

- Year 11 will attend this session during period 1-2 on the 14th March.
- <u>They are to go to form and then attend the areas below for period 1 & 2 form tutors, please</u> <u>let them know where they are to be:</u>
 - Group 1, period 1 to the hall, 11 B, J, K
 - Group 2 period 1 to the gym, M, R,T
 - Group 3 period 1 VMA B16 (Nurture group)
 - Staff that are teaching at this time need to go to the location below.
 - <u>All information will also be on the All Staff team and on the year 11 teams pages.</u>

Period 1					
Group 1 Hall staff	Group 2 Gym staff				
NWH	КНО				
GBO	AED				
THA	Cover				
	RBA				
Period 2					
Group 1 Hall staff	Group 2 Gym staff				
CSS	JWI				
DWO	LFO				
PKI	SKA				
ШΜ	RBA				

Brilliant Scholars

<u>6 year 9 students and 6 year 10 students will be doing the Brilliant Scholars programme this</u> year. The area of study is "Languages of Liverpool". They will be attending the launch event on the 22nd March 2022 in B10A. The timetable of the sessions is listed below. Students will be working in B10A with the PHD student.

	Group	Session 1 1st April	Lesson missed	Session 2 22nd April	Lesson missed	Session 3 29th April	Lesson missed	Session 4 6th May		Session 5 13th May	Lesson missed	Session 6	1-1 session
Arnee Perez	Α	10-11am	Art	11:15-12:15pm	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-12:15p	
Faith gorman	Α	10-11am	Art	11:15-12:15pm	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-12:15p	
Noel Welsh	Α	10-11am	Spanish	11:15-12:15pm	RE	10-11am	Spanish	10-11am	RE	10-11am	Spanish	10-12:15p	
Eric Lightburn	А	10-11am	Drama	11:15-12:15pm	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-12:15p	CJO to sort
Josh PM	A	10-11am	Art	11:15-12:15pm	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-12:15p	timetable
Ruby J Smith	A	10-11am	Drama	11:15-12:15pm	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-12:15p	
Oliver Stewart	В	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	RE	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pn	RE	11:15-12:15pn	Eng	10-12:15p	nearer time for
Maddie Marsland	В	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	Science	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pn	Science	11:15-12:15pn	Eng	10-12:15p	time slots
Kai Irlam	В	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	Biology	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pn	Biology	11:15-12:15pn	Eng	10-12:15p	time slots
Franz Ordoyo	В	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	Biology	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pn	Biology	11:15-12:15pn	Eng	10-12:15p	
Renz Ordoyo	В	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	Biology	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pn	Biology	11:15-12:15pn	Eng	10-12:15p	
Natlia P	В	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	Science	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pn	Science	11:15-12:15pn	Eng	10-12:15p	

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CONWAY TRIP Y7

The dates for this trip are **March 21st-23rd**, there are 90 Y7 students going to Conway, more information relating to activities will be released shortly.



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Feast or Famine



We are hoping to run a whole school charity event which will enable EPCHS to donate to Caritas Ukraine. We want our young people to have an opportunity to be able to make a positive difference to the lives of Ukrainian people.

We need all your support to run this..... It would be fabulous if form tutors could join in on the day of their year group, *It really would be a whole school event*.

We need FT to show the presentation (attached) tomorrow to tutor groups and remind them each day to bring in their money.

WB 14th March in the Assembly Hall

Monday- Yr 7 Tuesday- Yr 8 Wednesday- Yr 9 Thursday- Yr 10 Friday- Yr 11 Monday- Yr 12/13

£1 per raffle ticket, with no limits on numbers to be bought

Raffle tickets can be purchased at break and lunchtime - Year 9 student charity group led by Willow Beverley- Snape.

10 raffled tickets pulled out, students on the feast table: Domino's pizza and drinks. Those students not picked out will be given soup, bread and water.



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Cheshire College master chef through to final of national competition



A FORMER Ellesmere Port Catholic High School pupil will be mixing it with the best in the grand final of a national cooking contest. Cheshire College South and West's Nathan Price, 17, is through to the final of the Young Risotto Chef of the Year 2022, a competition open to young chefs aged 17-23 in all stages of cookery, whether it be a young person currently in education, or an individual that has gained employment within a professional catering environment.

