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# PARENT BULLETIN

28th March 2022



#### SHORT PRAYER FOR COMFORT

May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe every tear from our eyes: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### #PEACEDAY2017

Peace is a world where

Enemies do not exist; where

Alliance is a norm, and

Contentment is everywhere, and

Exploration leads to tolerance and communion.

Peace is a dialogue to

Establish unity, to

Avoid challenges to balances in a

society, and to

Create a place for acceptance while

Establishing a better place in front of

.

Anirugh Salana

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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. Gi<mark>ve us the courage to live it</mark> to the f<mark>u</mark>ll.

#### 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,

We look forward to the last week of Spring Term and to Year 11's progress evening this Thursday.

Thank you for all your support during our fundraising week we raised an amazing amount with the help of Dominos and Costco and the students really enjoyed the event.

#### Please note that school will finish this Friday at 1pm.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

MrsVíle

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# Please note that school will close for Easter on FRIDAY 1st APRIL at 1.00 pm

#### 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 <a href="mailto:attendance@epchs.co.uk">attendance@epchs.co.uk</a> (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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Cheshire West and Chester Council are pleased to announce that the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF), which has provided healthy food and enriching activities to disadvantaged children since 2018, will continue across the borough in 2022.

The programme will cover the Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays in 2022 and as well as the general offer we will also have additional support for children and young people identified as having special educational needs and disabilities.

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme enables children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) to access healthy food and to take part in fun activities over the school holiday periods. The programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE).

The attached flyer details provision that is taking place across the borough during the Easter holidays, sessions are free and parents should book as directed on the flyer for each of the providers

Thank you

Flyer Easter - HAF -SEND\_.pdf

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#### They made me proud ♥

The students proudly displayed their business idea which was seen by more than 100 guests who had been invited to the Young Enterprise Ambassador Evening Reception at Eaton Hall.

Many local business owners were present at the event along with Cheshire Council representatives and Caerphilly County.

The students were asked questions about the project and we received the support of many local businesses including Mark Mitchell, Group Managing Director of The Mitchell Group, Cheshire Oaks, Antony Bolter from Caerphilly County Borough Council, John Ebo, Local Government and Business Consultant and also the Co-op group, who are willing to invite us to a meeting to discuss our plans.

I am delighted to announce that we have now been invited to the Young Enterprise North West Final which will take place in Chester on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. There is, therefore, no time to rest for our budding entrepreneurs who will need to finalise their business plan and rehearse Q&A from the panel of business gurus, Dragons Den style!

Françoise Williams

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# FEAST OR FAMINE FUNDRAISER (Sponsored by our local Costco and Dominos)





# Total raised was an amazing £818.18! Well Done to Everyone who supported

Special thanks to the following Companies and Staff

Val Clayton (Teaching Assistant) who handmade the fabulous Ribbons and Button Rosettes

COSTCO – for donating money for cakes
DOMINOS PIZZA who supplied all the Pizzas free of charge



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All pupils will be taking part in CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger this Lent. 10% of people in the world suffer from extreme hunger and food insecurity, and this number has been increasing over the past few years. Somalia in East Africa is one of the worst affected countries with half the population experiencing an extreme food shortage. To highlight this, all pupils will walk the equivalent of 1800KM, the distance of the width of Somalia, this Lent. They will take part by walking 2KM each around the school field during one of their RE lessons towards the end of this term. If you would like to sponsor our pupils taking part in this event, please visit our 'GoFund Me' page. All money raised will go to CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger campaign.

https://gofund.me/be384bcc



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Mentoring for 16-18 Year Olds

View this email online





Online Mentoring for 16-18 year olds Deadline for student sign up: 28th March 2022

#### Student sign up

#### Link to sign up as a mentee

Designed to help young people explore their future career options in STEM, a ten-week mentoring programme is open to 16 - 18 year olds.

