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Dear Parent,

All too soon we have come to the final newsletter for the Lent Term. It has been a very busy term and a lot has been achieved.

The snow came and went. No doubt we will see flurries over the coming weeks however, there are certainly determined signs of Spring within the grounds of College. We are really looking forward to the lighter mornings and evenings.

Assessment week went smoothly and Period Grades should be published soon. Pupils are realising that these snapshot test results may go up and down through an academic year when different topics are covered in subject areas. Some areas may need more focus than others as the year progresses.

The whole School examination period begins in the Summer Term. Pupils will be given revision outlines so that at least some of the Easter holiday could be used to look over the work that has been covered throughout the year. For Year 8 pupils particularly, the examination period will be more robust and formal, this will be in preparation for Middle School study.

Lower School classrooms have a little disruption going on at the moment. We are not complaining, as it marks the arrival of our new interactive smart television systems in the classrooms. The teaching staff are looking forward to using these in the Summer term. They really do add another dimension to the teaching/learning environment for our teachers and pupils.

We enjoyed a lovely Music Tea this week with a variety of excellent performances, both instrumental and vocal. We are looking forward to the Mothering Sunday service this weekend which will feature both of the Lower School choirs. Pupils should arrive in Chapel on Sunday morning at 9.45am for a rehearsal, with the service beginning at 11.30am. Please feel warmly welcome to come to the Service this Sunday, even if you do not have pupils performing. It will be a lovely atmosphere and it will be good to see extended family and friends of our community.

Following on from the Sixth Form MHESS Assembly on Tuesday 'Looking after our mental health', they are planning a fun afternoon on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March with KS2 pupils. This includes an Easter Egg Hunt which will be outside, weather permitting, face painting and some crafts. They are also organising a 'Big Easter Egg Raffle' to be drawn on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> by Mr Wignall. Tickets will be on sale outside the dining hall from Monday during lunchtime, £1 a strip of 5 tickets.

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Thank you for your continuing supporting of MHESS (Mental Health at Ellesmere Support System). All money raised is used for resources to benefit pupil's wellbeing and support training to improve our whole School awareness of mental health.

On our return to School after Easter, we have a concert in Big School on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. This concert will feature all of our Lower School music-making groups, including choirs, band, rock bands and a musical theatre ensemble.

Looking ahead to next term, it is worth a mention regarding cricket and tennis equipment. Obviously, the Summer sport programme will begin however, please do not feel pressurised to buy expensive equipment for your child. Equipment is provided in games sessions and College equipment can be used for fixtures. Please feel comfortable approaching Mr Jones or Mr Welti if advice is required regarding suitable sizes, etc should you decide to go ahead and purchase items. Some pupils may wish to buy their own protective under garment wear for cricket. Please consider the storage and portability of cricket bags too, some of them on the market resemble small mobile homes! The pupils will need to move and store any item with ease whilst not in use. In addition, if a child chooses to bring in expensive items of equipment, please remember to name and insure it as it is difficult for teachers to watch over every item that comes in to School.

Please remember that College transport leaves one hour earlier next **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm** (last day of the Lent Term). Pupils may be collected from **4.15pm**.

Have a good weekend and Easter break when it comes.

Yours sincerely,