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Dear Parent,

Glorious sunshine is pouring through the window as this week's newsletter is being compiled. I hope that this lasts for a few days and pupils have the chance to let off steam during playtime and Games sessions. It is still heavy underfoot and whilst we encourage children to keep footwear as clean as possible, it may be worth still providing a change of footwear for playtime for a few more weeks.

Thank you in advance for bringing pupils to College to help at the Lower School Open Morning. Mr Mullock, Director of Admissions, has a large number of families booked in to see the College. Our pupils are our best asset when providing tours for visitors. Pupils should arrive when convenient for parents however, 9.45am is a good time to muster in Lower School to prepare for the event that commences at 10.00am. Full uniform is required please.

As an advance notice, the Book Fair will visit Lower School in the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May. It is a good opportunity for pupils to look at the new editions and maybe choose a book for private reading. To aid with this Mrs Leonard has attached a reply slip to guide purchases.

Teachers are currently completing end of term reports for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The reports will be available on the Parent Portal during the Easter break. Please contact your child's tutor should you have a question from a pastoral or academic perspective.

The Musical Tea is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April in the Lower School Hall. Parents and families are warmly welcome to come and enjoy refreshments whilst listening to the pupils play and sing.

Sports change focus in the Summer Term. Mr Williams, Director of Sport, explained kit requirements to pupils in Assembly this week. Many of the sports may involve expensive items of equipment. It is not necessary to purchase these items and it is quite wise to use the School equipment until a passion for an area develops. Cricket bats and tennis rackets are amongst those items and can cost extraordinary amounts. Mr Welty is happy to advise any parent regarding the purchase of tennis rackets and similarly Mr Jones can advise regarding any purchase of cricket bats. The College shop has items from the kit list. Usually pupils wear the normal College shorts and normal PE top to PE and Games sessions along with the normal College tracksuit. Please contact Mr Williams should you have a question regarding kit for Games: [ian.williams@ellesmere.com](mailto:ian.williams@ellesmere.com)

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We have been approached by Daley Thompson and Kate Staples to set up an Athletics Academy here at the College and would like to start by offering it to our Year 3-7 groups in the Summer Term.

**Daley Thompson’s Athletics Academy**

Available to students in Years 3-7 throughout the Summer term

Wednesday – Years 6-7, 4.15-5.00pm

Thursday – Years 3-5, 4.15-5.00pm

Cost is £9 a session which will be added to the school bill

An inclusive club that teaches youngsters the basic skills needed across all sports in a fun and inspiring way, making them stronger, faster, fitter and more motivated. Whatever their chosen sport.

If you would like to enroll your child please email Mrs Olivia Beckett by 12<sup>th</sup> April:

[olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com](mailto:olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com)

For more information please visit: [www.aspiretogreatness.co.uk](http://www.aspiretogreatness.co.uk)

As with normal routine, this is the last Lower School Newsletter for this term. Looking ahead to next term, it would be wise for pupils in Years 7 and 8 to seek revision lists next week from subject teachers. This will help in preparation for the Summer examinations which will take place in the third week of the new Summer term. Tutors in KS2 will guide the younger children with respect to their preparation.

With the end of next week in mind, it is important to note that College finishes at 4.30pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. **School transport is therefore one hour earlier than usual.** The new term starts on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April and for boarders, the evening before between 6pm and 9pm.

I would like to wish all families a Happy Easter when the holiday arrives.

Yours sincerely

**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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