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

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



As we start the final half term of the academic year we would like to thank our staff and students for their hard work, outstanding resilience and positive spirit over the last 15 months. As we continue to live through these unprecedented times, our College community have shown a great deal of adaptability and we are immensely proud of them.

and 13 students continue to take their assessments to help obtain their final grades and we wish them all the best of luck.

The College is starting to feel more 'normal' now with Sports fixtures taking place and students removing their masks in classrooms. Our Year 11

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Ellesmere Art Exhibition



Sadly, due to current Government guidelines, we are unable to hold our annual exhibition at the College this year so have created a platform where the public can view and buy our usual high standard of artwork from the comfort of their own home, giving artists the opportunity to showcase their work to a broader audience in a time where it has been difficult for them to sell.

Celebrating its ninth year, the **[Ellesmere National Art Exhibition](#)**

has been extended to take place over six weeks rather than its usual five days, giving visitors lots of opportunity to browse through our artist's pages. It will run from Tuesday 1st June through to Sunday 11th July with artwork being updated throughout the six weeks.

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'Breaking Bread' - Drama students join hands across the ocean



It's not quite the school trip they're used to, but students from the College have not missed out on an American exchange because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ellesmere College is the only UK partner school of Tabor Academy in Boston, a partnership which has been hugely beneficial to students from both schools with a drama exchange trip every two years.

Being unable to travel to Boston this Easter, the students instead enjoyed an

online programme of enrichment in a cultural exchange with their American counterparts called 'Breaking Bread'.

Rachel Schubert, Director of Drama, said the biannual exchange was a valuable asset to both schools and it was important for it to go ahead - albeit online. "There are so many advantages to these trips, the chance to soak up the culture of a different country, enjoy a free and frank exchange of views and ideas and how contemporaries are using the wonderful medium of drama in an educational setting," she said.

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Harvey Cuckson's successful 'Try' for England Rugby



Harvey Cuckson, Year 12, has been selected to play for England Rugby's Under 18s squad and will now go on to play international fixtures for this age group, with a view to progressing to the senior level.

Harvey has been playing for Worcester Warriors for four years now and is delighted to be named in the final England squad after a lot of hard work. He said: "I am really pleased. This is something I have always aimed for and I am so pleased I have made the cut. I have had a few injuries and there has been a lot of disruption throughout the Coronavirus pandemic, as you would expect, but all my practice has paid off. There is a lot of work to do now though and I am looking forward to getting stuck in to playing with and learning from the best of the best."

Harvey has been involved in various England training camps since Christmas. The camps were made up of over 90 players from the English Premiership academies and numbers were gradually whittled down.

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Ellesmere wins LTA Regional Award



It's 'Game, Set and Match' for the College as we have recently won the prestigious 'Education Award (School / School Provider)' for the Midlands Region in the 2021 LTA Tennis awards - and it doesn't end there.

The College will now battle with the best of England, Wales and Scotland at the national award finals to be held virtually on 24th June. It follows on from being named the best in Shropshire as County Award Winner - one of just 38 across the UK.

Claire Brown, the LTA's Head of Region - Midlands, said: "Congratulations to Ellesmere College on behalf of the LTA for winning this award. It is an incredible achievement and rightly acknowledges all they do for tennis and the community."

A spokesman for the LTA Tennis Awards team added: "This is a very special achievement and Ellesmere College should be immensely proud. The LTA Tennis Awards are designed to reward and recognise exceptional contributions made at the grassroots level of our sport. Without Ellesmere College and the work they and their fellow winners do, people in Great Britain simply wouldn't be able to play tennis and experience all the joy that tennis brings to people's lives and communities."

Annual CCF Awards



In recognition of the hard work, commitment and dedication to the CCF (combined Cadet Force) over the time the students have been at the College, the outgoing Year 13 CCF contingent were presented with their medals and trophies by Lt. Col. Clewlow, Contingent Commander, at a short ceremony.

The recipient of The Blake Hartley Trophy for Best Cadet in Year 13 this year was James Manton for his outstanding contribution to the CCF. Alongside his A level studies, James has shown the utmost commitment to the CCF, and demonstrated outstanding leadership, resilience, team work, and initiative across all aspects of the programme in both in-school activities and external training.



Many congratulations to all of those who leave us with a key set of life skills that will serve them throughout their life, as well as the lifelong connections they have made through the CCF training, camps and manoeuvres.

Former Staff Obituaries

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



Austrian born **Dr Ilse Peacock** joined Ellesmere College from Adcote school in 1989 as a teacher of German in a part-time capacity. Taking on full-time in 1994 following the retirement of Rodney Hill (HRH), she initially became a tutor to Meynell House. Ilse became the Tutor to the non-Sixth Form Girls in St Oswald's before that role expanded in 1996 when she became Assistant Housemistress in the newly formed St Aidan's Middle School girls' house. The girls knew that they could not get away with things when she Ilse around, but also that they could turn to her for advice and comfort when they needed it.

Ilse was the kind of person you knew you could rely on a hundred per cent to do a job well. With a PhD from Vienna University, she had a fine mind, with a huge breadth of interest and knowledge which left you reeling in admiration. And yet no job was too small for her to spend a huge amount of time and effort to fulfil to the highest standard. Whether teaching A level German or Year 4 French, challenging students to justify their views on contemporary issues or encouraging a class of 8-year-olds to sit on a chair without falling off, Ilse put her heart into it. Her enthusiasm and energy was evident in everything she took on.

Outside school, Ilse was a great support on trips out and a first choice for anyone arranging a visit. She joined the European Citizenship group for expeditions to Brussels, Amsterdam and Dublin, Lower School for the visit to Egypt and the History Department for their Battlefield trips. Her solid common sense, coupled with her fine sense of humour provided the much-needed support to make these visits a success.

Frank Greenslade joined Ellesmere at the age of 26 as a French and German Master. He was an excellent teacher and became fully involved with the College's many extra-curricular activities; coaching Rugby, Cricket, Hockey and passing on his passion for Canoeing.

Frank taught at the College from 1961-1971, returning for a year from 1973-1974. In an excerpt from The Ellesmerian Magazine in 1971, Ian Beer, former Headmaster, writes: "I will speak of his modern languages first because his renowned energies outside the classroom are, in fact, no less within it. The introduction of audio-visual methods in modern languages here owed much to him. As I take visitors upstairs in the Hodson Block, they soon appreciate his energetic audio, and there are few better adverts for this teaching than looking in on the visual. On the games field he has coached at one time or another every fifteen in the school, and the last ten summers have found him coaching the Under 14 Cricket XI. But if you mentioned Mr. Greenslade to any Ellesmerian of the last decade undoubtedly he will say 'canoes'. The generosity in patience, time and money that he has devoted to slalom canoeing is unparalleled in my experience. Using his own car and all his spare time including school holidays, he has instilled in numerous boys - so often those who excel in no other athletic field - a persisting love and skill for negotiating Whitewater. No better example of this could be given than that this summer John Liddell who learned his canoeing at Ellesmere, is a member of the first all-British team aiming to shoot the famous Colorado river."



Frank passed away peacefully at his home in France on 5th May 2021.

From the Archive



1969 Flood - Frank Greenslade leading the canoeing in the Front Quad

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