

Choosing your child's secondary school

A very important decision...





Our Mission Statement

"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10



Catholic Social Teaching













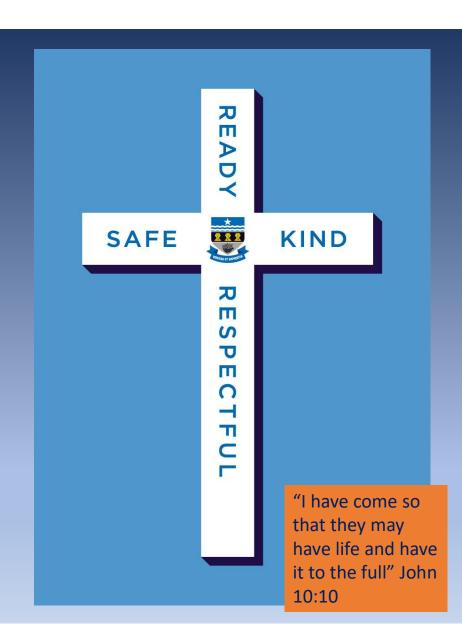




Our vision:

- Strong Catholic ethos.
- Excellent leadership at all levels.
- Excellent teaching.
- •Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.
- Ensuring every child is known.
- High expectations of everyone.
- •Keeping children safe in education.
- •At the heart of the community.

"Leaders place as much emphasis on pupils' personal development as they do academic achievement" (Ofsted, June 2021)



Our Priorities

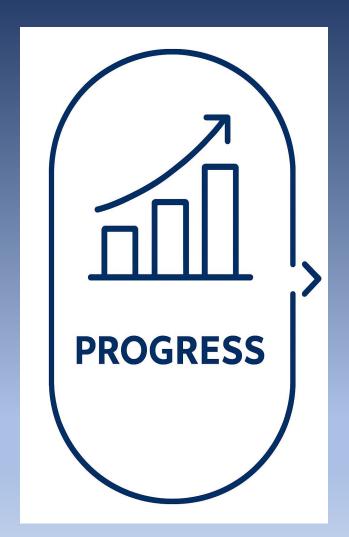
- The highest quality of teaching.
- The highest quality of leadership.
- The highest quality of pastoral support and guidance.
- The highest quality of extracurricular, enrichment and volunteering programmes.
- The school's staff form a strong team, committed to pupil's education and well-being.











Comments from recent inspections:

- Pupils feel safe and know that they are well cared for in school.
- The school has a strong culture of care for pupils and for keeping them safe.
- Leaders work to promote pupils' personal development is strong.
- There is a deep sense of family in the school and there is a pride in the fact that each young person is known and accepted.





Comments from recent inspections:

- EPCHS is an inclusive and caring culture where every child is valued equally. The level of care and support is exemplary.
- An ambitious and inclusive curriculum with effective adaptations for students with SEND (Oasis Room and the Nelson Mandela Centre).
- The Headteacher, Governors and senior leaders are committed to the school's mission that pupils should 'have life and have it to the full'.





Year 7 parent's comments:

"During this year our daughter has progressed massively both academically and personally. EPCHS has proved itself to be the absolute best fit for us."

"My son is new to Catholic High School and he has been supported above and beyond in all areas ... We can't thank the teachers and staff enough for the continued support my son and ourselves receive."

"I cannot speak highly enough of the school. I was very apprehensive about my son starting high school as I was worried about him going from a small primary school into a big high school and thought he would be just a number ... This could not be further from the truth. The feedback at parents evening ... was amazing; the way they talked about my son made me feel like they know and care for him. All the teachers ... were truly lovely and I know they are nurturing my son into being the best he can be both academically and personally."





Year 7 parent's comments:

"We feel the school puts lots of effort into making sure not only the children are safe and are learning but also in their peer groups too. This is also important for the children to thrive."

"... the most important thing is that our child is so happy with their new school! We are so grateful for all the help we as a family have received from the team at EPCHS...many thanks!"

