



From the Headmaster
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Ellesmere

A 7-18 Co-educational School

Dear Parent,

I am writing to let you know that we are intending to open our new four court indoor tennis centre around the start of the summer term.

I know that a number of parents who visit the College regularly have been puzzled at the significant building development that has been taking place in the field below the Lower School, and surprised that we have not made any announcement until this point. The reasons for non-announcement are relatively complex (and relatively boring) and are to do with uncertainty around certain issues, but those are all now settled so we are moving ahead very rapidly, as anyone who has visited the College in the last week or so will have observed.

When it is completed we will have established a first class training facility for those youngsters who aspire to be as good as they can be. For some this may be playing for a club or county, some may be looking for a scholarship place at University and for others it may be striving for a world ranking point and having a go at the professional game. We will be able to provide every opportunity for these students to achieve their goals without sacrificing academic achievement. We are establishing stronger links with American Universities who offer tennis scholarships based on ability, which may be of particular interest to our top team players.

We will offer a full tournament programme in the new facility so that students at the College will be able to compete against new and challenging opposition from beginner to Elite. For local clubs and schools there will be outreach opportunities giving our students (and parents) the chance to enjoy their tennis on a more social level. More information will be available in the summer once the building is up and running.

With all good wishes

Yours,
B J Wignall

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