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Dear Parent,

It's been quite a difficult end to the week for families. I do hope that the weather has not been too problematic where you live. As you are aware, the Headmaster decided it was wise to get children home a little earlier on Thursday due to the worsening travel conditions. Thank you for your support and understanding. The children had enjoyed playing in the snow and did not appear to notice the difficulties that the weather had been causing around them.

In situations such as this, it is important that we can communicate and check that all children are cared for in their homeward travel. Please let your child's tutor know if your email or telephone arrangements have changed, we can then update our systems.

The poor weather meant that the Games programme was restricted on Thursday afternoon. However, opportunities do arise out of dilemma and the children had the chance to see the theatre production performed by the Tabor Academy in the Arts Centre. This is part of our Senior Drama exchange with Tabor Academy USA. Our senior Drama examination students visit Tabor Academy and perform a piece that they have worked on. In exchange, the Tabor students visit Ellesmere for a week and bring their performances for us to see. It's a real opportunity for our Lower School pupils to look forward to in Senior studies and share working experiences with another School.

We celebrated the success of Lower School music pupils on Monday in Assembly. The Oswestry Youth Music Festival was such a wonderful event for many of our young performers. Mr Coupe Director of Music, was very complimentary about the pupils. He asked me to include a comment from him.

*'The students did a brilliant job as ambassadors for the College, showing great courage, focus, musicality and team skills. This Festival is all about taking part, the trophies and the placings are lovely but at the core it is about bringing together musicians in a forum where they can demonstrate their skills and listen to others. The staff team were all proud to see the students performing at such high standards, and I would like to thank them for their dedication and hard work in preparing and supporting the students. **The future looks bright.***

The full list of results can be seen on the recent College Twitter feed, plus photographs are seen by visiting.

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Assessment week has also gone along well. Pupils have once again taken these snapshot tests in their stride.

The Revd Gratton wanted me to remind families about the Mothering Sunday Eucharist. It is Sunday 19th March starting at 11.30am. The choir will be required to rehearse at 9.45am please. Refreshments will be available for families while the children prepare.

It also has been good that a number of fixtures have also gone ahead this week. The swimmers have continued to train hard as usual. It is Exeat weekend this weekend so there are no Lower School fixtures planned. Please keep an eye on the Calendar and College Web-site for the fixtures next week.

Please continue to keep a check on your child's online/phone activity. We continue to press the message that communications must remain kind.

Have a good weekend when it comes.

Yours sincerely,