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Dear Parent,

It was pleasing to receive an email from Mr Coupe, Director of Music, giving details of the recent Oswestry Music Festival. It appears that all of the pupils had a wonderful experience and they thoroughly enjoyed showcasing the musical pieces that they have been working so hard on over the term. There were many individual places. However, the following were successful in achieving first place: Josh Norris Year 8 (Vocal Solo Under 15 category), KS2 and KS3 Musical Theatre group performances, Freddie Heasmer-Jones Year 7 (String Solo Under 12), Isobel Philbin (Under 9 Vocal Solo), Kit Fisher (under 9 Drum Solo), Noah Fisher (Under 12 Drum Solo and Under 15 backing track Drum). Josh, Noah and Freddie also progressed to the overall finals held on Sunday. Well done to all Lower School musicians who went to the event. It is good to accolade the consistent hard work that goes into music in School.

Following on from this theme it is important also to recognise the hard work that the Lower School Swimmers put into their training too. They are happy and organised pupils who push on each day with training. We wish them well in the forthcoming competitions building towards the end of term. Well done to Harvey Leonard, George Owen and Tom Swinnerton in their recent Worcester Rugby Academy PDP selections. We will watch their progress with interest.

Also, congratulations are extended to Louis Rickett (Year 6) who recently was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the British Junior Golf Tour Winter cup. He competed against the top 10 year olds in the country. Well done Louis! An opportunity has arisen for pupils to train as Championship Tennis Ball Crew. Such training would progress to an opportunity to work at a major professional tournament this year. The training will take place at College in the Tennis Centre during March. There is no charge. The only request is that children are available for the event, taking place in the Easter Holidays on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Please contact Mr Welti directly if your child is interested. [stephen.welti@ellesmere.com](mailto:stephen.welti@ellesmere.com)

Mr Rylands is pleased with the large number of Lower School pupils that are taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities that they have to shoot in College. There are a variety of sessions through the week catering from the beginner to the more advanced performers. Pupils simply speak to tutors to contact one of the Shooting teachers to arrange a place at one of the sessions.

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At the moment, there is a particularly focused academic phase. The older pupils in College are taking mock GCSE examinations and Assessment week is next week for all pupils. Once again, the outcome of the bi-termly assessment will inform teachers for period grades and for benchmarking progress purposes. To support pupils you may have heard your child speak of Academic Clinics/sessions taking place in the College week. These simply are sessions, held by individual subject areas to give extra academic help in specifically targeted subject topics. Pupils may use these as a drop in session to help clarify work or to complete extension work. In addition, pupils may be directed to attend these sessions to either go over certain skills, or to catch up on work. Mrs Phillips is the KS2 Academic Co-ordinator and Mr Dilks is the Assistant Head Lower School Academic, both of whom keep a watchful eye on targets for each pupil and also direct pupils to use these extra academic sessions.

As you will know mobile telephones are locked away during the School day in Lower School. This has allowed pupils to concentrate fully on the tasks in hand during the curriculum. Obviously, we respect that the use of mobile telephones outside of School is under the responsibility of the family. It is worth a check from time to time at home to ensure that all communications are along the lines that you wish for your child.

It is non-uniform day today as per White calendar. All £2 donations are used this time to support the work of Monduli Green Tanzania.

As per national guidelines, we are encouraging thorough handwashing, use of tissues and use of hand sanitizers. It may be worth popping an individual small bottle of appropriate hand sanitizer into your child's bag too. With this vigilance, we hopefully will stay as infection free as possible.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely