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Ellesmere College Tennis Academy

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Dear Parent/Tennis Player,

It has been our most successful year in competitions. For the first time in Ellesmere's history, the Girls 1st team were seeded in the top four schools in the UK allowing them automatic entry to the National Schools Finals of the Aberdare Cup in Nottingham. They reached the semi-finals, their seeded position, with some outstanding individual performances. The boys also reached the National Finals but had to fight their way there beating schools from across the Midlands. At the Finals they produced some of their best tennis and were a credit to Ellesmere. The age group teams have also been very successful reaching the Regional Finals with the year 7/8 boys' and girls' teams, and National Finals in the year 9/10 boys' event (top 4 UK). In the LTA Senior Students competitions, we became Boys and Girls Midlands Regional Champions.

Individual performances have been outstanding and participation on the courts has never been higher. Jemimah Choi gained a world ranking and secured an unconditional scholarship to an American university; Jacob Popplewell was selected to play for Cheshire in Division 1 of the UK LTA Intercounty Cup; Owen Critchell was selected to play No. 1 for North Wales; Tamzin Pountney was No. 1 in the Shropshire team winning all her matches. She also won her first grade 3 events progressing to high level national events joining her teammates Aditi Chezhan and Jemimah Choi. Eighteen Ellesmere players have represented their respective County teams, many with realistic chances of winning their county championships in August.

Our Wingfield Court is up and running. This is a state-of-the-art performance and player monitoring system which delivers statistics to the players ranging from speed of serve to consistency and accuracy of shots in match play. This is available to parents if you get the urge to find out more about your abilities on the tennis court. Contact me directly for information.

Those who receive individual private coaching have reported how much they enjoy the sessions. Thanks go to our team of coaches, Jamie, Eifion and Kyle who have continued to deliver a first-class performance programme at Ellesmere.

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The fees for private coaching have not risen over the past four years so there is a small increase this year which we have kept to a minimum (£2 per session). If you are already receiving coaching, you do not need to return a new form. If you wish to receive coaching, please ask reception for a form, or contact me directly at the email address above.

Please feel free to contact me with any tennis related individual issues that need discussion. I hope you are enjoying the holiday break.

Yours sincerely,

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