For those across Years 12 & 13 (or equivalent S5/S6, Year 13/14 NI), young people will have the opportunity to be mentored on 'life after school' - whether that's Higher Education, Apprenticeships or preparing for employment. They will chat to trained STEM Ambassadors via a secure and moderated online text messaging system.

Those taking part will receive:

- One to one support and inspiration from a STEM Ambassador
- Training on how to use the secure and moderated messaging system
- Support and resources to help them make informed decisions about their future.

All young people from across the UK are invited to apply, and there is no limit on the number of students being able to access the programme from any one school or college. Start and end dates are outlined here:

Years 12 & 13, to run 4th April – 10th June - OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Young people should <u>sign up here</u> to access this great opportunity.

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Hello,

Could we kindly ask that you circulate this with your students' parents/guardians.

We're super excited to announce open auditions for our production of 'Peter Pan Jr' at The Story House Theatre in the heart of Chester in Spring 2023 and we want all children to have the opportunity to audition.

Open Auditions -(Audition date 24th April / Recall date 1st May) - No experience needed

Our aim is to develop further creativity for children and aim to offer young people the chance to work as a team, make new friends, learn new skills and above all have fun!

The show offers a wide range of opportunities for children 6-18 years – including auditioning for the iconic role of 'Peter Pan or even Wendy, Tinker Bell, John and Michael , the parents Mr Darling and Mrs Darling, Liza the servant, the dastardly Captain Hook and his sidekick Smee, Tiger Lily, the Lost Boys, Pirates, Neverland Natives, Nana the pet dog and, of course, that scary crocodile.

Along with actors, we will be wanting exceptional child dancers, singer and cast for an ensemble.

If you're aged between 6 and 18 with a passion for performing, we'd love to hear from you! No experience needed!

The initial auditions will take place at Majestic Academy Of Performing Arts (MAPA).

Please do follow us on social media @Majestic Academy and or drop us an email. E: <a href="majesticacademyofperformingarts.co.uk">info@majesticacademyofperformingarts.co.uk</a>

APPLY HERE www.majesticacademyofperformingarts.co.uk/Peter-Pan-Jr

Kindest Regards
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Majestic Academy of Performing Arts
www.majesticacademyofperformingarts.co.uk
www.majestic-models.com
www.majesticsmission.org



Auditions will be at Majestic Academy in Great Boughton CHESTER.

# STORYHOUSE CHESTER



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#### Sixth Form Information, Advice and Guidance

#### UCAS - University, Apprenticeship or Work - 1st April - 10am until 6pm - Free online event



On UCAS Discovery Online, there will be a day dedicated to helping you take the next step in the research for your future options. There will be expert sessions designed to provide the answers you need to make informed and confident decisions about your future.

Whether it's university, an apprenticeship, or moving into the world of work that you are considering, this online event is the perfect place to get advice, make connections, and start taking steps towards an application. You can:

- Take part in live sessions to get your questions answered
- Explore all kinds of possibilities and chat live with 80+ universities and colleges
- Get practical advice from the experts on how to choose what and where to study
- Weigh up the pros and cons with current students and apprentices
- Take a virtual tour, book open days and browse student videos to get a taste of university life
- Download and take away course information and prospectuses to narrow down your choices
- Watch and learn with videos including UCAS' ultimate guide to life after school and how to figure out what's right for you

For more information and to book, please go to <a href="https://www.ucas.com/events/ucas-discovery-online-404026">https://www.ucas.com/events/ucas-discovery-online-404026</a>

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There is no limit on the number of students being able to access the programme from any one school or college. For Years 12 & 13, it will run from 4th April – 10th June. Closing date for applications is 28th March. For more information and to register go to <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFUDrxpQn-OsLeAJI74sTGoPIBzBPvQkAiRMkPA4FHiDPISQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFUDrxpQn-OsLeAJI74sTGoPIBzBPvQkAiRMkPA4FHiDPISQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0</a>

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





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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 <a href="https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/">https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/</a>

