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Dear Parent,

We are delighted that the Bishop of Shrewsbury will be visiting Ellesmere College this year to confer confirmation on those who are ready to receive this sacrament. The expected date and time of the confirmation service is: **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 3.00pm.**

Next week I will begin the course of preparation for students who wish to *explore whether confirmation is right for them*. This course also allows me to get to know them so that I can make an informed decision about recommending them to the Bishop. The course, **Mondays at 1.15pm**, consists of a short service followed by lunch and a discussion. It is open to all of **Middle School and the Sixth Form.**

I write because I realise that sometimes young people need a nudge to consider things that they don't fully understand, or which separate them a little from their peers. The emphasis of the course will be on the basics of the Christian faith, questions about God and taking time to consider whether we wish to **confirm our baptismal calling to serve as members of God's family**. If baptism is adoption into God's family then confirmation is growing up and being prepared to take an active role.

In Christ,

**Fr. Phillip**