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Dear Parent,

It has been a generally fine start to the new term and it was good to see the pupils return to School on Tuesday. It was pleasing to see how smart the pupils looked. I thought that it would be prudent to recap the summer dress code for you. School jumpers can be discarded in hot weather. However, they should still be worn to Assembly and Chapel services. When pupils are in 'shirt order', long sleeved shirts should be buttoned at the wrist or folded neatly to above the elbow. Girls must still tie their hair back from the face with hair ties in School colours. Bracelets/jewellery are to be left at home. Shoes should be polishable and low heeled.

It was also lovely to welcome six new pupils to Lower School this term. They appear to be settling in quickly and their families are warmly welcomed to our community!

It has also been good to see pupils using the outside play equipment at break time. The table tennis tables, tennis courts, badminton and volleyball equipment are in constant use. We are also on countdown to the grand opening of the new tennis centre and the indoor court lines have been painted this week. I will keep parents posted on progress.

Whole School examinations begin on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Teaching staff have impressed upon the children the requirement to organize the appropriate equipment such as pens, pencils, rulers, calculators etc. in order that they can perform effectively.

The tennis and cricket season has begun well and pupils have been keen to get started with fixtures. Cricket net practice takes place each lunchtime for boys and girls which has been very popular and will no doubt add to the success of the teams in their matches this term. Please check the College White Calendar carefully to ensure that pupils are aware of their commitments and should an occasion arise where a pupil is unavailable, please ensure that this is communicated in good time for coaches to organize teams.

The swimmers relentlessly maintain their year round training programmes and continue to produce impressive performances. Before the Easter break Alex Rosser-Barnett scooped a number of top awards. Whist competing for the West Midlands ESSA he became the English Schools champion in the 400 IM, took Silver in the 200 IM and Bronze in the 400m Freestyle. He was also part of the winning 400 Medley Relay team who are now National Champions. Well done to Alex!

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The Five Choirs Concert is next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7.30pm. Many of our Lower School pupils will be performing and it is usually a lovely evening. Mrs Paul will contact parents closer to the time regarding arrangements for the choir on that evening. Tickets can be secured from the Box Office on 01691 626545 or boxoffice@ellesmere.com

The rehearsals are well under way for the Year 7/8 play. Seussical the Musical will be performed in the Arts Centre on the evenings of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This is an early date for your diary. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible!

The whole College Open Day is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 1pm - 4pm. I have attached a slip below which I ask you to kindly return to your child's form teacher. As usual we will be grateful to those pupils who can act as guides and helpers on the day.

The Book Fair arrives on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. It is usually quite an exciting event for the pupils in Lower School as they browse the new edition offerings. It is possible for pupils to purchase books from the Book Fair and a reply slip at the end of this Newsletter should be returned to help guide us with how much a child may spend. All pupils should have a reading book available for independent reading time in School. Obviously, the College library is a super resource too.

Another date for your diary is a coffee morning to support C.R.Y. (Cardiac Risk in the Young). Parents are warmly welcomed to drop into the Tuck Shop for morning refreshments from 08.30am to 10.00am. It is usually a lovely way to meet other parents.

Please note, it is a normal School day on Monday 1st May.

Yours sincerely,

Sharan Owen





WHOLE COLLEGE OPEN DAY
Name of pupil
I will be able to attend Ellesmere College Open Day on Sunday 21st May 2017.
Time slot:
1.00pm – 2.30pm
2.30pm – 4.00pm
Signed (Parent)
Please return to the Lower School office
LOWER SCHOOL BOOK FAIR – MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017
Pupil's Name:
between £5.00 and £10.00
between £10.00 and £15.00
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