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Dear Parent,

Pupils have quickly got into the swing of the routine in College and the atmosphere has been lovely. There are impressive scenes around the College at the moment as late Summer/Autumn push colours forward. It certainly makes one appreciate the wonderful surroundings the children have here at the College. Pupils have settled into the academic curriculum well.

We have enjoyed Chapel Services this week and the singing was superb. The Lower School Eucharist Harvest Festival service is on **Wednesday 28th September, starting at 8.50am**. There will be further details nearer the time.

Lunchtime and squad sport practices have been busy. It has been good to see the pupils trying different activities. We will continue to encourage this. It is a busy affair as one can imagine. Please ensure that all items of kit/clothing are named. We have a few pieces of lost property already without a named owner. Please remember that make up and nail varnish are not allowed in school.

It is interesting for everyone to know that for home sports matches, refreshments are served in the dining hall for players and their supporting families. It really is a good way to get to know the Ellesmere community. Players should wear full tracksuit or uniform when representing the College in these social events.

Just to note, there is an Under 11 Tournament on Sunday 9th October. More details will follow.

The swimmers are training hard. They have continued throughout the Summer and we are looking forward to hearing of their progress.

Tennis is also very popular and families should contact Mr Welti with respect to extra Tennis coaching sessions.

To help with clarity, it is worth noting that there is a non-uniform day on **Friday 7th October**. Pupils may wear their home clothes (for a donation to the charity £2) but the normal rules apply regarding make-up, hair tied back and jewellery. I also advise that footwear is still sensible in order for the safe negotiation of all of the stairs at College. Similarly, cropped tops, tiny shorts and off the shoulder numbers are not appropriate either.

The Parents Society meet regularly and always welcome new faces to join. Should you wish to be part of the Parent's Society, please make contact on the email : contactecps@gmail.com

Alternatively, chat to the Lower School Secretaries, who will link you to a current Lower School parent member.

Mr. Simon Fisher is one of the new additions to our teaching team. He will run the Lower School Band, Choir etc and link with Mr. Coupe and the Music Department to help the Lower School musicians and singers along as we progress through the year. Band and Choir started this week and we encourage as many children to take part as possible. Please contact Mr Fisher if your child would like to learn how to play a musical instrument and receive music lessons.

Have a lovely weekend. We hope that the weather stays fair!

Yours sincerely,



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