



Ellesmere

A 7 – 18 Coeducational School

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to imagine that we have only a few weeks left before term ends. Time is flying by – which must mean we are all having fun! Routines in House are established and the boarders are now familiar with expectations and managing themselves very well.

Could I please ask, particularly with Christmas in mind, that when the children return they do not bring expensive, hazardous or delicate items back with them? This term I have 'confiscated' laser pens, nerf guns, a diablo toy and excessive packets of sweets. As you appreciate, we keep a range of games and toys in House and offer activities every night. A number of our boarders are training and a sensible diet is an essential part of that (as it is for all) – the temptation of huge bags of sweets and boxes of chocolates is often too much for them to bear! All children have access to tuck shop weekly, which should be enough for treats.

James Raw succeeded in achieving the highest number of House Points this week and Flynn Smith prior to that. Points are awarded for tidy rooms, good manners and a helpful attitude - well done boys! We have enjoyed a number of outings and activities lately and celebrated Gloria's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. The recent Saturday outing to Black Hawk Laser was a lot of fun and requests were made to go again. We are going to the cinema after supper on 5<sup>th</sup> December. This is an annual Christmas outing and Housemothers, cleaners and staff family members all join in. The last week of term will be very busy with the Carol Service, cinema, pantomime, Christmas Dinner, etc. It is a very special time of year here at Ellesmere and I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Carol Service on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

Finally, a reminder that we need to clear all rooms ready for the Christmas holidays. As always, please get in touch with any queries.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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