



Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

Wk. 11

PARENT BULLETIN

14th March 2022



A prayer of *peace*

Merciful God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine and their family members around the world. We ask that all those involved respond with wisdom and courage and that a peaceful resolution may be achieved. Lord, during these challenging times please lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust and lead us from hatred to love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen



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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,

With the ongoing troubles in Ukraine we will look forward to the Feast and Famine Charity fundraiser next week which we hope all students will take part in. All monies raised will be donated to **Caritas Ukraine**.

Thank you for all your donations that have been sent into school, this has been so successful that we can no longer accept further donations, but we will continue to support where we can. I trust you all have relaxed and restful weekend.

Mrs Vile

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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 attendance@epchs.co.uk (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/>

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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.
- They are to go to form and then attend the areas below for period 1 & 2 - form tutors, please let them know where they are to be:
 - 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.
- All information will also be on the All Staff team and on the year 11 teams pages.

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

Brilliant Scholars

6 year 9 students and 6 year 10 students will be doing the Brilliant Scholars programme this 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	Lesson missed	Session 5 13th May	Lesson missed	Session 6	1-1 session
Arnee Perez	A	10-11am	Art	11:15-12:15pm	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-12:15p	CJO to sort timetable nearer time for time slots
Faith gorman	A	10-11am	Art	11:15-12:15pm	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-12:15p	
Noel Welsh	A	10-11am	Spanish	11:15-12:15pm	RE	10-11am	Spanish	10-11am	RE	10-11am	Spanish	10-12:15p	
Eric Lightburn	A	10-11am	Drama	11:15-12:15pm	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-12:15p	
Josh PM	A	10-11am	Art	11:15-12:15pm	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-11am	Drama	10-11am	Art	10-12:15p	
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	B	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	RE	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pm	RE	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-12:15p	
Maddie Marsland	B	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	Science	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pm	Science	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-12:15p	
Kai Irlam	B	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	Biology	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pm	Biology	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-12:15p	
Franz Ordoyo	B	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	Biology	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pm	Biology	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-12:15p	
Renz Ordoyo	B	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	Biology	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pm	Biology	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-12:15p	
Natlia P	B	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	10-11am	Science	11:15-12:15pm	Eng	11:15-12:15pm	Science	11:15-12:15pm	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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Revision materials for KS4 (Years 10 and 11) Combined and Separate Science GCSEs.

The Science department is giving you the opportunity to purchase revision guides and/or revision question cards at a discounted price to help your child prepare for their external examinations and assessments in science. The suites of books or cards covers the entire GCSE course(s) in science separated into resources for each Biology, Chemistry and Physics.



In previous years, our students have found them to be extremely useful and I strongly recommend that all students have access to these materials. Some students have already purchased the revision guides but have not had the opportunity to order the revision cards so please check with your child what they may already have.

For your comparison with the CGP website:

Prices for Combined Science:

With school discount: £12.00 for books/£10.50 for cards/£22.50 for both books and cards

Without school discount: £22.50 for books/£17.97 for cards/£40.47 for both books and cards

Prices for Triple Science:

With school discount: £16.50 for books/£13.50 for cards/£30.00 for both books and cards

Without school discount: £32.97 for books/£26.97 for cards/£59.94 for both books and cards

Letters have already been given, in class, to all KS4 students and replacements can be obtained from me in C13. If you wish to purchase these books and/or cards for your child please complete the reply slip and return, with payment, to the white box in Student Services **by 3.30pm Friday 18th March** (Please note that the original deadline was Friday 18th February 2022 but this has been extended.)

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and if you have any queries regarding GCSE Science, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss E Briggs

Second in Science/KS4 Coordinator. E.Briggs@epchs.co.uk

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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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A BIG THANK YOU FROM MARCUS RASHFORD



Marcus Rashford signed a Man U shirt for Denise McHugh inscribed with “every day you are someone’s reason to go to school”. This was arranged by Jez Lonsdale and was presented to Denise as a big thank you for the passion that she puts into her role and supporting our students. (She is a massive Marcus Rashford fan, for his contributions towards the National Literacy Trust).



