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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Dear Parent,

It has been good to see our pupils settle quickly into routines this week; especially the new pupils who now appear to be very happy and integrated!

Tutors are regularly checking prep diaries and it is important that diaries are used by the pupils to ensure that they are well organised for each day. Should a pupil have extra evening commitments and struggle to complete prep on a designated evening, a prep club takes place at lunch times to help. Tutors will be making contact with parents over the forthcoming few weeks to have a touch base chat regarding how the first few weeks of term have gone. Please feel comfortable contacting your child's tutor should you have any concerns. Mrs Leonard, the Lower School secretary is also available by e-mail or telephone between 8.15am and 5.15pm for general queries.

It was a pleasure to hear that a large number of Year 6 pupils received distinctions in their English Speaking Board Examinations at the end of last term. They will feature in the first edition of the Ellesmere magazine. Well done to the Year 6 from last year!

Congratulations are also in order for Elliott Catt who recently obtained his open water scuba diving certificate this summer. Well done Elliott!

As the weather turns wetter it may be sensible for pupils to have a change of footwear for break time play. The College allows pupils to wear a sober coloured outdoor jacket or a College rain jacket. Hoodies are considered to be part of games kit and not allowed to be worn around the College during the day or to travel home on College transport.

There is a non-uniform day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Pupils can choose to come to College in their own clothes. Pupils make £2 donations, which supports the charity, Macmillan Nurses. On such days we encourage pupils to be sensible in their choice of clothing as it is a normal teaching day. Make up is not allowed as per usual on that day.

The Lower School Harvest Eucharist Service is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. It starts at 8.50am and Reverend Gratton invites parents to attend if they are free to do so. Each year pupils bring produce to place on the altar. These food donations will be distributed locally. Refreshments are provided in the dining hall following the service.

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Congratulations also go to the Under 13 Rugby boys who secured a fine victory against Christ College Brecon last weekend. The Under 12 team played extremely well but were narrowly beaten. The Under 13 team will play Wilmslow School this weekend. The hockey girls found success playing against Adcote School and the Under 11 footballers enjoyed their fixture against Woodside School.

Please remember that refreshments will be available for players and their families following all home fixtures.

Open Day is fast approaching. As usual the greatest asset that we possess, are the children. I hope that many pupils will be available to help between 1pm-4pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Some pupils will be playing sport fixtures first and then come along afterwards. Please could you fill in and return the reply slip to help us plan the event. Pupils act as guides and also help with classroom activities. There is a lovely tea in Big School afterwards too.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

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### **REPLY SLIP**

#### **LOWER SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

Name of pupil.....

will be able to attend Ellesmere College Open Day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Please choose a convenient time:

12.45pm-4.00pm

1.00pm-3.00pm

2.00pm-4.00pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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