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We hope that this month's e:bulletin finds you and your families safe and well, and that you are enjoying the Summer break.

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As we reflect on the previous academic year, it is safe to say that it has, again, been a year like no other. Although the Michaelmas and Lent terms were fairly unsettled, the Summer term saw more 'normality' with the return of sports matches and lots of activity around the College. Our students have been exceptional in showing such positivity and maturity throughout each stage of the pandemic and we are incredibly proud of them.

### OE Rugby - 4th Sep

We would like to wish every success to our leavers and hope that they stay in touch as they enter the next exciting stage of their personal development.

### OE Golf - 23rd Sep

We are very much looking forward to welcoming everybody back in September, when things will be a lot closer to normal.

### Update your details

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If you have recently moved house or changed your email address, please contact the office on: [external.relations@ellesmere.com](mailto:external.relations@ellesmere.com) so we can ensure your record is accurate.



### Speech Day 2021

Sadly, due to the Government guidelines at the time, we were unable to hold our annual Speech Day in its usual format.

We have recorded the Custos, Headmaster and Captains of Schools' speeches, along with the Special Prize Awards, which can be viewed on YouTube here: [Speech Day 2021](#)

We hope you enjoy it and we look forward to our events returning to normal in the new academic year.

## Ellesmere faces

Is there a typical Ellesmerian?

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## Students celebrate 2021 academic results



It has been a challenging couple of years for students in exam years across the country, with the numerous lockdowns causing schools to close and the changes in the assessment process. We are incredibly proud of our students whose results are testament to how well they have coped and adapted to increased levels of uncertainty, new methods of teaching, remote learning and self-management of their learning and teaching schedules. They have shown a great deal of maturity, continuing to work hard regardless, and achieving an impressive set of examination results.

The first results of the summer were for students who studied the International Baccalaureate (IB). Students who follow the IB course study six subjects, a course in The Theory of Knowledge, and produce a university standard Extended Essay as part of their assessment. The pass level to gain the full diploma is 24 points - the average of this year's cohort was an impressive 36 points, being equivalent of AAA grades at A Level. The 2021 Ellesmere IB results saw 100% pass rate with 43% achieving 40 or more points, an outstanding achievement, given the maximum mark is 45.

A level and BTEC results were equally as impressive with a 100% pass rate and university places secured by those who have chosen to continue their education. A number of students secured an impressive A\*/A in all subjects with some completing 5 A levels at A\*.

A selection of the university destinations and subjects chosen in the UK include: Medicine at Cardiff, Sheffield, Imperial College London and Queen Mary University of London. Biomedical Sciences at Plymouth, Exeter, Cardiff and Edinburgh. Computer Science at King's College London, Engineering at Durham, Theoretical Physics at Durham, Chemistry at Imperial College London, History at Durham and Exeter, Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Warwick, Politics at Durham, Psychology at Aberystwyth, Economics at University of Central London and Birmingham, Drama and Film at Manchester, Drama and Music at The Royal Holloway, London, Violin at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and Vocal Studies at Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Further afield: USA - Accounting in Nebraska, Criminology in Iowa, Natural Sciences in North Carolina - Globally: Business in Singapore and Medicine in Germany.

Our GCSE students complete the set with a very pleasing conclusion to the year with 56% of grades in the top 9-7 range (A\*/A) and a 95% pass rate overall.

There were some particularly notable performances in achieving multiple level 9's (equivalent to A\*) and many more with a number of level 9-7 (A\*/A) in their results tally and these included: Aditi Chezhian - ten level 9's (A\*), Alex Norris - nine level 9's (A\*), Carmen Kilgannon - eight level 9's and two level 8's, Huw Lloyd - eight level 9's and two level 8's, Tessa O'Brien - eight level 9's and one level 8.

Students who came into College to collect their results were 'delighted' and 'excited' and are looking forward to returning to 'normal' in September. Many of the students will be returning to College in September to continue their academic journey into Sixth Form and study their choice of A Levels, International Baccalaureate (IB) or BTEC courses for the next two years.

Mr Wignall said, "It is a pleasure to see how well pupils have achieved and they are commended for their positive approach to our online lessons when the country went into lockdown. We continued teaching our full timetable using Microsoft Teams for remote learning and were pleased to welcome most students back for the final term, although some had to continue working online due to the pandemic. These results are a testament to their hard work and determination, to the diligence of their teachers and the constant support of parents.

