



Ellesmere Park High School

EPHS Weekly Information Letter – Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As an endeavour to decrease the number of emails sent to parents and carers each week, we are introducing a weekly information letter. In here will provide all the communication that has come in throughout the week as well as providing any useful updates for the week ahead. This will be sent to all parents and carers each Friday.

There may be occasions where we must send communication out sooner and so we are unable to limit all communication to one message per week, but we do hope this improves our communication with you and makes it easier to see the information available.

Updates and events for week commencing 23rd March 2026

*GCSE Art and Photography Exams all Week
26th & 27th March – Years 7 – 10 Maths Assessments*

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General Information

School contact number – 0161 507 6420

General email address – ephsgeneral@consilium-at.com

Attendance queries – attendanceeps@consilium-at.com

Heads of Year

Yr 7 Mrs L Hanbridge

Yr 8 Miss A Botham

Yr 9 Mr C Hutton

Yr 10 Mrs M Lewis

Yr 11 Mrs L Kavanagh

General School Reminders

Dinner money on Parent Pay

Please ensure you are regularly checking and topping up your child's Parent Pay accounts where applicable. You can set up low balance alerts if required to notify you when your account falls below a certain value. Parent Pay have also recently activated auto top-up, which will automatically top up by a specified amount when the balance runs low or on a weekly or monthly basis. Please be advised a meal, drink and dessert costs approximately £3.75 per day.



Car Park



As a polite reminder, please only enter the car park at collection time if you have a car park pass. Please also make sure you use the car park considerately, parking in a designated bay only, and not blocking the through route. We need to keep this clear in case it is required for emergency service access.

Absence and appointments

Please make sure that you contact school if your child is expected to be absent as early as possible so that we can record this on the system. You can do this by calling 0161 507 6420 and selecting option 2. Here you can leave a message with your child's name, year group and the reason for absence. If you are unable to call, please email this information to ephsgeneral@consilium-at.com.



If your child has an upcoming appointment, please send a copy of the appointment confirmation to ephsgeneral@consilium-at.com. Please ensure that you confirm whether you are collecting your child or if they are going home on their own as well as the time they are expected to be leaving school.

Medication

Please do not send your child in with any medication, unless they have an individual health plan confirming that they can carry this with them. Prescription medication can be stored in the school office if necessary, after completing the relevant form. If your child requires non-prescription medication, we will call you to come in and administer this to your child. This is in place as a safeguarding measure so we appreciate your support with this matter.



Illness at School



We have noticed an increase in students contacting home when they are unwell, asking to be picked up by a parent or carer without speaking to a member of staff. It is important that your child speaks to their head of year when they are unwell so that they are aware and we can contact you if collection is required. If your child contacts you, please encourage them to speak to their head of year before you collect them.



Salford's SEND Information Day

SalfordPCF would like to invite you to their 4th Annual SEND Information Day.

Confirmed attendees include You Can, CAMHS, A Little Extra, Salfords Local Offer, Preparation for Adult Life team, Skills and Work, Starting Life Well, Salford's Educational Psychology Team and lots of Post 16 Education Providers.

This is a great opportunity for families to meet with professionals, find out what support services are available, and hear more about our work.

This Saturday

Saturday 21st March 26

11am till 2.00pm

Hospitality Suites, Salford
Community Stadium, Stadium
Way, Eccles. M30 7EY

Salford Parent Carer Forum



Free entrance
Free parking
All activities are free
Refreshments
Fully accessible
Activities for young people
Sensory/quiet areas.
Sensory packs to loan

For more information email: info@salfordpcf.com



ROYAL MAIL APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

Engineering Apprenticeship – Royal Mail

📍 Manchester Mail Centre (M4 6BQ)

- 💰 £16,420 – £23,820 (age dependent)
- 🕒 40 hours per week | 📅 3–4 years
- 🔧 Level 3 Engineering Technician Apprenticeship

Earn while you learn and start your engineering career.

- 🔧 Work on mail sorting machines, conveyors and robotics
- 🔧 Learn to maintain and repair automated systems
- 📐 Take part in design and 3D modelling projects
- 👥 Work with experienced engineers

🎓 College training includes:

- Electrical & mechanical engineering basics
- Health & safety regulations
- PLCs (Programmable Logic Controllers)
- Fault finding and repair



Fleet Maintenance Apprenticeship – Royal Mail

📍 Warrington SC, Kerfoot Street (WA2 8NX)

🔧 Level 3 Vehicle Maintenance
Apprenticeship

Start your career as a vehicle technician with one of the UK's largest fleets.