"We have been hugely impressed with the school transition to EPCHS for our child. It was professionally handled, with us as parents being kept informed at all stages."

"We love the fact that in such a short space all teachers seem to "know and understand" the traits and anxieties that my child displays, without judgement. The teachers go above and beyond, we are extremely grateful to them at working together with us all as a family and now I can honestly say that my child thoroughly enjoys attending school."







Subjects studied in Year 7:

- Religious Education
- Mathematics
- English
- Sciences
- Geography
- History
- ICT/Computing
- Physical Education (PE)
- Design and Technology (D&T)
- Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)
- Art
- Performing Arts (Drama and Music)
- Personal Development





Personal Development at EPCHS

Personal Development at EPCHS provides students with the knowledge, skills, dispositions and habits to promote and support them in leading healthy, happy and fulfilling adult lives. This experience is lived through the gospel values which define the schools ethos.

Emotional Wellbeing
Personal Growth
Character Building
Holistic Approach
Self Actualisation



Personal Development at EPCHS





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Extracurricular Activities at EPCHS



What's on? Year 7 #MakeItCount

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Breakfast in the canteen. Library open from 8am	Breakfast in the canteen. Library open from 8am	Breakfast in the canteen. Library open from 8am. Wellbeing drop in (C19)	Breakfast in the canteen. Library open from 8am	Breakfast in the canteen. Library open from 8am
Lunch	Badminton (PE) and Crochet club (C1) Chinese club (B18)	Singing/music group (B11) Art club (week A only) Journalist club (B24) Gogglebox club (B8)	Golden key society (C18)	Philosophy café (B21)	BSL club (C19) Boccia (PE) Crochet club (C1) Bored at lunch club (M1)
After School 3:15 till 4:00 Unless otherwise stated.	Homework club (library). Basketball (PE)	Homework club (library). Gardening club (C12) Boys rugby (PE) Girl's netball (PE) STEM club (C25) (Week B only), Pokémon club (C24)	Homework club (library) 10:10 team (chapel) Badminton (PE) Girl's rugby (PE) Boys football (KS3) Art ambassadors (Art) Theatre Porto workshop (Mandela centre)	Homework club (library) Performing arts club (drama) Girl's football (PE)	











Annual Year 7
Educational Visit to The
Conway Centre,
Anglesey



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Options for our students at the end of years 11 and 13

- ✓ College
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ EPCHS 6th Form
- ✓ University
- ✓ Oxford / other Russell Group Universities
- ✓ Higher level apprenticeships
- ✓ Commissions into the Armed Forces
- ✓ Successfully enter the job market

