

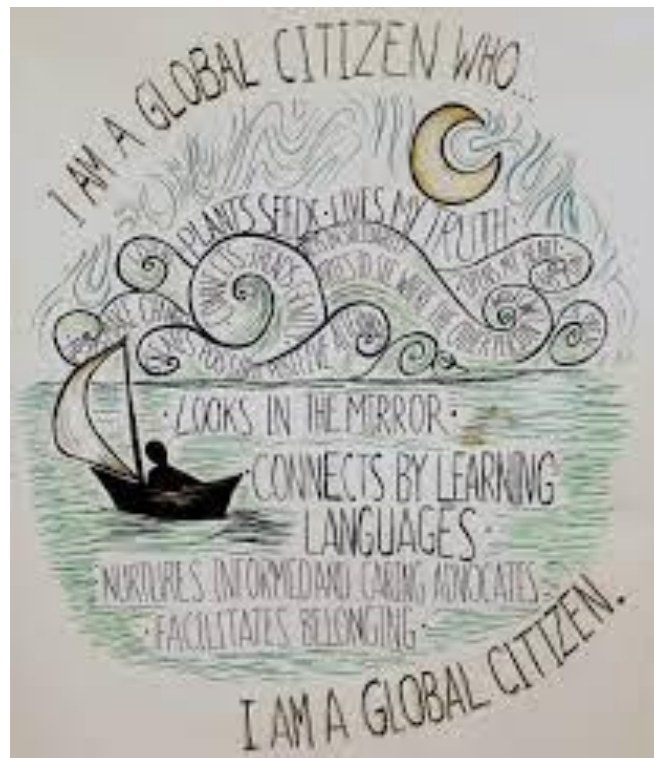
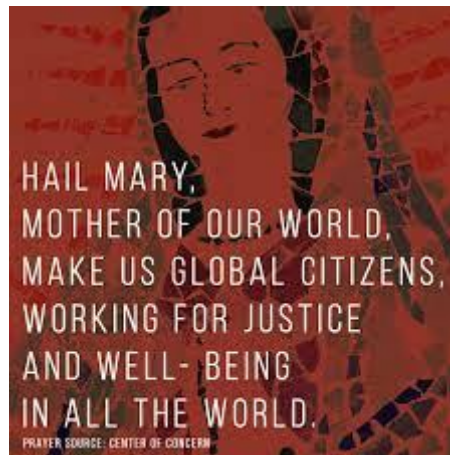


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Parent Bulletin

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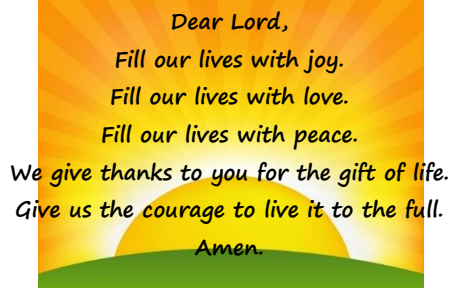
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Our Vision...
Strong Catholic ethos.

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...
Keeping children safe in education.

Our Vision...
Excellent leadership at all levels.



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your support during the difficult time of snow days and strike days. Please find the summary of the parent consultation about the academy status in this newsletter and do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Mrs Vile

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SCOPAY

Please note: Due to required changes within our ScoPay online payment system, unfortunately the system will **not** be available **between 4pm on Wednesday 22nd March and 9.00am Wednesday 01 April for lunch payments**. Trip payments can still be made online.

During this time, if you wish to pay into your child's lunch account, please can you send in cash in an envelope with your child's name and form clearly labelled lunch money. This can be deposited in the green box in reception or the red box in student services by 11.30am at the latest each day. Our Finance staff will then enter this onto your child's lunch account.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we develop our systems.

If you have any queries, please email the finance team at epchs.finance@epchs.co.uk

Kind Regards

Finance Office

Safeguarding Bulletin – Spring 2023

Please click on below link to review:

<https://test.epchs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Safeguarding-Bulletin-Spring-2023.pdf>

Vacancies

We have some exciting vacancies within our school. If you are interested, or know anyone who may be interested, please take a look and spread the word. Please click on the link that will take you to our current vacancies page. <https://test.epchs.co.uk/staff-vacancies/>

If you have any queries, please send an email to Human.Resources@epchs.co.uk

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Drama Yr9 Workshop

Here are some pictures from our recent Year 9 drama workshop. Pupils had the opportunity to work with movement director Grace Goulding. They engaged really well in the workshop and had fun developing their creativity, confidence and devising skills.



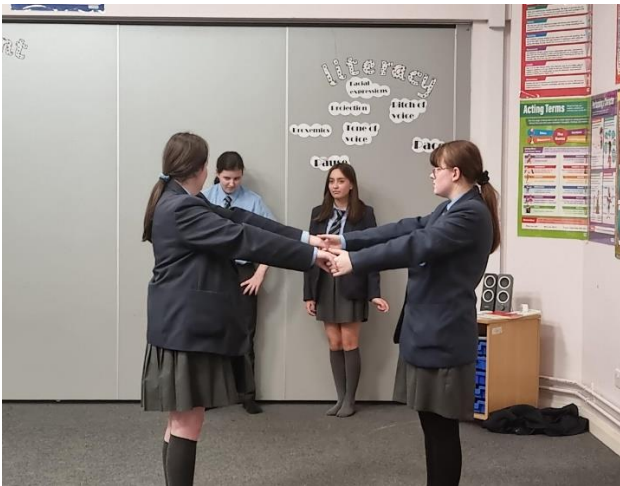
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WEEK BEGINNING 13TH MARCH



Competition time:
Win an Easter Egg!

