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Another Great Year



GCSE Results Celebrations

The first results of the summer were those of the International Baccalaureate Diploma, where our students' average overall score equated to three A grades at A Level. As a challenging alternative to A Levels the IB requires students to study six subjects, a course in the Theory of Knowledge, and produce a university standard Extended Essay as part of their assessment.

Universities around the world value the course as an excellent preparation, so much so that the pass level of 24 points is given the equivalent value of BCC grades at A Level. In fact 57% of Ellesmere students achieved the higher level Diploma by gaining more than 30 points, which is equivalent to 3 A* grades at A Level.

In August our A Level students were also celebrating with a 97% pass rate including quite a number of outstanding performances. Despite a consensus amongst schools nationwide that marking standards had been set much higher, 50% of all grades awarded to Ellesmere students were in the top A*/B grades, with the girls notching up 60% of grades in the top A*/B

Whilst heartfelt congratulations go to all students there were several particularly notable performances that are worthy of specific mention. The supply of medics each year remains constant with Emily Palmer (Shrewsbury), Head Girl, achieving A* and A grades to read Medicine at Birmingham and finding time to do the Extended Project and securing an A* in that too.

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Joe Haigh (Shrewsbury) gained the A*/A grades to secure a place at Hull York Medical School and, keeping with the science theme, Joe Pescod (Audlem) secured his place to read Veterinary Medicine at the Royal Veterinary College, London, with A*/A grades.

Other students also went on to secure places at other universities in the UK and abroad, including

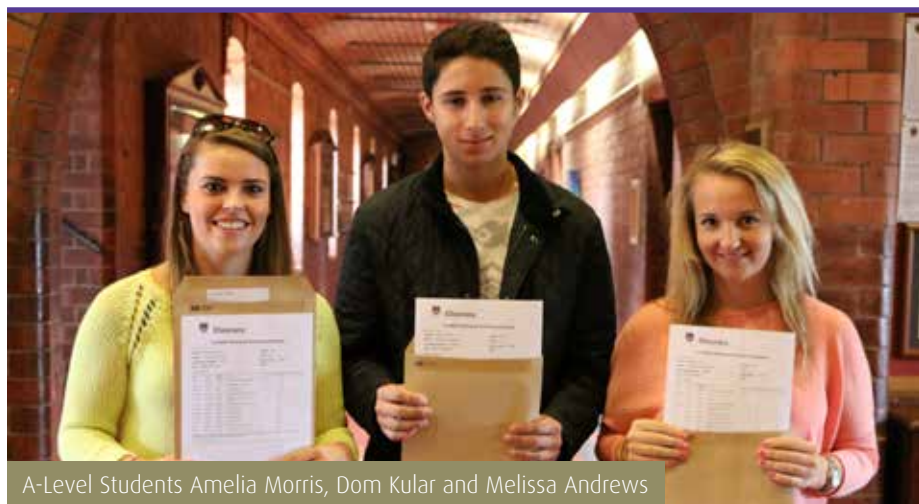
- **Jack Martin** (Shrewsbury) – (A*AB) Sport and Exercise at Durham
- **Annabelle Martin-Jones** (Ellesmere) – (AAB) Media and International Relations at Birmingham
- **Kotryna Calova** (Lithuania) – (A*AA) Graphic Design at Nottingham Trent
- **Freya Rodda** (Rossett) – (A*AB) Business Studies at Manchester
- **Ed Shelley** (Shrewsbury) – (A*ABB) Politics at Exeter
- **Luke Taylor** (Ellesmere) – (IB Diploma) Law at King's College, London
- **Alice Tow** (Malpas) – (ABBB) International Relations at Birmingham
- **George Beal** (Sandbach) – (AAB) Geography at King's London
- **John Leadbeater** (Shrewsbury) – (AAAB) Mechanical Engineering at Leeds

As always our GCSE students had to wait until the end of the summer for their results, but were delighted to discover that they too had achieved highly. Over a third of all grades were the top grades of A*/A, more than 63% of grades were either A*/A or B and 90% of grades A*- C. There were some particularly notable performances that are worthy of specific mention for their A* and A grade achievement:

Charlotte Dixon (Newport) achieved 7A* and 3 A grades; Will Ainge (Bangor on Dee) gained 5A* and 4 A grades and is one of our talented musicians; Chantelle Ridgeway (Derbyshire) was successful in gaining 5A* and 4 A grades; James Bateman (Wrexham) secured 4A* and 5 A grades with an A in Additional Mathematics; Sebastian McCarthy (Ellesmere) gained 4A* and 4 A grades; Francesca Hughes (Oswestry) achieved 3 A* and 5 A grades; Jo Jameson (Tattenhall) gained 3 A* and 6 A grades and Perri Rowe (Northwich) gained 2A* and 7 A grades.

