



In this issue

We hope that this month's e:bulletin finds you and your families safe and well.

College News

Although there are fewer staff and students at the College it continues to be a hive of activity as you will see from the articles below. We have been impressed by the excellent attitude of our students who have adapted incredibly well to the new school format and we have received many positive comments from parents.

OE News

OE Masonic Lodge

Upcoming Events

Callout for front line workers

Are you an Old Ellesmerian or the parent of an Ellesmere student who works on the front line? If so, we'd love to hear from you, please contact olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com telling us who you are and what your line of work is.

OE Golf Day

OE Northern Dinner

OE London Dinner

College News

Update your details

If you have recently moved house or changed your email address, please contact the office on: external.relations@ellesmere.com so we can ensure your record is accurate.

DT Team uses 3D technology to help key workers in coronavirus fight



A team from Ellesmere College is putting the school's equipment to good use in the fight against Covid-19 by making essential face shields for front line workers.

The team started by self-funding and donating 200 face shields to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Severn Hospice; they then created a Just Giving page which has helped them to raise almost £10,000 through the generosity of the Ellesmere community and the organisations who have received face shields from the College. The team have now supplied 4,900 face

Ellesmere faces

shields to many front line organisations including hospitals, hospices, GP surgeries, care homes, police forces etc in areas throughout the UK.

Is there a typical Ellesmerian?

Find out here: [Where are they now?](#)

Ellesmere news

Keep up to date with the College's news via:

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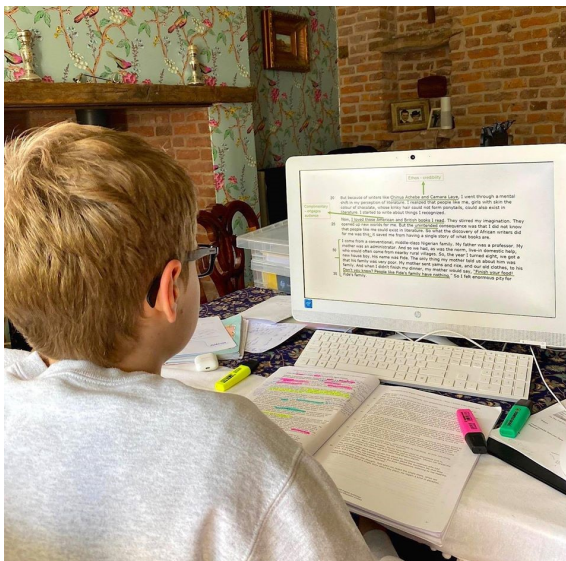
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The face shields are composed of an acetate visor and the head-band is made from polypropylene. A majority of the funds raised have gone towards purchasing these materials which are then prepared and assembled by staff volunteers at the College. The school's IT department have set up an ordering page which organisations can use to request visors, this has proved very popular with the demand exceeding the team's ability to supply.

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Summer term with a twist



The Summer term has started in a very different way to what students and staff are used to but the whole College community has adapted well and continued with a timetabled education that is delivered through online platforms and classes.

The College has remained open for the children of key workers, children with Education and Healthcare Plans and for those students who are unable to travel overseas. With fabulous on-line technology keeping everyone engaged and connected, classwork and homework is being delivered through FROG, MyMaths and Kerboodle to

Lower and Middle School students, with Sixth Form students working through Microsoft Teams.

We have been very impressed with the standard of work that has been produced by students from all year groups, please visit our [Facebook page](#) for regular updates.

Sporting achievements



Despite students being unable to take part in team sport activities, many have been continuing with their Academy training from home, brushing up on their skills and keeping their fitness levels up with the assistance of their coaches, preparing for when they can return to playing their favourite sports.

Will Mullock (Year 13) is a member of the

College's Football Academy. Whilst there is no football taking place in the UK, Will has taken to his computer to compile his own highlights to share with clubs. Will's aim is to secure trials with as many league and semi-professional clubs as possible to showcase his ability and progress in his playing career. You can see Will's highlights [HERE](#).

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[Music Scholarship opportunities](#)



We are offering the opportunity for two talented musicians to continue in to their Sixth Form education with the aid of Music scholarships that are funded by two families associated with the College. The Mullock Arts Scholarship and the Walker Music Scholarship are now looking for applications for September 2020.

Donated by two families, with a passion for education and love of the Arts, these scholarships have so far made it possible for seven students to achieve outstanding academic results and receive world-class music tutoring in the nurturing environment

of Ellesmere College.

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[Virtual College Tours](#)



Due to the current government restrictions, the College's gates are closed to visitors but school is very much still open.

Here at Ellesmere College we are understandably proud of our majestic and historic campus, but we are aware that visits in person are not possible at the moment, so we have

endeavoured to bring the College to you via a [Virtual Tour](#).

The [Virtual Tour](#) provides you with a flexible alternative to visiting in person from wherever you are in the world, giving you a full 360 degree tour of some key areas of the school. From classrooms to boarding houses, Tennis Centre to the Arts Studio and some of the grounds. All it takes is a click to explore and experience these areas and get a sense of the nurturing and enabling environment that we are creating for students at the College.

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[Lent Term Newsletter](#)



Our latest Lent Term Newsletter is now available to download from our website: [HERE](#)

Catch up with everything the students have been doing this Lent Term - a packed newsletter full of everything we do from drama to debating, maths to music, biology to Bohemian Rhapsody!