We wish all of our leavers the very best of luck in their future endeavours and look forward to welcoming back our new Sixth Form students in September when we hope to provide a more 'normal' year in College."

## National success for Ellesmere hockey players



The Ellesmere College High Performance Hockey Programme is enjoying further success with a number of students selected for training camps, programmes and competitions - all with national implications.

Six students are the latest in a long line of young players to come through the Hockey Programme - benefitting from the guidance of Coach Simon Taylor and his team.

Henry Dawson, 12, Finn Leonard, Alex Popplewell and Isabella Moore, all 13,

Millie Forster, 17, and Alanah O'Brien, 18, have all made an important step on the path to fulfilling their dreams of playing hockey at the highest level.

Goalkeeper Alanah, who has earned a place at Durham University, has already represented Wales and will be attending the Welsh U23 training squad camp and has been selected to play for the Welsh U19 Team in the Home Nations Games over the summer.

Isabella plays for Staffordshire region, North Staffordshire Club side and the Mercier Marauders and has been chosen for the team's England Hockey National Cup game, while Finn, Alex and Henry, who play for Deeside Ramblers, took part in the UK Lions selection programme. All three players had a fantastic tournament and whilst Alex and Henry narrowly missed out on selection, Finn was successful has gone through to play for the Lions Squad following his score of eight goals in the tournament. [Read More...](#)

## Charity ice bath challenge



At the end of the Summer term, our intrepid Sixth Formers raised over £140 for the Severn Hospice charity with an Ice Bath Challenge!

Throughout the week, students paid to vote for the Prefect that they would like to see in the ice bath. Joe (Wakeman-Lambart) and Rosie (Talbot) were voted in for the challenge - along with a little help from Beanie the rubber duck - and were asked a series of questions. For

every question they got wrong, more ice was added!

Later that week, Lower School enjoyed watching Head Boy, Dan and Prefect Ellen in their challenge with Mrs. Owen asking some very difficult questions!

We hope they've all warmed up a bit now and congratulate them for raising some much needed funds for a very worthy charity!



## Equestrian success! Bea's riding high



Ellesmere College's newest Equestrian Team member, Bea Taylor, competed at the prestigious Princethorpe Estate Wrigley National Schools event - now in it's seventeenth year.

The event takes place at the end of May, running on the magnificent Princethorpe estate and is open to any school and riding club rider.

Entries were affected by the pandemic this year, however, the 80cm & 90cm classes remained popular and were well

attended.

The event runs over two days, with the dressage and show jumping first and the roads & tracks, steeplechase and riding 20 fences across the country. Bea and her horse, Calluna, were entered into the 100cm class as an individual, representing Ellesmere College.

This was the first time in 18 months that Bea's horse has been stabled away from home, she was feeling a little anxious with Bea's brothers ponies, who were competing in the 90cm earlier in the day. Day One of the two day event saw a tense dressage test and three poles down in the show jumping which added extra penalties to the overnight score.

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## Old Ellesmerian News

### Adlard Art Scholarship



Online sensation 'Doodle Boy' - aka Joe Whale - who joined Ellesmere College on an art scholarship awarded by internationally renowned artist Charlie Adlard, finally managed to meet Charlie at the College this summer.

Joe Whale, from Shrewsbury, took his place at Ellesmere in the spring and has eagerly taken advantage of the opportunities available. Joe was one of 11 students, including his brother Jesse, who joined us – and had the opportunity to finally meet Charlie to chat about his art and the Scholarship in the Adlard Studio.

Joe, 11, was dubbed 'The Doodle Boy' for always doodling in class and became a social media sensation when pictures of his sketch books were posted on Instagram. He now gives online advice and tutorials through his own dedicated social media platforms, has appeared on USA TV show, NBC's 'Little Big Shots', and is having his first book published this autumn.

Charlie Adlard, the artist for The Walking Dead comics and former Comic Laureate, has also funded the new Adlard Art Studio at the College providing a higher platform to showcase some of the excellent art work created by Sixth Form students.

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### OE Swimmers represent Team GB in Tokyo

We are incredibly proud of three former Ellesmere College Titans who have recently returned from representing Team GB in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.