A number of Year 11 pupils found the time to add to their GCSE results with A grades at AS in such wide ranging subjects as Religious Studies, Japanese and Russian, and Year 9 pupil Charlie Digby achieved an A* in early entry to GCSE Mathematics. Finally, pupils in Years 9 and 10 have also completed early GCSEs in Religious Studies with excellent results: 3 A*s, 3 As, 8 Bs, 14 Cs at full GCSE.

Headmaster Brendan Wignall said, "I am impressed with how our pupils manage to combine achieving an excellent academic record along with maintaining their valued contribution to the musical, dramatic and sporting life of the College. It is always a delight to receive such a well deserved, good set of results and I congratulate them."



A-Level Students Amelia Morris, Dom Kular and Melissa Andrews



Charlie Digby



Italian Music Masterclass

The week before term began 25 Ellesmere pupils took part in a Music Masterclass with students from the visiting Junior Orchestra of Musica Nuova in Milan and the Choir Voci Bianche de la Verdi as part of our continuing programme of community arts outreach and partnerships.

Pupils were given a week of intense tuition with rehearsals for full orchestra with choir; but also small groups and individual sessions. Ellesmere's visiting music staff were heavily involved, along with Mr Coupe and Mrs Paul, and two Old Ellesmerians also returned to teach and perform, George Fradley and John Paul. The week was a great success with

a final concert that ended with the audience dancing to Glenn Miller's 'In the Mood'. Ellesmere's Musicians have now been invited to perform in a Music Festival in Milan next year and many are already looking forward to the experience.



Royal International Air Tattoo

Sixth Former Sam Squires reports on this amazing annual event:

"The Royal International Air Tattoo is the world's largest air display and is held yearly at RAF Fairford. This is a gargantuan event to organise, so every year 850 air cadets are invited to assist the construction and running of the Air Show. This year three of those cadets were Ellesmerians: Cdt. L.Cpl. Jake Thomas, Cdt. Cpl. Ryan Cawsey and myself, Cdt. Sgt. Sam Squires. We travelled down to Swindon on the 5th of June and were put to work straight away setting up camp for the rest of the cadets. The first three days were a blur of canvas, tent poles, ropes and pegs but we finally managed to put up all 25 tents and 850 beds. But we were all really grateful to have been part of this amazing event."

Then we started preparing for the actual Air Show. This involved laying out a lot of cones into roads and parking areas. Our other duties involved packing lunches, general maintenance on the camp and the most important: crowd line. Crowd line was essentially ensuring that no one crossed the barrier and wandered onto the runway. This job did have the major upside of placing us closest to the display than anyone there, so subsequently some decent pictures were acquired. Cpl Ryan Cawsey was also lucky enough to be able to go up in a flight with some amazing views of the Show."



Year 8 Go to France

The annual Year 8 French Immersion trip had a fantastic time in the glorious summer weather this year.

Staying at the Château d'Ebblinghem on the Opal Coast, 28 pupils were able to boost their cultural understanding and spoken French through a variety of activities: a visit to Boulogne-sur-Mer; the Nausicaa Sealife Centre, a town trail in St. Omer; a visit to a genuine French bakery and a presentation by a chocolatier in the Belgian town of Ypres all featured on the itinerary, as well as tasting French food and playing communal sports in the evenings. The trip culminated in a visit to a French secondary school where the Ellesmere College pupils participated in lessons and met with French students of the same age. As you see from the children's comments, the trip was a huge success for our thriving Modern Languages Department.



"I really enjoyed finding out more about different aspects of French culture."
Max Wild

"I loved the fact that we visited places most ordinary tourists don't get to see."
Melissa Sinta

"We had a lot of freedom and took part in many fun activities that practised our French."
Verity Buglass



Return to Monduli

This summer a small group of Ellesmere students returned to visit our Tanzanian development project and partnership, following a successful first visit last year. Lower Sixth students Jo Jameson and Georgie Thurston were on hand to report their experiences:

Jo Jameson's account of visiting for the first time:

"Wow" was the only thought I was capable of having when we first arrived in Tanzania. "Wow" was the word because of how stunningly beautiful the landscape was. "Wow" was the word because of how friendly and helpful the employees of "Dusty Roads Tours and Safaris" were. "Wow" was the word because I was finally able to experience what it was like to have leg room again after two consecutive long haul flights.

