



Parent E-Bulletin – Spring Term Week Commencing 29th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to you as we arrive just over the midpoint of the current half term.

This morning I was reminded of how wonderful the learners are in Upton-by-Chester High School. I decided to devote the whole morning to just walking around the school and visiting as many classrooms as possible and talking to the learners and teachers. Whilst I try to do this as often as possible I was determined to really spend some quality time on this. Almost every single classroom I went into the staff were telling me how amazing the learners were, or how focussed they were and how hard they were trying. This was magical to hear and see.

On a completely different note, this week the whole school took part in a webcast to recognise Holocaust Memorial Day. This is an event we take part in every year and something we are absolutely committed to all learners hearing on an annual basis. This year learners were honoured to take part in a national livestream of the testimony of Holocaust survivor, Hedi Argent MBE. One learner reflected that “Hedi was so brave in telling her story that we now need to tell this to future generations”

This week has seen Parent Governor nominations received by the school. I am pleased to let you know that we have two new Parent Governors following the recent election. We received two nominations and both nominations have been elected unopposed. The new Parent Governors are Alison Blaxall and Mark Chapman.

This week we have unfortunately had a few incidents in the community at the end of the school day. These have mainly involved rudeness on buses or in the local community. As a school, and as parents and carers, I know we all have high expectations of the young people who are members of our school community. We appreciate your support in reminding your child of the expectations outside of school.

This coming week we are focussing on road safety for all year groups. Our assemblies will focus on suitable themes for each year group that are relevant to their age. I would also like to remind you about some of the measures we have put in place to protect our learners at the beginning and end of the day. Due to limited access to the school site we ask that parents and carers who are dropping children off to please avoid stopping near to the school gates on St James Avenue as this is creating a hazard to learners and other road users. There is no access to the school site by car between the times of 8.25-8.40am and 3.05-3.20pm, the gates are closed during these times to ensure the safety of learners.

Yours faithfully,

L Cummins
Headteacher

Foodbank Success



This December as a school community we collected 526 kg worth of provisions.

This calculates as enough provisions to feed 41 people, 3 meals a day for a whole year, or 44,895 meals.

A huge thank you to the Learner Leadership Team who promoted, collected and boxed all 58 boxes. Thank you to all of the families in our school community who supported this fantastic charity.

[Make Your Mark Campaign](#)

**MAKE SURE
YOU'VE HAD
YOUR SAY.**

**Make
Your Mark**



**Voting
begins:
29th
January
2024**

Make Your Mark is the largest consultation of 11 - 18-year-olds in Europe. As a school we actively take part in Make Your Mark. This year we are turning the Learning HUB into a Polling Station, giving learners the chance to have THEIR say on what matters to THEM. Whilst giving learners a real-life experience of the democratic process.

Careers and Next Steps

Click on the link below to see the latest information

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ab57VM41x7_yzr0Q19PUj0r4KoWn--X2iSfZR7KI_yc/edit?usp=sharing

Information from External Partners

Shared via Cheshire West and Chester

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below link for the latest Parent Carer Forum Newsletter

[https://mailchi.mp/a86173d97251/pcf-news-and-events-january-2024-16930152?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/a86173d97251/pcf-news-and-events-january-2024-16930152?e=[UNIQID])

Kind regards,

Emma

Emma Walker

Live Well Co-ordinator (Children's)

Early Help and Prevention

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Comic Con

Ellesmere Port

A promotional poster for a Sonic the Hedgehog comic convention. The background features Sonic the Hedgehog and his sidekick Tails. Sonic is on the right, looking towards the left. Tails is on the left, looking towards the right. A speech bubble from Tails says "Free Entry Event!".

**Free Entry
Event!**

**Saturday 27th January
10am - 4pm
Ellesmere Port Indoor Market**

**Characters - Costumers - "Meet & Greets" - Selfie Zone
Photo Op's - Cosplay Competitions - Authors - Artists
Merchandise Stalls & more**