- 🔧 Learn to service, repair and maintain vehicles
- 🚚 Work on vans, HGVs and trailers
- ⚡ Gain experience with electric and alternative fuel vehicles
- 👥 Train alongside skilled technicians



Visit the
website for
further details:





Easter Activities for Children and Young People!

Children and young people aged four to 16 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals can enjoy a whole range of free, fun activities this Easter.

Funded by the Department for Education, Salford's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme offers support for families by providing free access to activities and healthy meals during the school holidays.

Whether it's arts and crafts, dance, sports, drama or more, Salford's #HAF2026 programme has something for every child! A wide range of fantastic local organisations are delivering age appropriate sessions across the city, giving children the chance to get involved, make friends, learn new skills and enjoy a nutritious lunch.

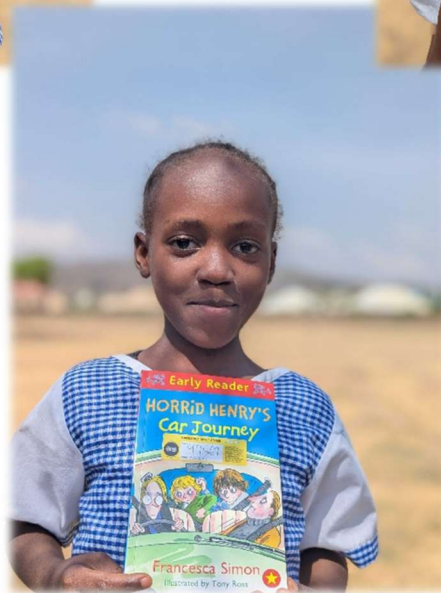
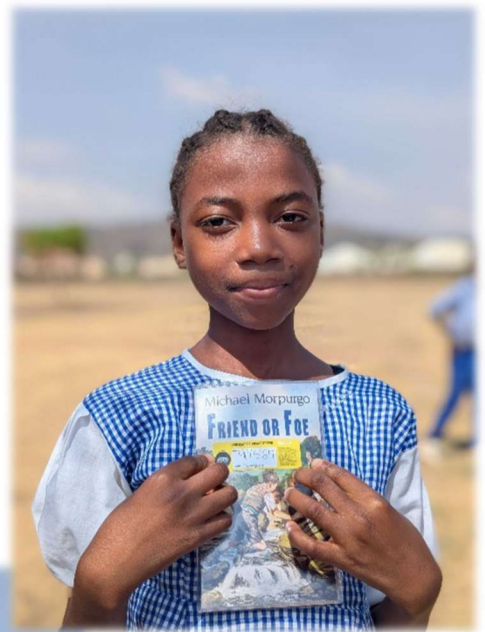
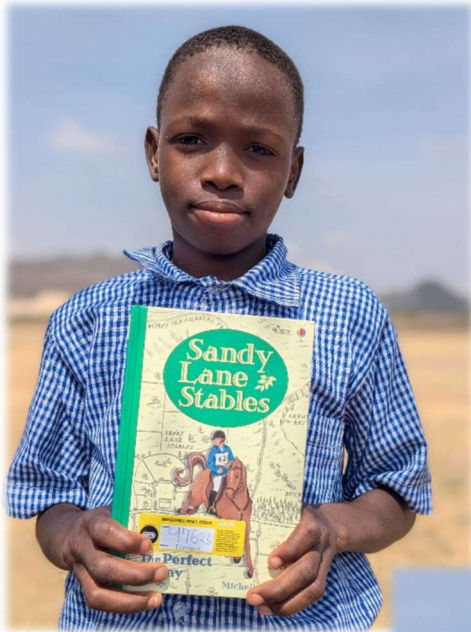
Find out more at www.salford.gov.uk/HAF

2025 Book Donation Update

You may remember that Mr Campbell asked for book donations to take with him on his trip to a school in Kenya last year. We received an overwhelming response, so much so that he was unable to take them all with him.

The remainder (a whopping 14 boxes!) were donated to a charity called Books2Africa, they have recently sent us photos of the children with some of those books.

Thank you again for your incredible generosity, we know the children are grateful to receive them.



Families and Young people

Join our **free** Support & Share webinars, open to families.

The joining links are in the table below which can be used to register for the events.