Old Ellesmerian News

[VE Day](#)



As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day, we would like to share with you an excerpt from The Ellesmerian Magazine, July 1945, detailing how College staff and students celebrated this moment in history:

‘On the evening of Monday, May 7th, the V-sign on the electric bell proclaimed to the whole school the war in Europe was over. The Headmaster delivered a memorable and inspiring speech observing that the cruel struggle in which men, women, “aye, and children, too” had been killed, was at last ended.

From nine o’clock until bed-time, local ‘freedom’ reigned supreme. With unaccustomed license, the School overflowed on to the Terraces, in a manner reminiscent of the School architect’s ideals. Brooms and flags of all description were hoisted to the top

of the flag-pole, and members of the Band gave exuberant renderings of their repertoire.

On VE Day a simple yet impressive Thanksgiving Service was held in Chapel, in which the whole School took part. At eleven o'clock the School was free to wander, fortified with packets of sandwiches, over Shropshire excluding any of the towns. Special arrangements had been made should the day prove wet; apparently there were none if it assumed the aspects of a monsoon. Despite the bad weather, the School revelled in its liberty, and some almost incredible distances were hiked by the more energetic (or thirsty).

House entertainments took place in the evening. The vocal qualities of the Chaplain, the Housemasters and the Prefects were tested. However, Mr Jackson's three note bass and Courtenay's rendering of 'Good Night, Ladies', were especially popular at the 'Yellows' and 'Violets' concerts respectively.

Yet for all this, there was throughout the day a feeling of restraint amid the general rejoicing. There was no wild mafficking, no delirious excitement, although all were deeply thankful that Victory had come. Perhaps it was merely the realisation that the war with Japan is not over; yet even in the younger students there seemed a deep resolve that civilisation should never again have to face a similar crisis, and a resolution "to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and among all nations."

Sir Bill Beaumont (Meynell '70) re-elected World Rugby chair



Old Ellesmerian and former England captain, Sir Bill Beaumont, has been re-elected as chairman of World Rugby for a second four-year term.

The former England and British Lions captain was first elected to the position in 2016 and says his primary task will be to lead the sport's response to the Covid-19 crisis.

Sir Bill was knighted last year for services to rugby. His new four-year term will officially begin on the 12th May at the World Rugby's

annual meeting of council.

Following the announcement Sir Bill tweeted, 'I am honoured to have been re-elected as Chairman of World Rugby . I would like to thank my union and region colleagues, members of the global rugby family and, of course my family, for all their support'.

Sir Bill's full acceptance speech can be found [HERE](#).

Duke of Westminster, Hugh Grosvenor (Meynell '09), donates £12.5m to NHS Coronavirus fight



The Duke of Westminster, has generously donated £12.5m to the fight against the coronavirus pandemic after being “humbled” by the dedication of NHS workers.

Hugh gave an initial donation of £2.5m in March to charities helping vulnerable families struggling to feed children who would normally receive free school meals. On 15th April he announced an additional £10m donation which will fund £5m to NHS Charities Together, to create a ‘family fund’ that would support NHS workers and their

families, a further £3m will go towards national medical research and development linked to Covid-19, and £2m will be given to charities and organisations helping support people suffering from the economic and societal impact of the pandemic.

The NHS Charities Together fund said it was “incredibly grateful for this most generous donation”.

Hugh said “I wanted to say a huge thank you to all our amazing NHS staff and everyone providing critical front line services”.

“We are all humbled and incredibly grateful that you are working tirelessly to keep us safe and keep the country functioning, As they keep us safe, I want to help provide as much support to them and their families as we can.”



[Old Ellesmerian Offers Business Internship to students](#)



Alex Lovén (Wakeman-Lambart '05), owner and founder of Net World Sports is offering Sixth Form students the opportunity of an internship with his company.

The business internship runs for 12 months and is aimed at students who either wish to defer higher education for a year or those with no plans to attend college or university.

The internship will give a student the opportunity to work in four key areas of the business; the two compulsory areas, that are crucial to the success of the business, will be Sales and Customer Care with

two optional areas being selected from Product Design, Marketing, SEO, PPC, Logistics, IT, Accounts, Content, Web Development and Graphic Design.

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Old Ellesmerian Masonic Lodge

The Old Ellesmerian Masonic Lodge and Covid-19



Although the Lodge meetings, like many other groups, are in a closed down situation, the OE Masonic members have been active in other ways by supporting the College initiative in producing face shields for many groups in and around Shropshire.

To support this initiative a donation from Lodge funds for £500 has been made to continue the excellent work within Ellesmere by voluntary members from College staff. The Masonic Province of Shropshire have also supported this appeal by match funding the OEs £500 for a further £500 making a grand total of £1000.

The Shropshire Masonic Charitable Asstn., known as The SMCA, through it's membership, is a supporter of Non Masonic Charities and organisations, having donated over the past 3 years over £130,000 to many worthy causes.

The OE Masonic membership has always been supportive of Non Masonic appeals, such as Blood Bikes, Macmillan Nurses, Scope, Severn Hospice and many more organisations.

The Lodge is in a strong position, this year we welcome two new members, both in their late twenties, and an addition of Joining Members brings the number of members to 44.

The May meeting was, unfortunately, cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the next meeting will be in September.

For details about The OE Lodge please contact the Secretary, Richard Oldfield by email: oe5368@the-sycamores.com. or phone: 07976943733

Data Management



As we move into a more digital phase, we want to ensure that we have the correct contact information for you on our database. We know that people sometimes change their contact details and may not remember to inform us, we like to keep in touch and inform you of news and events from the College and the Club so ask that you complete this short survey so we can ensure our details are correct: [Old Ellesmerian Survey](#)

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