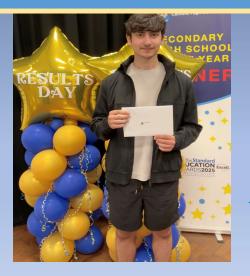














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Awards



Eco School



School Mental Health



Music Mark



Wow Recognition Award



Climate Empowerment & sustainability Award



Young Enterprise Teamwork Award



Trauma Aware School Award



Dyslexia Classroom Award



STEM award



Sports Mark



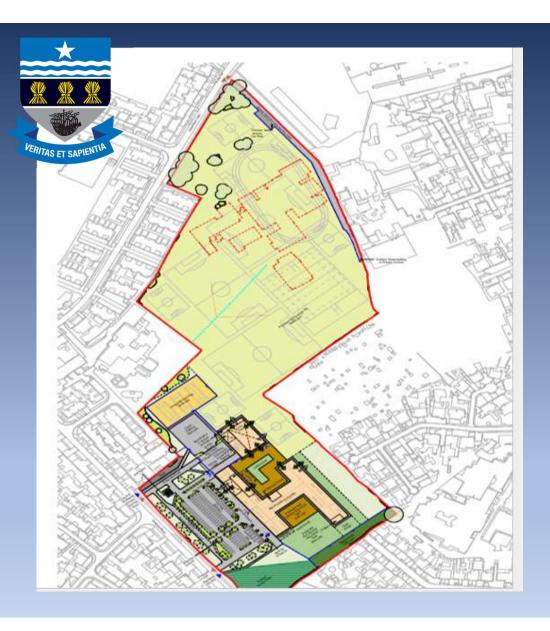






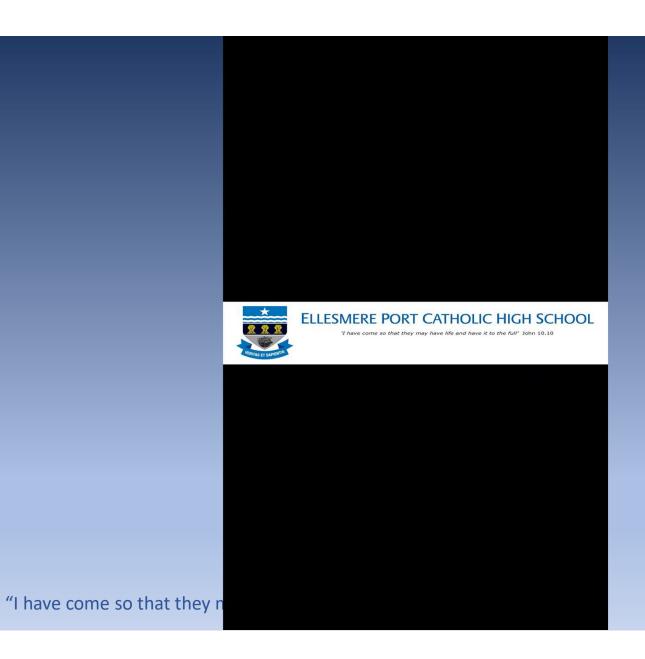
Ellesmere Port Catholic High School stands out as a beacon of educational excellence, celebrating an exceptional year of academic progress, pastoral care and student achievement. In 2024-25, the school's Sixth Form proudly recorded the highest progress score across Cheshire West and Chester – a remarkable testament to the hard work, dedication, and high aspiration of both students and staff





We are excited to announce that we are also going to have a brand news school with work expected to start this academic year.

This new build will include a new 6th form centre, suites or rooms for each subject area inc. DT, ICT, Drama and Art. A brand-new library, chapel, learning resource centres and much, much more.



Transition Programme from Primary to Secondary June - September









Secondary school application process – timeline:

- June and July 2025: We visited the current year 5 parents/guardians at the four feeder primary schools.
- 1st September 2025: Application process starts application facility open.
 Admissions arrangements available containing important information regarding the admissions process.
- Thursday 26th September 2025: New year 6 children visit EPCHS for the School Open Evening Expression of Interest Forms returned to EPCHS.
- 31st October 2025: Admissions forms must be returned to Cheshire West and Chester.
- March 2026: EPCHS receive the list of year 6 pupils. Assemblies are held for Year 6 pupils explaining the exciting journey ahead. Parents will receive an email asking for student and parent details ready for the year ahead.





Secondary school application process – timeline:

- April 2026: Building bridges day for Year 6 children.
- May 2026: Meetings with the Year 6 teachers and our SENCO visits the primary schools. Individual/small group meetings are held with all Year 6 pupils.
- June 2026: Form groups are confirmed; additional nurture visits take place if needed.
 Year 7 ambassadors spend time with the Year 6 pupils to answer any questions.
- July 2026: Year 6 welcome day for pupils and welcome evening for parents. Our welcome pack of important information is distributed.
- August 2026: Summer school 1 week all year 6 students invited
- 2nd September 2026: New year 7 children start at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School and are supported by Year 13 mentors.



Secondary school application process – timeline:

- Supplementary Information Form (SIF) returned to school.
- The application process is managed by the local authority (LA).
- Select EPCHS as your first choice for secondary school.
- Application forms and related documents distributed from September must be submitted to the LA by the 31st October.







Thank you for listening this evening, and we look forward to welcoming your child to Ellesmere Port Catholic High School in September 2026.



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