Once at Irkisongo, Ellesmere pupils were paired up with host pupils, who would be their "buddies" for the trip and all of whom were friendly, kind, helpful and full of fun. Having spent the rest of the first day with our them, we woke up bright and early on Sunday morning to go to the liveliest, most musical, albeit very, very, very, very long church service I have ever attended. After this, we visited the Monduli town market with our "buddies" and then once our spending money was sufficiently depleted, we concluded with a game of football.



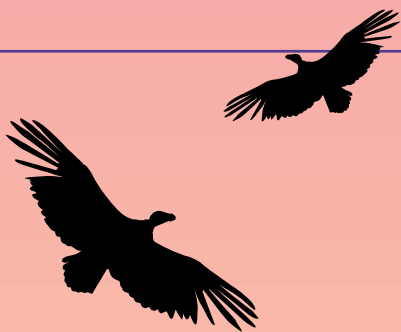
Making new friends

It was on Monday when the work really began with our first trip to Mti Mmoja Primary School where we later painted classrooms, prepared seed pots which the pupils of the school will later use as part of their tree-planting project, and dug a trench over which a staff toilet will later be constructed.

The next three days were spent visiting various villages where we met some of the children who Monduli Green, our Ellesmere College charity, is sponsoring through secondary school. We enjoyed great hospitality from all of the local people we met, being invited into their homes, served Maasai tea (more of an experience than a treat) and being offered a delicious goat meat meal by villagers of Mti Mmoja and Olarash. Also during these three days we gave out our bronze, silver and gold prizes to the pupils at schools in Mti Mmoja and Olarash. All received their prizes with big smiles.

Ultimately our trip to Tanzania was fantastic. I would recommend it anyone. It was life changing and still managed to be a lot of fun, despite Irkisongo School's very liberal definition of toilets and showers!"





Georgie Thurston, describes returning for a second visit:

“This year we returned to Tanzania with the lower number of seven students in order to continue to help improve the living environment with trees, education and opportunities. We now moved our focus towards a different primary school, Mti Mmoja, where over the course of just three days, we helped to dig a hole for a new toilet block, paint dishevelled classrooms and plant around 400 trees. We also managed to see one of the water tanks which Monduli Green had paid to install, and it was really rewarding to see it in action.

Whilst working in Mti Mmoja we had the opportunity to visit a nearby Boma village, where some of the school children lived. Some of them had won scholarships to allow them to go to secondary school, which they otherwise would be unable to afford. Incredibly, six years of fees at this school would cost a UK sponsor just £150. Could you help a deserving student in this way?

We managed to return to Olarash primary school which we focused on last year. This was lovely as we were able to see with our own eyes whether our hard work had survived the year! All the painting was intact (albeit a little dusty!) and the water was still running down to the school through the pipe for which we had dug a trench. We helped them this year by painting their blackboards, and moving concrete blocks. I can say with confidence that the money we raised this past year alone has made a noticeable visual difference to all the areas, schools and people which the Monduli Green project serves.”



Clean water for all



Planting new trees



Visiting the school

If you would like to know more about supporting our Monduli Green project, please contact Mrs Cathy Allen on cathy.allen@ellesmere.com. You can see some of the animals the students met on safari on the back cover!



Georgie handing out uniforms as prizes

Beauties and



Beauty and the Beast

This year's Lower School Play was a truly ensemble piece in which Year 7 and 8 worked in small groups to explore Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy's recreation of classic fairy tales from European in an exciting physical theatre style.

The resultant four plays each had their own director: 'Bluebeard' was directed by M. Baurance; 'Beauty and the Beast' by Mrs Schubert; 'The Emperor's New Clothes' by Miss Heald and 'The Girl and the North Wind' by Mrs Bell.

The large cast for the plays produced an exuberant and entertaining show over two nights in the Arts Centre Theatre, where they demonstrated a wide range of theatrical talent and acting techniques as well as some excellent technical skills in lighting, costume, prop making and makeup. They also clearly had great fun, and there was a real sense of celebration of the fun of making theatre together. Well done to all who took part!



The Emperor's New Clothes

Beasties



The Girl and the North Wind



Bluebeard



A Truly 'Ellesmere' Wedding



Many people with connections to the College choose to have family celebrations including wedding receptions here, but the recent wedding of a member of the support staff Clara Edge to fiancé Ryan Butcher was a complete Ellesmere event:

The service took place in College Chapel, solemnised by our own Chaplain, The Rev'd David Slim, the organ was played by OE and College Archivist Paul Russell and the reception took place in a beautifully decorated Big School. Congratulations to Clara and Ryan.

Competition Success

Congratulations to four Ellesmere students who have been successful in prestigious competitions in Geography, Media Studies and History. Edgar Ravenscroft and Emily McCormick in Year 11 both received an honourable mention for their entries to the International Living Rainforest Essay Competition run by the Trust for Sustainable Living. This was against stiff competition from a record number of 1094 entries from 73 countries around the world.

