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Dear Parent,

The weather has been decent this week and pupils have been active and happy around School.

The Autumn colours are developing strongly and will give inspiration for budding poets, photographers and artists to enter Mrs. Morgan's Autumn competition. Pupils are challenged to create something within one of these areas on the theme of Autumn. Closing dates for entries is after the half term holiday.

On a competition note, Dr Collins has pointed out a national competition for Biologists. Pupils are invited to enter photographs based on a biological theme. Entries have to be in rather soon therefore, pupils will need to see Dr Collins as soon as possible if they would like to enter.

The first Period Grades for pupils have been published this week. The grade is purely an effort grade on this occasion. Pupils mainly receive grade 3 for effort in the first few weeks of the term. This alludes to satisfactory effort, indicating the pupil is doing exactly what is expected in class. This grade has the potential to develop into grade 4 or 5 as pupils begin to put in work extra to what is covered in class.

Assessment week will follow in week 5 and the first full Period Grade for both effort and achievement in this academic period will be published.

LAMDA music and dramatic art lessons are very popular in School as an extra activity. Similarly, there are also opportunities to book extra tennis coaching and music lessons. Please contact Mrs Leonard for more details regarding cost and times.

Thank you for returning the Open Day (Saturday 7th October) reply slips. There are a large number of pupils playing in fixtures who will then help in Lower School which is excellent. Would it be possible for the pupils to wear full School uniform and be in Lower School for 12.45pm, so that I can hold a brief meeting and answer any last minute questions before the guests arrive.

Expeditions are not far away now. For pupils new to the School, this is the term used for three days where the regular curriculum is curtailed and educational experiences are possible. The grid is at the end of the newsletter to help plan clothing requirements. All food is provided for the children throughout the three days as per normal.

It is a busy term for fixtures. Please remember to check through the white College calendar in advance. The College website also has a link to fixtures. Mr Williams Director of Sport is happy to answer questions or indeed contact Mrs Leonard on lowerschoolsecretary@ellesmere.com who will try to answer any queries.

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The pupils have enjoyed many fixtures over the first few weeks of term. It is Exeat weekend this weekend therefore no fixtures take place and pupils have a rest ready for the second part of the half term.

On Sunday 15th October the Under 11 pupils will play in the Ellesmere College Football Tournament. It is usually a lovely event. Please feel welcome to bring extended family and friends. Refreshments are provided throughout the afternoon and we hope that the sun will shine and that we are graced with a beautiful Autumn day.

	Wednesday 18 th October	Thursday 19 th October	Friday 20 th 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

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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