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Dear Parent,

It has been a wonderful first week. The School has been a hive of activity. The weather has certainly helped too and it has been good to see pupils enjoying the facilities and play areas, experiencing new sports and activities and generally just getting stuck into hard work in lessons.

It may take a couple of weeks for extra session schedules to be sorted, for example music or support lessons etc. As you will appreciate at times the matrix can be quite complicated. Please remember to contact your child's tutor for help if situations become unclear.

Pupils have looked extremely smart. It is appreciated that parents are supporting School with uniform and polished shoes, thank you. We have already had to return items of uniform and kit to pupils. It has been difficult in some cases as the items were not named. Please could families check, in order to help return lost items to their owners.

The Year 7 pupils are going to a residential activity centre during expeditions. This is a good experience to work together and make new friends. Reply slips etc. were due at the end of last week in order to finalise numbers. Please could parents link with tutors if there has been a difficulty with this.

Shooting is continuing this year with the usual passion. It is good for pupils to try their hand at new skills and beginners are warmly welcome to attend. Over 75% of Lower School pupils shoot during the week and sessions run on various evenings after School and at other times during the week. Pupils should speak to their tutor if they would like to shoot and thus arrangements can be made.

It is a pleasure to share with you that the swimmers had a very successful summer. No doubt, you will have been aware of the success of Freya Anderson, one of the senior swimmers at Ellesmere who represented in the British team this summer. The Titans had many fine performances and Lower School swimmers continue to improve. Katie Hale won two bronze medals in her age group at this year's Summer national swimming event. She has now been invited to join this season's England Talent National Performance Programme, starting in September. Jake Hutchinson's achievements this year also caught the eye of the Talent Team and he too now is part of the Regional Talent Performance Programme for this season. Jake is joined on the Regional Programme by Eleanor Broughton, after some impressive long distance performances. Well done swimmers!

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The Under 12 and 13 rugby teams played closely contested matches this weekend against Christ College Brecon. We look forward to the next fixture on Saturday 22nd against Wilmslow School. The U11 boys play football today against Woodside and the Girls have hockey fixtures tomorrow too.

The fixture calendar is busy this term. Just a reminder for all parents, that we use the school sports website for fixture information. This allows parents, students and anyone else who is interested to see team sheets, fixture arrangements, directions and maps to opposition schools and a whole host of other information online. There is a link on the School website or via the web address below.

<http://www.schoolssports.com> . There is also a Twitter service @ellesmeresport

Parents are very welcome to support on home fixtures and of course may travel independently to support on away fixtures too. When fixtures are at home, refreshments are available throughout the morning for spectators. Pupils have been encouraged to check the White Calendar for the fixture programme. Please appreciate that all pupils are expected to play for School if they are selected. However, should there be a problem with playing on a particular weekend, it is appreciated that dialogue takes place with the coach of the team well in advance of the match day. Usually a letter follows this and a copy is passed to the Headmaster. Please contact the Director of Sport, Mr Williams with any queries regarding Sport in School.

We have a number of excellent activities this term at lunchtime. Pupils may join Art Club, which takes place on Monday at lunch time. There are other activities through the week such as Chess Club, Netball Club, Quest Club and Christian Union. Pupils are encouraged to look at the notices and chat to tutors. Other exciting clubs open at various times through the year.

The Book Fair will run from Monday 1st October to Thursday 4th October in School. Pupils are encouraged to read extensively. Pupils use the library weekly, but the Book Fair may give the opportunity for pupils to view new literature and purchase an item should they wish to. We have included a reply slip to help with 'spend guidance' for individual pupils should permission be given to purchase a book.

The Parents Society are organising a Coffee Morning in the School Tuck Shop on Friday 28th September. This will be in conjunction with a non-uniform day for pupils to raise money for the MacMillan cancer charity. Please feel free to drop in for a coffee and meet some other parents. It starts at drop off time (8.45am onwards) and runs through the morning until break. It is worth noting that a large number of Lower School parents work with the College Parents Society. It is a good way to meet other parents, raise funds but also to have a good social time too. Lower School particularly values its links with the Parents Society and really appreciates the work that the Parents do on behalf of the pupils and School.

Please feel comfortable contacting your child's tutor should you have any general concerns regarding any issue and note that Mrs Leonard may be contacted on Lowerschoolsecretary@ellesmere.com

Hopefully, we will have good weather this weekend so that all of the Lower School pupils can enjoy the facilities again at break time next week.

Yours sincerely

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LOWER SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Pupil's name..... Form.....

may purchase a book(s):

between £5.00 and £10

between £10 and £15

Signed.....

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