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Dear Parent,

It has been good to see so many sporting fixtures going ahead, even though the weather has been very mixed of late. It is wonderful that we have so many children having the chance to represent school in all of these events.

Shooting continues to grow in popularity and we have a large number of children taking the opportunity to develop a new skill. Should your child wish to try shooting, please contact Mr Rylands directly by email. He will be able to guide families regarding the best training times for your child. His email address is: tom.rylands@ellesmere.com

The swimmers have also continued with their training, and performances go from strength to strength. The swimmers have a busy period ahead and the Sunderland meeting is just a few weeks away.

You will soon receive a ParentMail from Mrs Paul to notify you that the date for the Lower School Musical Tea has been moved from Monday 18th March to Monday 1st April.

Well done to one of the Lower School Year 8 pupils, Marcus Davies. Marcus has achieved selection to represent Wales in the Pony Club Mounted Games this year. This is a culmination of a great deal of hard work over the winter period. We wish Marcus, and his pony Billy, well in the forthcoming competitions.

The non-uniform day is next Friday 22nd March. All donations of £2 go towards the support of the Moduli Green projects. Last year, Sixth Form pupils travelled to Monduli, Northern Tanzania, with Mrs Allen building classrooms with the funds raised in School. The project has been ongoing for many years with College providing many vital services to Monduli village. These projects have included from the planting of woodland to the installation of a clean drinking water and irrigation system. The latest emphasis has been on the provision of educational facilities.

You will be aware that I have been asking Lower School children to help on Open Morning, which is on Saturday 30th March, 10am-12noon. I was proud of the way that the pupils represented School on the last Open Day and I am sure that their confidence and warmth will once again be evident for prospective new parents to see.

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Dr Chatterjee has asked Heads of Section and Housemasters/Mistresses to suggest to parents that it is sensible to check regularly your child's electronic communication/activity at home. It is good for children to know that images and messages stored in such places need to be suitable for their age and maturation.

Pupils cannot use their mobile telephones in Lower School without permission and they are indeed stored away safely during the working School day. It is good that young people are gently educated in the sensible use of such devices and frequent checking helps to keep them safe.

Assessment week went smoothly this week. Many pupils are working hard at the moment, however please feel comfortable contacting your child's tutor should any concern arise.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

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