



Ellesmere

A 7 – 18 Coeducational School

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Dear Parent,

Towards the beginning of next academic year we hope that the Bishop of Lichfield will visit Ellesmere College to confer confirmation on those who are ready to receive this sacrament. Therefore, I will soon begin the course of preparation for students who wish to explore whether confirmation is right for them.

What is confirmation? If baptism is adoption into God's family then confirmation is growing up and being prepared to take an active role.

The course of preparation takes a 'little and often' approach - **a short Eucharist service every Wednesday at 13:40** is the backbone of the method. The idea is that a small regular commitment to voluntarily attend worship is the best way to explore whether God might be part of life in the long term. The course is open to all of **Middle School and the Sixth Form**.

I write because I realise that sometimes young people need a nudge to consider things that they do not fully understand, or which separate them a little from their peers. Please would you consider asking your child about whether they would be interested in this opportunity. Many students in the past have found that these short, weekly, reflective moments provide a real support and a surprising introduction to the resources of the spiritual life.

Because the rhythm of life is likely to be uneven for the rest of this year it would be really helpful to hear back from parents (or students) who know (or think) their children might be interested in exploring confirmation.

In Christ,

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