For more information email - Diane.Norburn@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

Curriculum for Life – 14th April 2026 - 6:00pm-6:30pm

[Curriculum for Life \(https://curriculumforlifegm.co.uk/\)](https://curriculumforlifegm.co.uk/) is a life guidance website created by young people for young people in Greater Manchester.

Split into 6 topics, articles are written by young people to support them transitioning into adulthood. Topics are:

- Climate Change and the environment
- Work and study
- Confidence in relationships
- Financial education
- Health and wellbeing
- Politics citizenship and rights

This session will support families to utilise the site, helping structure conversations around topics important for young people and to encourage further exploration and research. You will also learn how young people can contribute to the site, whether that is proposing ideas for new articles, or writing the content themselves!

Suitable for families, young people, parents/carers and professionals supporting young people

Registration link - <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2ecf06af-0a4b-499a-9a09-5c945a706c7e@e8d8036a-b5f9-4f3f-9d36-d7cd740299bb>

Supporting young people with travelling in GM – 28th April – 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Delivered by TfGM and Local Authority travel trainers (contains useful resources for outside GM)

Independent travel offers **flexibility, full control** over your schedule, and the freedom to explore at your own pace. It allows for **meaningful experiences**, and promotes **personal growth**, boosting confidence and problem-solving skills, while enabling young people to access many opportunities.

This session will walk through TfGM passes, concessions and travel training recourses with top tip from travel trainers.

Suitable for those supporting young people with independent travel e.g. work experience or recreational activities, parents/carers, young people and families.

Registration link - <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/f9ff1eff-35fc-4d61-97eb-4f2864477503@e8d8036a-b5f9-4f3f-9d36-d7cd740299bb>

Financial Support and initiatives for families – 8th June – 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Financial Support and initiatives for families – information webinar

Content

- Benefit checker tool/calculator
- Citizens Advice support
- Access to energy grants
- Credit Union offers, including family and school uniform loans
- Cracking Good Food kitchen kit shop

Suitable for families, young people, parents/carers.

Professionals supporting young people who would find financial information useful

Registration link - <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/5b7bad39-6b1a-4afa-ae0a-8df506d77113@e8d8036a-b5f9-4f3f-9d36-d7cd740299bb>

Careers Updates

Year 10 Work Experience

A reminder to Year 10 students and parents that the deadline to confirm work experience placements on the Morrisby Careers Platform is **Monday 30th March 2026**.



Work Experience is taking place for 5 days - Monday 13th - Friday 17th July 2026.

The website to record placements is - www.morrisby.com

All students have an individual login - their school email address and a password which they will have created.

Further details on work experience and how to use Morrisby are available on our website.

If students are struggling to access the Morrisby website, or finding it difficult to source a placement, please contact Miss Farooq in school - available on Mondays & Tuesdays.

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Year 10 Salford City College Visit

A reminder to Year 10 students and parents to complete the Y10 Salford City College Day Registration form to confirm subject choices - please complete asap, link below:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=7tj0lr058kq7RgLW05Vltbuua72jn_RDs9tq5z-WeRIUOUJVM1JaRVVYSzhNN0VQWU44MUI5T1ZYTi4u&route=shorturl

All Year 10 students attend Pendleton College (AM) and then will be going to their 2nd choice of college (PM).

Year 10 "Uni4U" Summer Schools

Applications are still open for the GM Higher "Uni4U" University Summer Schools (Year 10 students only). Places are very limited! Any successful students will be contacted directly via GM Higher. **Closing date: Monday 6th April 2026.**

A banner with a green background and blue diagonal stripes on the right side. The text "UNI:4U SUMMER SCHOOLS" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters.

UNI:4U SUMMER SCHOOLS

Please see link below for details and to apply:

<https://gmhigher.ac.uk/uni4u/>

Careers Updates

Year 11 Apprenticeship Seekers

A reminder that we are starting to see local apprenticeship vacancies for Year 11 students to consider - please check Mr Farmer's Apprenticeship Vacancy Board for any vacancies!



Apprenticeships

This is updated weekly and shows apprenticeships with a start date of July 2026 onwards within a 5 mile radius of school.

<https://padlet.com/simonfarmer1/2026-school-leaver-apprenticeships-pre-apprenticeships-train-d0kfsxm6rqid2qhd>

We expect further vacancies to be added in May/June towards the end of Year 11.

Thank you!
The Careers Team