Nathan and fellow Level 1 Introduction to Professional Cookery learner Amanda Salters, 17, wowed judges during the semi-finals. Nathan found success in his beetroot risotto, defeating 50 other regional finalists in his first ever attempt in the competition, making it through to the Grand Final which will see 12 regional winners compete for first prize.

Nathan, who joined the College in September 2021 after completing his GCSEs at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, said: "I have only been on my cookery course for four months and I'm really enjoying it. "It's very exciting to learn new skills and dishes. The facilities we get to learn in are amazing and my tutors are incredibly supportive. It was them that recommended to apply for a competition, and I decided on the Young Risotto Chef of the Year as it is such a fun dish to make.

"I have been practising a beetroot risotto up until now and I'm really excited to compete in the next round!"

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WORLD BOOK DAY









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GOING GREEN AT EPCHS

We are immensely pleased to share with you the progress made on the Solar Panel Project to date, which is part of our Energy and Carbon Reduction Scheme.

In partnership with Salix, Qwest Services, Genfit and the Diocese of Shrewsbury we are installing a total of 209 photovoltaic panels onto our renewed roofs on C Block and our Admin Block.

Once complete the panels will produce 77.47MWh of energy, saving 18.05 tonnes of CO2 emissions per annum (equivalent to 829 trees) and will complement the installation our new Air-source Heat Pump and our new LED lighting throughout school.



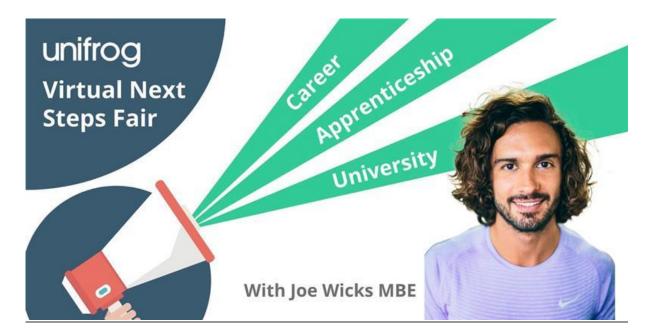


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Sixth Form Information, Advice and Guidance

<u>Unifrog's virtual 'Next Steps Fair' – 8th March – 5pm until 8pm</u>



As part of 'National Careers Week', <u>Unifrog</u> are running a virtual event to give students the opportunity to compare all the different post school pathways, side by side. At the 'Next **Steps Fair**', students can hear from employers, universities and apprenticeship providers in live sessions, and they can also drop by their 'virtual booths' to chat with them directly. More than 50 Universities are taking part, including the University of Cambridge, University of Glasgow, University of Manchester, University of Bath and Liverpool John Moores University and top employers and apprenticeship providers including Morrisons, British Airways, Unilever, Dyson and PWC. For more information and to register, go to **unifrog.org/student/webinars**

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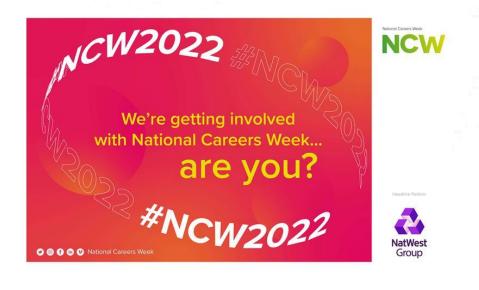
<u>UK University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair - Wed 30th March - 12pm</u> <u>until 6pm</u>



The UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair will be held on 30th March to help you explore your next steps, with a wide range of universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers from around the UK attending.

Speak directly with Admissions teams and Recruitment Officers from Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist universities, along with higher and degree apprenticeship providers, to get personalised advice. You'll also be able to participate in 10 **live webinars** and view **virtual campus tours.** For more information and to book a free place, go to https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/

National Careers Week 2022 - Virtual Careers Fair - 7th to 12th March



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The organisers of 'National Careers Week' are hosting their annual 'Virtual Careers Fair' from 7th to 12th March. Employers such as the NatWest Group, Careers at Sea, NHS, BBC and Civil Service will be involved. You don't need to pre register. For more information go to <u>www.ncw2022.co.uk</u>

UCAS 'National Careers Week' events: 7th March until 11th March

For '**National Careers Week**', UCAS have teamed up with a whole host of careers experts, potential employers and universities to help you discover the possibilities for your future. The schedule for the week is as follows:

Monday 7th - UCAS/Discovery online: a chance to meet and speak to universities and apprenticeship providers between 10am and 6pm.

