

Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

EPCHS 6th



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Proud to say that our students have made the
most progress in Cheshire West and Chester



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Why choose EPCHS6th?

The next steps in your education are vital and should provide you with memories to last a life time. Here at EPCHS6th we are excited to share that journey with you over the next two years.

We are totally committed to providing you with the best education we can offer through our extensive range of subjects and support through our Pastoral Care and bespoke enrichment and extra-curricular programme. You will be supported along the way by tutors, mentors and subject teachers who will provide the very best information, advice and guidance to help you fulfill your potential and prepare you for life after EPCHS6th.

The Sixth Form experience is very different. You will have more responsibility, more independent study time and more opportunities to learn new skills and become a leader in our community. We warmly welcome all students who meet our entrance criteria and know that they are up for the challenge of life at EPCHS6th.

Our aim here at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School is to continue to grow as an innovative and dynamic Sixth Form that inspires students to achieve excellence and show Catholic values in all they do.





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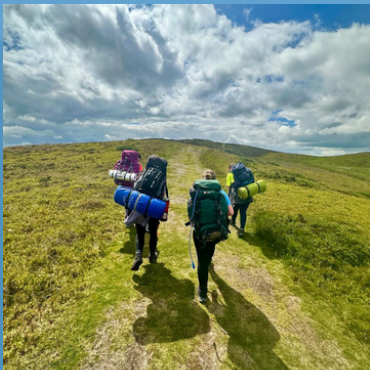
What is on offer?

At EPCHS6th we offer a broad academic curriculum based on Advanced Level qualifications. Students normally select three subjects (four may be an option for some students) at the start of Lower Sixth, continuing with three of these in the Upper Sixth according to performance and personal preference. There will be an opportunity for students to talk through these decisions with their tutor. We encourage you to take the subjects that really inspire and interest you and ultimately fit in with your long term career plans.

Alongside the academic programme we offer an exciting curriculum enrichment programme which includes opportunities for volunteering, sports, talks from inspirational speakers, Duke of Edinburgh and much more. Our General RE programme encourages students to think about their world, their faith and their morality.

Opportunities will also arise for students to register for applied learning visits which will extend learning beyond the classroom and into the world of work. We are a catholic sixth form who welcome people of all faiths to our community. The spiritual growth of the individual is very important to us.

We are here to support you along your academic and faith journey





Monitoring and Guidance

Students at EPCHS6th are challenged academically through a robust assessment process and benefit from a supportive pastoral team who will help to ensure any issues or concerns are dealt with promptly and sensitively.

It is important all students receive the right information, advice and guidance.



We benefit from a Careers officer. Their role is to provide the most up-to-date and useful information about all pathways suitable for each student. The careers officer is available for informal discussions as well as pre-arranged individual appointments regarding university applications, apprenticeships and job applications.

An important part of our work is ensuring that we have frequent dialogue between students, parents, guardians and staff. We achieve this through parent meetings, review sessions with students and their mentors, and liaison between school management and the Sixth Form Council.

Information gathered from parent and student voice activities is vital to us, as in order to develop further we must have a good understanding of your opinions, preferences and priorities. It is important to us to take on the views of all our stakeholders.



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Who are we looking for?



Who are we looking for? We are looking for young people with a desire to achieve and who are willing to participate fully and be a leader in our community.

Applicants are required to have at least 5 passes at GCSE grade 4 and above. In addition to the Sixth Form's minimum academic entry requirements, all pupils will need to satisfy minimum entrance requirements to the courses for which they are applying. For the majority of subjects this would be a grade 5-6 at GCSE in that subject (or a related subject where the chosen subject is not offered at GCSE). A high grade 6 is needed for those wishing to study Maths and Physics at A-level.



What happens next? Have an idea of the subjects that you would like to take and speak to your subject teachers. Ask your form tutor for their advice and be ready to discuss your choices with the Head of Sixth Form. For applicants that are new to us it is vital that you come and visit, we look forward to meeting you and discussing your options with us.





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What do our parents and students say?

