



Ellesmere

A 7 – 18 Coeducational School

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Dear Parent,

The Sixth Form at Ellesmere has grown significantly in recent years – we have invested in new facilities (most recently to improve accommodation in the girls' House, St Oswald's) and we aim to provide a challenging academic environment in which each individual can achieve their potential. The whole Sixth Form experience should be seen as far different from life in the Middle School and takes account of growing maturity and independence.

The end of Year 11 provides a natural break in an individual's education and a number of important decisions need to be made. We hope, of course, that current Ellesmerians will continue into the Sixth Form and we also actively recruit newcomers from a wide variety of different schools. We are fortunate in being able to offer both A Level Courses (with several additional subjects to GCSE) and the International Baccalaureate. Detailed consideration is needed regarding specific subjects or combination of subjects. Ambitious candidates may find it helpful to follow the advice given by the Russell Group of universities - <http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/informed-choices>.

We want to get the best out of all our Sixth Form students and to provide them with the opportunities to succeed in an increasingly competitive and global workplace. We have been pleased with our overall results in recent years and with the personal performance of several candidates. The attached leaflet focuses on the 2017 leavers. You will note that the target to beat is A* A* A A at A Level.

Ellesmerians managed to gain places at over forty different universities and most received a place at their first choice university. Twenty two out of twenty four Russell Group universities made offers to our candidates.

Universities and employers may focus on academic qualifications but they also place an emphasis on skills gained beyond the classroom. For that reason we aim to give opportunities to Sixth Formers to demonstrate their initiative and develop their responsibility. The extra-curricular programme in the Sixth Form is less compulsory than in Middle School, but we aim to allow enterprise and encourage leadership.

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At present, your sons and daughters will be focussed on their GCSEs. I hope that they can look forward to joining the Sixth Form. They will have a chance to discuss subject options with Tutors – we want to ensure that our students are confident in their choice of courses, in their environment and with the individual styles of classroom teachers.

Mrs Pritt-Roberts (Deputy Head Academic) and I will be talking to parents after the Careers Conference on Friday 13th October 2017 at 4.30pm in the Arts Centre. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have specific concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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