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Mrs McHugh's Library News 11th March 2022

This week saw us celebrating International Women's Day. Students in year 7 have been reading about some inspirational women who have had a positive and lasting impact on the world we live in. Year 7 have shown great maturity and reasoning when we have had discussions about the role of women in professions which are deemed to be 'a man's job'. Reading about positive female role models has focussed students to think about the world they would like to see as they mature into young adults and the steps they need to take to create a fairer world for all.

There has also been a wonderful buzz in the library this week as our community has celebrated Marcus Rashford's gift of a signed Manchester United football shirt. Marcus Rashford recognises the importance of reading on educational attainment and the sense of escapism that reading gives us. Given the times we live in and the dreadful scenes we are witnessing in Ukraine, it is more important than ever to find some inner peace through the power of reading and prayer.



Happy reading to students, staff and parents alike!

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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

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



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/>

Liverpool Hope University – Applicant Days

For any Year 13 students that have applied to Liverpool Hope University, they are holding applicant days on **19th March, 6th April (virtual event) and 30th April**. For more information or to book, please go to <https://www.hope.ac.uk/applicantdays/>

Liverpool John Moores University - Campus Tour - 16th March

For anyone interested in applying to Liverpool John Moores University, they are holding a campus tour on **16th March @12.45pm**. To register, please go to

<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate-students/visit-us/campus-tours>

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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:

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>

In2ScienceUK's free STEM Summer Programme



This programme will aim to offer **Year 12 students** the opportunity to gain hands-on work experience through in-person STEM placements. The programme will connect students to experts at universities and in industry working at the cutting edge of research and innovation.

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Students will gain access to:

- 1-2 weeks of in-person work experience and mentoring
- Online skills, employability and careers workshops
- Public engagement competitions with prizes
- Alumni network

Placements will take place between **25th July to 26th August**.

The **closing date** for applications is **1st April**.

You can find out more about the programme through a **virtual open day on 22nd March**.

For more information, to book a place on the virtual open day and to apply please go to <https://in2scienceuk.org/students/>

National Careers Week 2022 - Virtual Careers Fair – until 12th March

The graphic features a vibrant red-to-orange gradient background. A large, white, curved banner at the top contains the text '#NCW2022'. Below this, the text 'We're getting involved with National Careers Week... are you?' is written in yellow. At the bottom, another large white curved banner displays '#NCW2022'. In the bottom left corner, there are social media icons for Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube, followed by the text 'National Careers Week'. In the top right corner, the 'National Careers Week' logo is shown in green. In the bottom right corner, the 'NatWest Group' logo is displayed, with the text 'Headline Partner:' above it.

The organisers of 'National Careers Week' are hosting their annual 'Virtual Careers Fair' which ends on **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 www.ncw2022.co.uk

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



Year 13s: Applications close on **14th March** for their Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Higher Apprenticeship programme. Working while you learn is a fast-track way of gaining experience and qualifications. On completion, you will have a ready-made career with a leading company. During the three-year programme, LEAD trainee supervisors are offered:

- A starting salary of £20,592 (£22,984 London weighting)
- Annual salary review on successful completion of each year's programme
- 27 days paid holiday plus bank holidays
- Benefits portal providing retail discounts

The key focus is a distance-learning Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Minerals Extractive Technology from the University of Derby. This is fully funded by Hanson.

LEAD has proved to be an ideal launching pad for those who wish to develop a long-term career in the mineral sector. They now have former LEAD programme participants employed across the business in a diverse range of roles from Cement Process Engineer to Kiln Production Engineer to Assistant Quarry Manager.

To be considered for this fantastic opportunity, please click [HERE](https://www.hanson-careers.co.uk/en/apprenticeships/trainee-supervisor-positions-2022) to apply (https://www.hanson-careers.co.uk/en/apprenticeships/trainee-supervisor-positions-2022).

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PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE



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