This half term we have two chances to win an Easter Egg.

1. Read a book on the Cheshire Schools' Book Award shortlist - you can find these books in the library. Once you've read it, write a review, design a new front cover, or put together a soundtrack playlist to be in with a chance to win.
2. Get reading and quizzing on MyON and Accelerated Reader - the student who banks the highest wordcount this term will win.

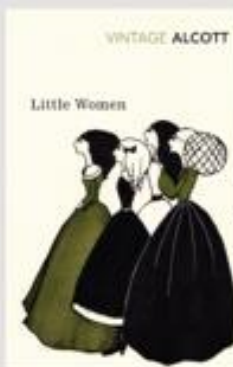
Good luck!!



RECOMMENDED READ - LITTLE WOMEN BY LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

MEET THE MARCH SISTERS

- MEG IS THE ELDEST AND ON THE BRINK OF LOVE.
- THEN THERE'S TOMBOY JO WHO LONGS TO BE A WRITER.
- SWEET-NATURED BETH ALWAYS PUTS OTHERS FIRST
- FINALLY THERE'S AMY, THE YOUNGEST AND MOST PRECOCIOUS.



Find me in the library!



This Week in Literary History:

15th March, 1937 - supernatural horror fiction author, H. P. Lovecraft, dies in Rhode Island, USA.

16th March, 1995 - playwright and screenwriter Albert Hackett dies in New York, USA.

18th March, 1893 - Wilfred Owen, one of the leading poets of the first world war, is born in Oswestry, England.

18th March, 1932 - critic, author, novelist, and poet, John Updike, is born in Pennsylvania, USA.

19th March, 1950 - Edgar Rice Burroughs, author and creator of the Tarzan and John Carter characters, dies in California, USA.

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Academisation Meeting for Parents, Carers & Guardians – Tuesday 7th March 2023 @5pm

High level summary/Key Points

Overview:

The voluntary consultation meeting was an opportunity for Parents/Carers/Guardians to learn more about the proposed change in status of Ellesmere Port Catholic High School into an academy, and raise any questions they may have.

Mrs Vile opened the meeting; welcoming attendees and outlining the intention for EPCHS to become part of the Cheshire Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), Our Lady Help of Christians (OLHOC). A speaker from the Shrewsbury Diocese was then introduced who provided a background into MAT's, the three MAT's within the Diocese, an overview of how they are structured, and what this will mean to EPCHS following conversion on the 1st April 2023.

Key points

The decision to become part of the OLHOC MAT has been made following an extensive period of meticulous due diligence; Mrs Vile/Governing Board would not have progressed if they felt it was not in the best interests of the pupils, and the school.

One of three MAT's within the Shrewsbury Diocese, OLHOC was chosen due to its geographic location within Cheshire and aligned values; striving for excellence in our children's and young people's education, underpinned by a strong Catholic ethos.

Some advantages associated with becoming part of the MAT included the opportunity to learn from each other by sharing best practices, for their benefit of our pupils and staff, and a programme of enrichment opportunities which pupils may not otherwise get to experience.

It was acknowledged that, although EPCHS will be part of the MAT, issues or challenges facing one school may not necessarily affect another. To ensure EPCHS continues to meet the needs and demographic of its students, Mrs Vile remains responsible for the day-to-day management and operation of the school, and will continue to make the decisions, supported by the Governing Board. This does not change post conversion to OLHOC on the 1st April.

Questions were invited throughout the consultation and included:

1. What changes will parents/pupils see post academisation?

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There should be no visible difference. EPCHS retains its identity; uniform, branding/signage etc. remains the same. Mrs Vile will still be responsible for making decisions for the school.

2. Does EPCHS intend to appoint unqualified teachers once academized?

No. We will continue to strive for excellence in our children's and young people's education by attracting and retaining the best qualified teaching staff, investing in their development for the benefit of our pupils.

3. Will money from EPCHS budget be used for other schools within the MAT?

No. EPCHS budget will only be used for the benefit and operation of EPCHS, and Mrs Vile will continue to decide how that budget is spent. Funds will not be allocated to another school within the MAT. Conversely, EPCHS will not receive any budget allocated to another school within OHLOC, each remains separate.

N.B schools which are part of a MAT have access to additional Government funding schemes/can apply for grants. If awarded, these funds would be additional to the school's individual budget.

Parent-Governor Prospective

It is evident that a great deal of consideration and research has gone into the decision for Ellesmere Port Catholic High School to become part of the academy trust, and I believe it to be the right decision for our children.

Pupils will benefit from increased opportunities and enhanced learning experiences; building upon those already offered and supporting the school's continuous objective of striving for educational excellence for its students.

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STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics	
Every Tuesday 3pm till 4pm in Lab C2 with Mr Hickman and 6th form helpers James Hamer and Chloe HyamsonY13	

PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE



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