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Dear Parent,

Pupils are making good use of the lunchtime clubs and this is good to see. Cricket nets are open for all Lower School pupils to hone their skills, with coaches available to help iron out problem areas. The art club is as popular as ever and LAMDA continues as normal.

Golf Club has been well attended so far this term and Mr Williams reported that skills are developing quickly. Many pupils have brought their own clubs into School. As you will appreciate, these are expensive items and should be named if at all possible. They should also be stored in the large bag store room on the top floor of Lower School. It would be superb if we could nurture a future Open champion here on the 'Royal Ellesmere' course. There are opportunities for pupils to play throughout the week.

Music lessons are continuing throughout term and there are talented musicians in Lower School. We are looking forward to the Lower School Musical evening on the 14th June. Mrs Paul will provide more details of the event closer to the time. It is a busy time for musicians particularly and the Associated Board Examinations continue throughout the term.

The Choir is busily rehearsing for the Five Choirs Concert which is to be held in the Big School hall on Friday 27th April 7.30pm. This is usually a lovely event and a really pleasant way to spend a spring evening. All families and friends of families are warmly welcome to attend and Mrs Paul will communicate details to parents regarding supper and supervision of choir members.

The College examination week is in week 4 and pupils have been preparing carefully for these. It will be important for KS3 pupils to have a fully stocked, clear-sided pencil case or holder, plus calculator etc for the examinations. Tutors have been speaking to their tutees about the need to prepare these items over the weekends too.

Mr Dilks (Assistant Head of Lower School Academic) has been extremely pleased with the latest round of reading assessments in Lower School. It is clear that many pupils are reading extensively and this has certainly helped secure real improvements in reading age scores. We will still encourage pupils to read in their free time as much as possible.

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It is important from time to time to remind pupils to place mobile telephones in lockers during the School day. Pupils should also be very careful with electronic communications and ensure that all conversations remain kind. Pupils should not use a camera facility during School time without permission.

On Wednesday, Lower School photographs were taken. I must say how well the Lower School pupils managed in this event. As you will imagine it can be rather complicated to organise such a large group of people in a very small area. They listened to instructions very carefully and the whole process was swift! Details regarding the viewing and purchase of photographs will be circulated soon.

A number of Lower School swimmers may be involved in the West Midlands Championships this weekend. We wish them well. The tennis teams face Moreton Hall this weekend and the U13A and U12 cricket sides will play Birkenhead School. Once again, we hope the weather is kind and allows play.

Friday 4th May is non-uniform day, pupils usually enjoy this occasion each term and also help others by raising money for those less fortunate. The £2 donation will go to Age UK. The rules on sensible clothing, make-up and jewellery still apply.

Another 'Open Day' reply slip is attached to the end of the newsletter for your convenience.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Please return to Lower School office

Name of pupil

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

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