Tuesday 8th - What are employers looking for? In this session experts will talk about the different skills and qualifications employers look for when filling jobs, providing you with the insight to stand out

Wednesday 9th - UCAS Careers Discovery workshop: led by a careers expert, this session is all about discovering the right choice for you

Thursday 10th - Careers Q&A

Friday 11th - Careers of the future: this session will be about some of the change we may see to the world of work in the next 5 years.

For more information or to book a session go to <u>https://www.ucas.com/events/national-</u> <u>careers-week-2022-412176</u>

<u>Sutton Trust Summer Schools – Find out what university life is really like (Year</u> <u>12s)</u>

Spend a week, sometime between June and August 2022 where you will:

- Experience University life
- Attend academic taster sessions for one of over 40 subjects
- Receive UCAS application support
- Get advice from current undergraduate students
- Join the Sutton Trust Alumni platform
- Develop essential life skills
- Meet students from across the UK
- Access the Sutton Trust on line.

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These summer schools are **free to attend.** For more information and to apply, please go to **summerschools.suttontrust.com.** If you have any further questions, contact **applications@suttontrust.com**

Closing date for applications is 9th March.

Sutton Trust: Apprenticeship Summer Schools (Year 12s)

From **12**th – **14**th **July 2022**, the Sutton Trust will be holding their Apprenticeship Summer Schools where you can:

- Learn about degree-level apprenticeships and speak to current apprentices about their experiences
- Receive guidance on where to find positions and stand out in the application process
- Get to know leading employers and understand their apprenticeship programmes
- Hone your interview skills
- Meet students from across the UK
- Access the Sutton Trust online
- Join the Sutton Trust alumni community

This summer school is **free to attend.** For more information and to apply, please go to **https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/apprenticeship-summer-school/** If you have any further questions, contact **applications@suttontrust.com**

Glyndwr University - Sports and Exercise Science Experience Event - 9th March

Glyndwr University are holding 'Sport and Exercise Sciences' experience events. All are completely free and delivered in a relaxed environment.

The experience day will take place on **9th March.** The event will include a range of 30-minute sessions which will be delivered on campus by members of the WGU Sport and Exercise Sciences team. The day will start at 9.45am and run until 2.15pm with a short break for lunch, and students will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities enabling them to experience a taste of what it is like to study at University. Sessions will include:

- Performance psychology interventions utilised in elite sport
- Physiological testing methods
- Fitness and conditioning

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- The use of communication models in football
- Holistic development of players and athletes (practical)
- Performance analysis

If you are interested in attending, please contact Mrs Boothroyd in the Sixth Form.

Hanson Heidelberg Cement Group - Leadership, Education and Development Apprenticeship Programme

Hanson Heidelberg Cement Group is one of the largest building materials manufacturers in the world, the global market leader in aggregates which also has leading positions in cement, concrete and other downstream activities. **Applications are open for their Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Apprenticeship programme.** Please use the attached link if you are interested in applying for these apprenticeships <u>https://www.hanson-</u> <u>careers.co.uk/en/apprenticeships/trainee-supervisor-positions-2022</u>. **Closing date is 14thMarch.**

INVESTIN - Free online careers seminars for Parents/Guardians

INVESTIN are running a series of free, online seminars designed to give Parents/Guardians the skills they may need to support their children on their career journey. As follows:

9th March - 'Women in Business', 7pm-8pm 23rd March – 'Ultimate Career Experience', 7pm-8pm 6th April – 'Career Workshop', 7pm-8pm 4th May – 'Through the magnifying glass' – about careers in Forensic Science, 7pm-8pm

For more information and to register, follow this link https://investin.org/pages/parent-events

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We are looking for New Parent Governors

Parent Governors

The School has a vacancy for a parent governor to serve on the governing body of this school. We are very keen to encourage parents (or people with parental responsibility) of registered students to nominate themselves to fill these places.