#### Newcastle University - FREE Year 12 Summer School - 19th July until 22nd July



Do you want the chance to experience a taste of university life? Visit Newcastle University and gain an insight into what life is like as a student at Newcastle University. Apply to take part in their **FREE Year 12 Summer School.** You will stay on campus, try out subjects and take part in some fun social activities. The Summer School will take place from **19th July until 22nd July**. Closing date for applications is **6pm on 24th April.** For more information and to apply, please go to <a href="https://belong.ncl.ac.uk/bitesizeuni">https://belong.ncl.ac.uk/bitesizeuni</a>

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#### <u>Liverpool Hope University - Applicant Days</u>

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

#### **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:

6<sup>th</sup> April – 'Career Workshop', 7pm-8pm 4<sup>th</sup> May – 'Through the magnifying glass' – about careers in Forensic Science, 7pm-8pm

For more information and to register, follow this link <a href="https://investin.org/pages/parent-events">https://investin.org/pages/parent-events</a>

#### <u>Unifrog - undecided about apprenticeships? Webinar - 29th March @5pm</u>



Are you interested in learning more about apprenticeships as an alternative to university? In this webinar, an employer and current apprentice will help you understand how to find apprenticeship vacancies and give you tips on how to prepare a successful application. To register go to <a href="https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars">www.unifrog.org/student/webinars</a>

#### **Engineering and Manufacturing Apprenticeships at Nestle**

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Nestle, the biggest food and beverage company in the World, are offering Engineering and Manufacturing apprenticeships. Closing date for applications is **27th March**. For the Engineering apprenticeships, please go to

https://www.nestleacademy.co.uk/apprentices/advanced-apprenticeships-l3/engineering/index.htm

For the Manufacturing apprenticeships, please go to

https://www.nestleacademy.co.uk/apprentices/advanced-apprenticeships-l3/food-manufacturing-ptc-apprenticeship/index.htm

### <u>Production Apprenticeship Programme - Toyota, Deeside</u>



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Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK Deeside Engine Plant are offering a 'Production Apprenticeship Programme', **starting in September 2022.** It is a 12 month programme, providing opportunities to learn valuable skills and to secure a permanent role with them. Please go to their recruitment website where you will find the application for the programme entitled "Deeside Production Apprenticeship 2022". The closing date for this is **3**<sup>rd</sup> **April 2022.** <a href="https://recruitment.toyotauk.com/">https://recruitment.toyotauk.com/</a>

# <u>University of Portsmouth - live sessions in March & April to help you make the most of University - sessions for students and parents</u>



The University of Portsmouth are running the following sessions in March and April to assist you on your university journey:

**Student Finance** - 30th March - 4pm until 5pm **Student Finance** - 31st March - 6pm until 7pm

Student Finance: a guide for parents - 5th April (6pm-7pm) and 7th April (7pm-8pm) Revision and study skills to prepare you for university - 6th April - 4pm until 5pm Researching a course and university - 27th April - 4pm until 5pm

For more information and to book, please go to <a href="https://www.port.ac.uk/collaborate/schools-and-colleges/getting-started/live-sessions">https://www.port.ac.uk/collaborate/schools-and-colleges/getting-started/live-sessions</a>

#### In2ScienceUK's free STEM Summer Programme

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This programme will aim to offer <u>Year 12 students</u> 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. 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 <a href="https://in2scienceuk.org/students/">https://in2scienceuk.org/students/</a>

#### Apprenticeships in Horse Racing with 'Careers in Racing

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If you are looking for a career with a difference, explore an apprenticeship in horse racing. 'Careers in Racing', can show you how to get hands-on experience with racehorses and get onto the ladder that leads to a wide range of roles.

You don't need experience with horses, or academic qualifications: just a love of working with animals and being part of a friendly team. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.careersinracing.com/apprenticeships-2/">https://www.careersinracing.com/apprenticeships-2/</a>

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