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Dear Parent,

It is warm and sunny and it was good to welcome the pupils back to School on Tuesday. A new term always has fresh challenges and can be exciting for the children.

It was pleasing to see how smart the pupils looked. I thought that it may be prudent to recap the summer dress code for you. School jumpers may be discarded in hot weather. If pupils are in 'shirt' order, long sleeved shirts must be buttoned at the wrist or neatly folded to above the elbow. Girls still should tie their hair back from the face with hair ties in the School colours. Bracelets/jewellery should be left at home. Shoes should be polished and low heeled. It may be wise to have a water bottle tucked into the School bag and a cap and sun lotion for outside work and play.

The grounds are beginning to look lovely. I suppose it is due to the large amount of rain that we have had coupled with this warm sunshine. The number of sculptures around School continues to grow too. It is worth noting that we have the Ellesmere Art Exhibition again during half term. It is a lovely event and a nice way for extended families and friends to visit the School. More details about the Art Exhibition can be found in the white School Calendar and the regular 'What's On' programme.

You will see, noted in the calendar, end of year examinations begin in week 4 this term. Teaching staff are discussing with pupils the requirement to organise the appropriate equipment such as pens, pencils, rulers etc in order that they can perform effectively. It is also worth mentioning that Ellesmere continues with **school as normal** on Monday 7th May (Bank Holiday Monday) in that week.

Pupils have settled quickly to work and there is a busy feel to the start of this Summer Term. There are many events over the forthcoming weeks so it would be wise to carefully consider the College White Calendar. Please feel comfortable contacting Mrs Leonard should clarity for any event be required.

The Parents' Society work tirelessly to provide lovely social events for parents. In addition, they also raise funds to spend on special projects too. They warmly welcome new parents to join and they would welcome anyone who may like to help with a role as Vice-Chair or Treasurer. Please contact Mrs Astbury on the email contactecps@gmail.com if you would like to gain more details.

The swimmers have a busy phase ahead of them. They have many National and Open competitions coming up. We wish them well and hopefully, their steadfast preparation will pay off with solid performances. Many of our Lower School swimmers have performed exceptionally well throughout the year already. It was super to hear of the success of some of the senior swimmers at the Commonwealth Games over the Easter break!

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A number of our pupils have been competing for College on their horses recently. Bella Spencer-Blow, Year 5 performed well in the Southview showjumping competition on Saturday 24th March. She secured 2nd place for the College on her horse Benji. Well done Bella!

Shooting continues to be strong in School and I reported the success of the Lower School Junior Pistol Shooting competition, earlier in the year. It is nice to note that James Caldwell has recently been selected for the Great Britain pistol talent squad. I believe he is one of the youngest ever to be invited! We will watch his progress with interest. Well done James!

The whole School Open Day is on Sunday 13th May. It would be really appreciated if pupils could help out for part of the day between 1-4pm. Please could parents return the slip at the end of this mailing to help with organising the event. Our pupils are superb in such situations and their work really does make a difference to the quality and interest of the day.

Lunchtime activities have started again and many pupils are enjoying a broad programme of events. We wish the cricket teams well at the weekend against Merchant Taylors' School too and we hope the weather holds to allow the play to continue uninterrupted.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Please return to Lower School office

Name of pupils

will / will not (***please cross out as appropriate***) be available to help with the College Open Day on **Sunday 13th May 12.30-4.30pm**

Signed