What are Parent Governors?

All schools have a governing body comprising of different types of governors, for example parentgovernors, teacher-governors, foundation governors etc. Parent governors are elected by and from other parents and are vital to our governing body. They share equally with other governors the responsibility for carrying out the governing body's wide range of responsibilities.

You do not have to be an expert on education to be a school governor, nor do you need any special qualifications, and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.

Governors do not run the school day to day, as their role is at the strategic or policy-making level in the school. The main role of a governing body is to operate at strategic level, ensuring that the vision and ethos of the school is upheld, holding the Headteacher and leadership team to account and overseeing the financial performance of the school.

There is no magic formula about what makes a good Parent Governor; they come from all walks of life and all ages. However, it is important that each governing body has a good mix of skills, knowledge and experience.

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Are you interested?

See the FAQ information for further information.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the Returning Officer at the school no later than **Wednesday 9th March 2022**.

You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

FAQ

Q. Who can become a Parent Governor?

All those who have parental responsibility and are over the age of 18 are eligible to stand for election, including parents who work at the school provided that they work for less than 500 hours per year when they are elected.

Q. What is the time commitment?

The average Parent Governor role will take up about 10-12 hours a month. This includes the minimum requirement of attending three full governing body meetings per year and serving on at least one committee. You will also be encouraged to attend free training sessions. Governors are normally appointed for a four year term of office.

Q. What are the safeguarding checks?

As a requirement of the appointment process, all governors, regardless of category, will be required to consent to the carrying out of any appropriate checks, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks (previously known as Criminal Records Bureau checks).

Q. Is there training available to help with the role?

Training is available for all Governors and this Governing Board has an expectation that those new to being a Governor attend free induction training.

Q: What happens if there are more nominations than vacancies?

If there are more nominations than vacancies an election will be held by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure. **Election of parent governors Nomination Form**

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Please enter IN BLOCK LETTERS the name and add	dress of the person being nominated for e	election:
Name:	na agus a Trainn	
Address:		
Signature of person nominated:		
Signature of proposer (if different to nominee):		
Name and address in BLOCK letters of proposer (i	(if different to nominee):	
Name/s (and year/s) of children in school:		
Personal Statement (maximum 250 words):		

In this section, outline the skills and experience you have that the governing board requires; your commitment to undertaking training to acquire or develop the skills needed to be an effective governor; details of your contribution to the work of the governing board during your previous term of office (if applicable); how you plan to contribute to the future work of the board.

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I confirm that I am a parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school and am not:

- An elected member of the local authority
- Paid to work in the school for more 500 hours in any consecutive 12 month period

Signed: ______

Date: _____

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by Wednesday 2nd March 2022

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Please answer each question by ticking in the relevant column on the right hand side						
Are you aged 18 or over at the date of this election or appointment?						
Have you been disqualified as a governor at this school for failing to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed, without the consent of the governing body?						
Has your estate been sequestrated (temporarily repossessed) and the sequestration not been discharged, annulled or reduced?						
Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order: debt relief restrictions order or interim order?						
Are you subject to: a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986; a disqualification order under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 or an order made under Section 492(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a County Court administration order)?						
Have you been removed from the office of a trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which you were responsible or to which you were privy or to which you contributed or to which you facilitated by your conduct?						
Have you been removed, under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, from being concerned in the management or control of any body?						
Are you included in the list of teachers or workers considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children) or young people?						
Are you subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008?						
Are you barred from any regulated activity relating to children?						
Are you disqualified from working with children or from registering for child-minding or providing day care?						
Are you disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State?						
Have you, in the five years prior to becoming a governor, or since becoming a governor been sentenced to three months or more in prison (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine?						
Have you, in the twenty years prior to becoming a governor, received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more?						
Have you, at any time, received a prison sentence of five years or more?						
Have you been fined, in the five years prior to becoming a governor or since becoming a governor, for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school or education premises?						
Have you refused a request by the clerk to make an application to the Criminal Records Bureau for a criminal records certificate?						
Are you employed to work art the school or on a contract for services at the school and work for more than 500 hours a year.						

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