

Ellesmere
A 7 – 18 Coeducational School

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Dear Parent,

## **NEW TENNIS CENTRE**

The four new indoor courts are now in use. The clubhouse will soon be annexed to the courts completing the development. Barbara Goolden who started the Tennis Academy at Ellesmere, will 'hit the first ball' on June 12<sup>th</sup> and there will be a celebration opening next term.

Unsurprisingly the new facility has created huge interest in tennis and the coaches are already receiving requests from students who wish to start playing tennis. There are currently over 100 students having private coaching each week. If you would like your child to have coaching and he or she is not already on our register, it would be wise to sign up now ready for the Michaelmas term as demand is high. The cost of coaching is detailed in the attached booking form, with no charge to students for the indoor courts. There will be slots available for parents and Old Ellesmerians to receive coaching but again, there are only four courts and especially in the winter months time will be limited. Please return your booking form to me as soon as possible.

At the weekends we will be hosting and organising a comprehensive tournament programme attracting players from around the UK.

Old Ellesmerians and parents of students currently at the College will be offered time on the courts in the form of Club Nights. Details will be published nearer to the opening of the courts.

**VERY IMPORTANT: FOOTWEAR** 

We ask that those who wish to play on the indoor tennis courts have a pair of shoes kept solely for that use. Please do not walk to the courts wearing the shoes you intend to play in. Any player attempting to play in dirty shoes will be asked to change them or clean them to the satisfaction of the coach on duty. Alternatively, the player can use the outside courts for their lessons and matches if they prefer.

Please take this request seriously.

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The surface is a very expensive, high performance acrylic and will damage easily if dirt, grit and stones are brought into the building. We have chosen this surface to attract players to our training and tournament programme. Players who, when seeing the facility, may well become students at the College.

Yours sincerely

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