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We hope that this month's e:bulletin finds you and your families safe and well.

As we head in to Spring there is an air of positivity around the College. The days are getting longer, we're seeing more of the sunshine and our students have returned to school! We were delighted to welcome our students back and very much hope they are enjoying being in College as much as we all are.

Upcoming Events

All events have been cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19.



The government required us to offer asymptomatic Covid-19 testing to all staff and to pupils in Years 7 to 13 upon their return. Three tests were conducted on site and testing now continues twice weekly from home. We are delighted that Ellesmere continues to be a safe space for our staff and students and hope that this is the start of some form of normality, with pupils back in school and a gradual reduction in restrictions to look forward to.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope that you enjoy the break.

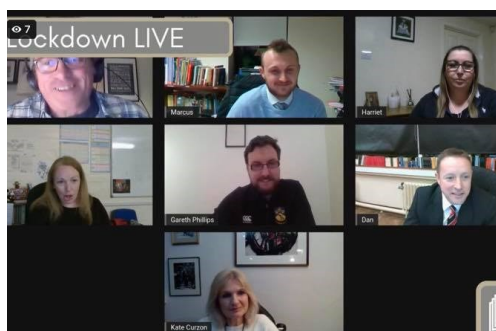
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Surviving Lockdown Learning

Five esteemed members of our Common Room recently took part in Shrewsbury Club's 'Lockdown Live' series.



The edition, 'Surviving homeschooling', discusses Ellesmere's response to the extended periods of lockdown, how they've supported students throughout the pandemic, lessons they've learnt and tips on how to prepare children for their return to school.

To watch, please click [HERE](#)

Ellesmere faces

Is there a typical Ellesmerian?

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New scoreboard is a winning fixture



Thanks to the generosity of the Ellesmere College Parents Society and the Enhance Ellesmere project, the all-weather pitches at the College now have a fully electronic scoreboard.

Each year the Parents' Society make a donation to the College towards a specific project of their choice, this past year's ECPS committee chose to contribute to a lasting legacy to the College and donated over £1,500 towards the scoreboard – seen here with Head of the High Performance Hockey Programme, Simon Taylor, and Captain of Girls' Hockey, Georgina Dawson.

It was funded through a variety of events organised by the ECPS, whose aim is to promote social interaction between parents, encouraging them to take an active part in the College community. Their generous donation was matched by the College's Enhance Ellesmere programme.

The scoreboard is a permanent fixture at the pitch and will be used for all the varied sports and competitions played there, including girls' and boys' hockey and 5 a-side football.

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ABRSM Music Results



Congratulations to our many talented musicians who have once again achieved a superb set of results in the latest ABRSM examinations.

Practical examinations were taken from Grades 1-8 in Piano, Singing, Flute, Clarinet, Cello and the Organ and three students sat the Grade 5 Theory Examination.

From Ellesmere to Hollywood: a screenwriter's story

Old Ellesmerian and daughter of the Headmaster, Catherine Wignall, is being interviewed about her career as a screenwriter as part of a series of free events run by Ellesmere Library. The event will take place online on **Thursday, 1st April 2021 at 7pm.**



Having written a novel by the age of 12 and with an English degree under her belt, Catherine determined that screenwriting was her ambition and Hollywood her goal. Through winning a Fulbright Scholarship to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), by the age of 26 she was there.

Weeks out of UCLA, she had sold her first film script. But it was to be a winding journey, impacted not only by the expected challenges of a competitive industry, but by the effects of a global pandemic as she pursued her dream amidst the fires, earthquakes and riots of 2020 Los Angeles.

Catherine will be speaking to Helen Rodenhurst from Shropshire Council Library Service about becoming a screenwriter, the projects she is working on, and what she has

learned along the way. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions.

Catherine can be found at: catherinewignall.com.

Tickets are free and can be obtained [HERE](#)

Hector takes 7th place at Fina Marathon World Series

Old Ellesmerian and Olympic hopeful, Hector Pardoe (19), took an impressive 7th place in the Fina Marathon World Series 10,000 metre swim, held in Doha.



Taking place in the Qatari capital, the event was the first international marathon event for over a year and attended by over 90 of the World's top distance swimmers.

Coming into the final lap of 5, Hector had worked his way up to 6th position – less than 4 seconds behind the leader Marc-Antoine Olivier who eventually took Gold. Despite his relative inexperience, Hector continued to press hard on the final lap finishing in a career best at senior level - just ahead of Ferry Weertman, the reigning Olympic Gold medallist from Rio 2016.

Commenting on his success Hector said "That's an awesome result! It was a really tough race, with frustrating conditions but I'm glad to get the job done."

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Former Staff Obituaries

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of three former members of the Common Room.



Carol Ashley joined Ellesmere from Moreton Hall in 1989, and quickly threw herself into school activities before retiring in 2002. She was a House Tutor in Lower School and then St Oswald's. She ran the school's Social Services programme, and helped oversee the Outdoor Training Unit and many Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions. She also continued a long association of the Ashley family with Ellesmere where her husband, Don, attended as a pupil in the 1950s with son, Chris, following in the 1980s. More recently, two of her grandchildren, Oliver and Emily, both gifted musicians, have also graced Ellesmere.

Sharron Murdoch died on Thursday 11th of February at the Royal Stoke University Hospital after several health issues. She had never quite come to terms with her husband Ian's death 18 months ago. Sharron taught at Ellesmere for over 20 years and was much loved by her students; her gentle nature hid a neat sense of humour, and she was a talented artist.



Ann Hendriksen sadly passed away on January the 30th in the Dolywern Cheshire Home after a long illness. Ann worked in the EAL department as well as Learning Support. She was a Tutor in Lower School then in St Aidan's. Ann was fiercely intelligent and erudite. She was a talented linguist who spoke six languages and had worked in Cyprus, Africa and Jordan. Her generosity and kindness was always appreciated by her students and those who knew her.

Fundraising

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