"EPCHS have supported me throughout my school career and encouraged me to grow not only in academia but also as a person. They play an active role in both the local and global communities and offer a range of opportunities for student participation. The teachers are very supportive and were willing to give up their time, particularly when I was applying to university"

"We are so proud of our daughter's achievements here at EPCHS. She is going to her first choice university to study what she has always wanted to do. I can't thank the school enough"

Jai Dillon, of Great Sutton, a former student at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School is now one of the youngest airline pilots in Europe. "Leaving EPCHS with top grades in Maths, physics and chemistry, he started his pilot training in Arizona, USA aged 18. "The course was thorough and very intense," said Jai. "We studied five days a week with multiple lectures each day. The tuition was world class and prepared me very well for my career in the airlines." Jai started flying for Ryanair aged 20 and spent 3 years flying for them. He left Ryanair at the start of 2015 in order to pursue a career in the flag carrier airline of the United Kingdom, British Airways. Jai's flying ability and approach to work was noted by the recruitment team at British Airways, and as a result he joined as the youngest direct entry pilot. Jai now flies from London Heathrow Airport and flies the Airbus 319/320/321. "A career in British Airways is the dream of many pilots in the UK. To have the privilege of working for them from such a young age is an absolute dream come true" said Jai





Practical help and enrichment



Students at EPCHS6th benefit from an exciting mix of enrichment activities, visits and events. Here are just a few examples of what we've provided and students have enjoyed recently.



- IAG (Information, advice and guidance)
- How to write a personal statement workshop
- Careers interviews
- Talks for future lawyers, vets, doctors and dentists
- Introduction to higher education and UCAS delivered by The University of Liverpool
- 'Not going to university' talk
- Jobs and apprenticeships fair
- Oxbridge applications support
- Student and parents finance talk from The University of Liverpool and The University of Chester
- Information morning from The University of Law
- Gap year presentation from The Project Trust
- Higher Education day presented by Pearson College London
- Mock university interviews
- Presentations from TTE
- Progress interviews and target setting evening for year 13 students and parents
- A comprehensive programme of advice on revision techniques and examination success



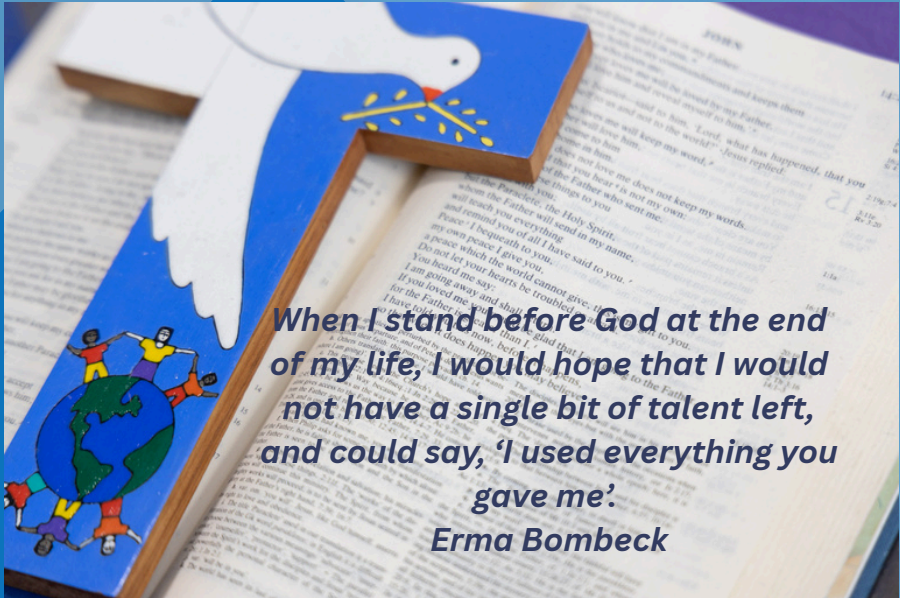
Enrichment activities and events

- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Student leadership roles within our community
- National Citizenship presentation
- Deaf Active sign language course
- Challenger Troop afternoon
- Young Enterprise Competition
- Visits to University of Liverpool and University of Chester
- Staff v Students Christmas jumper day
- SVP hamper collection
- Shoe box appeal
- Macmillan coffee morning and cake sale
- German Christmas market in Manchester
- 'The age of the universe' Maths and Physics day
- Talk from Sean Attwood
- Sixth Form quiz nights
- University and Apprenticeship Fair - North West
- Workshops on mental well-being from 'Time to Change'
- A variety of trips and visits both at home and abroad





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**When I stand before God at the end
of my life, I would hope that I would
not have a single bit of talent left,
and could say, 'I used everything you
gave me'.**

Erma Bombeck



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