Freya Anderson, Hector Pardoe and Cassie Wild battled their way through the British Swimming Selection Trials to secure their places on the team, fulfilling their lifelong dreams to compete in the Olympics.

Freya (Woodard '19) competed in the Women's 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay, achieving 5th place in the final, and reached the semi-finals for the 100m Freestyle with an excellent time of 0.53.53, and the 200m Freestyle at 1.57.10.

In addition, Freya stepped in for Anna Hopkin in the Mixed 4 x 100m Heats alongside Adam Peaty, James Guy and Kathleen Dawson, achieving a combined time of 3.38.75. The quartet beat the European Record and were only 0.34 seconds outside of the World Record. Freya was replaced by Anna in the final when the foursome went on to win Gold. Although Freya was denied a place on the podium she later received her well-earned Gold medal after the official ceremony.



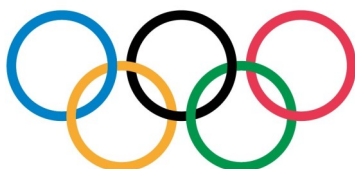
Hector (Woodard '19) had an eventful race where he had to retire on the final lap of his 10k open water swim following an incident where he was elbowed in the eye, resulting in him requiring medical attention.



Hector had a very impressive swim, managing to get himself within the top ten before encountering his injury. This illustrates the sheer brutality of open water swimming and its potential risks.

Cassie (Talbot '18), competed in the Backstroke 100m and 200m, finishing her competition in the heats with an impressive 1.00.20 for her 100m performance and 2.12.93 for her 200m.

These amazing achievements are just the start for our three young Old Ellesmerians, who were much younger and inexperienced than the other competitors in their field. We can't wait to see them competing in Paris in 2024, the world really is their oyster!



### OE v OE Rugby



**Saturday 4th September - 2pm**

Organised by The Ellesmerian Club - there will be a social OE v OE Rugby match held at the College. At **2pm** on **Saturday 4th September**.

Spectators are welcome and refreshments will be provided following the game.

If you would like to come and watch, please contact [olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com](mailto:olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com) (numbers are needed for catering purposes.)

### OE Golf Day



**Thursday 23rd September - Oswestry Golf Club - Tee times between 1.00-2.00pm**

Tea, Coffee and Bacon Sandwiches on arrival  
18 holes of competitive Golf  
Team Prize, Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive etc... prizes  
The normal plethora of prestigious awards  
Hot and Cold Buffet after the Golf

Tee times reserved from 1.00pm

**£45.00 per person** (payment to be made prior to event)

Email [olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com](mailto:olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com) to book.

### OE What's On



Please see our Michaelmas term What's On for details of this coming term's events: [OE What's On - Michaelmas 2021](#)

### The Ellesmere Cup - European Junior Golf Tour



We are looking for sponsors for the forthcoming European Junior Golf Tour that we are excited to be hosting at the College on Sunday 12th September.

As the first of four tournaments to be held on our 9 hole CONGU rated golf course, the day will begin with the first tee off at 11.00am and will consist of 16 x 3 balls for the varying age groups. The 'Ellesmere College Trophy' for the winning player and runners up prizes will be presented at 3:00pm.

The European Junior Golf Tour is a series of events across the UK and will also form part of the qualifiers for the end of season order of merit. Further information on the European Junior Golf Tour can be found here: [European Junior Golf Tour](#)

We have already had a fabulous response to players in all age categories signing up from all across the North West – including students from Ellesmere! To enable us to host the event and to provide extensive promotional opportunities to those attending, we are offering OE's / businesses / families a 'Hole Sponsorship' package:

- \* Sponsor a hole for £100 – 9 available
- Or
- \* Event Directional signage £100 each – 10 available

Each Hole Sponsor will have:

- \* Sign at the tee off on your sponsored hole with your logo, business name / name
- \* Promotional Literature in the goody bags from your business
- \* Name and logo in Official Golf Day Programme
- \* All signs will be moved and present for the final winning photographs

Each Directional Signage sponsor will have:

- \* Logo, business name / name on the directional banner
- \* Promotional Literature in the goody bags from your business
- \* Name and logo in Official Golf Day Programme

If you would like to sponsor a hole or signage at the event - please email: [olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com](mailto:olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com)

