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Dear Parent,

The last two weeks of term have arrived so quickly. We are now at the last newsletter for this academic year. Time has flown! It is lovely to see how the new children from last September and throughout the year, have settled quickly and feel at home at Ellesmere.

It has been good to see the Year 8 pupils grow and develop in maturity. They are ready for their next chapter in Middle School. Routines will be different, but they should always feel that Lower School have supported them carefully for this transition. They are always welcome back to chat to their tutors who no doubt will be watching their progress carefully too!

Well done to all of our pupils who took English Speaking Board examinations recently. We have had some super Year 8 results so far.

Well done also to the Year 8 pupils who took part in the STEM Engineering event this week. There certainly are some talented children in Lower School!

What a fantastic week of weather we have had! Children really do require drinks bottles, cap and sunscreen should the weather hold until the end of term, they will be outside a great deal.

We have a Lower School Music Concert on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June starting at 6.30pm. Please contact [musicadmin@ellesmere.com](mailto:musicadmin@ellesmere.com) for family tickets. It promises to be a lovely event. Mrs Paul can answer any queries should they arise [rebecca.paul@ellesmere.com](mailto:rebecca.paul@ellesmere.com)

We also have Annie the Musical on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The performance starts at 7.00pm and tickets can be obtained from [boxoffice@ellesmere.com](mailto:boxoffice@ellesmere.com) and any information regarding the event from Mrs Fisher on [zoe.fisher@ellesmere.com](mailto:zoe.fisher@ellesmere.com)

A grid with details for the expeditions taking place in the last week of term, can be found at the end of the newsletter. This will hopefully help with organisation for home.

Mrs Rogers (teacher in charge of Academic Enrichment opportunities) has been very pleased with the responses to the enrichment programme this year. The latest House Poetry Competition had a large number of entries. The House Quiz was superb too. Sports Day is in expeditions week and details will be posted by Mr Horrocks, Director of Sport, closer to the date.

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We are encouraging pupils to gradually tidy and empty lockers and bag rooms. It's amazing how many things accumulate in there! They are beginning to take home any non-essential items in readiness for a lighter load on the last Friday of this term.

It will be good to see families on the last Saturday (1st July) of term.

Lower School Last Assemblies start at 12 noon **after** the morning Headmaster's Prize Giving and Speeches. If a pupil has an award to be presented in the Headmaster's event, they will be notified by Mrs Pritt-Roberts.

KS2 Last Assembly (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) is with Mrs Phillips and the KS2 teachers in the Arts Centre.

KS3 Last Assembly (Year 7 and Year 8) is in the hall at the top of Lower School.

Unless in the Headmaster's event, the ideal scenario is for pupils to come in with their parents at **11.30am** for refreshments and in readiness for the 12 noon events. Refreshments are at both the Arts Centre and Lower School. Afterwards, all Lower School families progress to parties on the terraces.

If a child has to attend without their family, school transport comes in one hour later in the morning arriving at College for 9.30am and will depart for home at 1.15pm. Please let your child's personal tutor know if this is to happen.

I close this newsletter wishing all Lower School families a restful Summer break in readiness for the new opportunities that a new academic year brings.

I hope the sun shines too!

Yours sincerely,

	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Ash Oak	Hoo Zoo Own clothes/sensible footwear/waterproofs	Weston Park Forest School Own clothes/sensible footwear/waterproofs	Activities am Sports Day pm School sports kit all day	Normal School day
Elm	Roman Soldier Workshop Own clothes and trainers	Rhyl SeaQuarium Own clothes, waterproof coat/ sensible footwear	Activities am Sports Day pm School sports kit all day	Normal School day
Y6	Roman Soldier Workshop Own clothes or school sports kit and trainers	Beatles Tour and Walker Art Gallery Liverpool Own clothes/waterproof coat/sensible footwear	Activities am Sports Day pm School sports kit all day	Normal School day
Y7	Beaumaris and Caernarfon Castles Own clothes/sensible footwear	Chester Zoo Own clothes/ waterproof coat/ sensible footwear	Activities am Sports Day pm School sports kit all day	Normal School day
Y8	Chill Factor Travel in comfortable clothing – see specifics below	Drayton Manor Own clothes/sensible footwear/waterproof coat	Activities am Sports Day pm School sports kit all day	Normal School day

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