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Dear Parent,

The pupils were excellent on Open Day. Many children acted as guides or demonstrated activities in work areas. It was lovely to see children taking on challenges and discovering communication skills they did not think that they possessed. Thanks are also extended to parents for bringing pupils into School.

The Harvest Eucharist service is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October starting at 8.50am. Parents and families are warmly welcome to attend. There are refreshments in the College Dining Room afterwards.

There have been many sports fixtures and events this week. It is good to see so many pupils involved, excited and happy. There are hockey and rugby fixtures, as per white calendar, this weekend. The tennis players, shooters and swimmers continue to train as normal and there is a swimming training camp during half term. There are more details regarding sport posted by Mr Williams, Director of Sport, on the sport portal on the College website.

Mrs Paul has arranged a 'Musical Tea' on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October in the Lower School Lower Hall from 4.30pm to 5.15pm. Several Lower School musicians will be performing and parents and families are warmly welcome to attend.

Period Grades are published this week. These snapshot grades give an indication regarding the situation in subject areas over the first few weeks of term. There are attainment and effort grades. Grade 3 for effort is an indication that all work is completed according to expectation and is not a cause for concern. Pupils can aim to put in the extra effort above this level as the year develops to achieve the higher grades. Pupils are encouraged to use their prep diaries regularly. Tutors check them during tutorial time. Please feel free to sign the diary to show that it is checked at home too. There is a space to add a quick comment if a parent wishes.

Mrs Waddams, Head of Geography, contacted me this week. She was pleased with the standard of the recent entries to the Young Geographer of the Year competition. Certificates of Commendation were awarded to Carmen Kilgannon, Marcus Davies, Ellie Edwards, Rosie Linley, Cal Adlard, Lucy Conway and William Wilkinson. The individual entries now go forward to National level with the Royal Geographical Society.

Expeditions start next Wednesday and we are hopeful for fine weather. The Yr. 7 pupils are getting excited about their residential trip to PGL and Mrs Morgan has attached another grid to the end of this newsletter for information regarding each day. Please contact Mrs Leonard, the Lower School Secretary should you wish to ask any question, [lowschoolsecretary@ellesmere.com](mailto:lowschoolsecretary@ellesmere.com)

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The end of this first half of term has flown past. The last day being next Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. October. College transport will depart as usual at 5.30pm.

Have a good holiday.

	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 3/4/5	am: Shrewsbury Museum: Landscapes workshop pm: Theatre Severn, Awful Auntie	Sea-life Centre, Birmingham	Play Practice in School
Year 6	Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, National Trust	am: Shrewsbury Town Centre Geography field trip pm: Theatre Severn, Awful Auntie	Play Practice in School
Year 7	PGL Activity Centre	PGL Activity Centre	PGL Activity Centre
Year 8	Warwick Castle	Wood Lane conservation activities	Jackfield and Coalport Museums, clay workshops

Yours sincerely

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