Upper Sixth Media Student Alistair Miller was listed in the top five entries in the documentary section for the inaugural Film Awards run by the WJEC Exam

Board, despite a large entry of over 600. Alistair's coursework film on young farmers entering the industry received a 'highly commended' and will be featured in a DVD to be released by the Board this year:

Finally, Year 11 Chantelle Ridgway won this year's Modern World History essay with the title 'How far were Soviet actions in Europe between 1945 and 1965 the most important reason for the deteriorating relationship with the USA?' She was unanimously voted the winner by the panel of judges in the competition entitled the 'Young Historian Project' and gained £100 voucher to spend at Waterstones.



Chantelle Ridgway

Y9 Leadership Morning



On the first Saturday of the new term Year 9 pupils took part in a Leadership Morning to mark their transition to Senior School. This was a new idea which gave all the Year 9 pupils a chance to relax, have a bit of fun and show off their leadership and team skills at the end of a busy first week.

Tower building and solving a physical challenge as part of a team were on offer as well as shooting, archery and a swimming relay. Students representing the College in hockey and rugby matches were able to join in after lunch – a measure of how fast the pace of life at Ellesmere can be! Parents were also welcomed at the end of this fun-packed morning and all enjoyed a delicious BBQ in the summer sunshine on the terrace. New friends were made and parents met each other and caught up with the events of the first week of a new chapter the lives of their sons and daughters.

Terry in Triumph

What do retired staff of Ellesmere College do in their spare time?

Well Mr Howitt-Dring, former Head of Design Technology, has found the time to restore and 'upgrade' a Triumph Herald and came to visit the Wednesday afternoon sailing students at Whitemere Sailing Club. Whilst there, he was given permission to launch his amazing amphibious vehicle, which he proceeded to drive around to the astonishment of all who were in their dinghies and on the beach. Fortunately, there was no need to call out the rescue boat and there were definitely no leaks.

Whatever next, Terry...?



College Shooting Goes from Strength to Strength

On its third visit to the annual Schools' Meeting at Bisley this summer, the College team finished in fifth place in the prestigious Ashburton Shield competition, a massive leap forward by any standards, especially as we have now managed three 'top 12' finishes in a row, moving up from 9th and then 11th in previous years.

The team comprised of James Slater (Captain), George Crow, Richard Lay, Jacob Roberts, Ben Williamson, James Evans, Will Evans and Katy Leeming with Tom Gereke as Reserve. Ben Williamson, coached by Richard Lay, posted the highest score in the whole competition in which over 550 competitors took part, winning the Fox Quaich Trophy.

Shannon Davies and Kate Williamson, Coached by Tom Rylands, Academy Coach, won the Cadet Pair Competition Shield for Cadets under the age of 16 - this again is a significant achievement as they won by a clear margin and are both only 14! The team also won the Marches Trophy and the Elers cup which are two regimental trophies competed for by all Schools from Wales, Shropshire Hereford and West Midlands.

In the British Schools league, 6 pupils achieved a maximum score of 100 during the competition and received BSSRA HPS 100 badges:

Richard Lay, Shannon Davies, James Evans, Kate Williamson, Sunetra Chatterjee, Wil Morgan.

Finally, of particular note, Katy Leeming was selected to represent England in the Schools International Match and is awarded a special embroidered badge.

The Shooting Academy has continued to improve its standard of competition with several members achieving representational honours at British Schools and Junior National level during the past year. Well done to all our shooters and their dedicated coaches.



The team triumphant



Ben Williamson with Richard Lay

Cricket Academy

16 year old Sam Johnson made his debut for the Derbyshire Cricket Academy against Leicestershire during the summer as a wicket keeper taking his maiden catch and stumping. He followed this by joining George Newton (aged 15) and Connor Davies (aged 14) in being invited to attend the ECB National Cricket Performance Centre at Loughborough University. Sam, George and Connor join the emerging talent programme which aims to help the most promising young players to develop their skills to with the aim of playing cricket at the very highest level.

Players within this highly competitive scheme usually train as part of their County Emerging Player Programme, where they receive coaching support above and beyond that of a regular County Age Group player:

Former College Captain, Dewi Jones, who completed his A Levels last year, has also recently taken a step nearer to achieving this ambition by playing for the Glamorgan 1st XI this year and has now been offered a full contract. Dewi has been a member of The Glamorgan and Wales Cricket Academy based at the National cricket centre in the SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff for the past twelve months. The School believes this is the first professional contract in cricket achieved by an Ellesmere pupil.

Gareth Owen, Director of Cricket says, 'The Ellesmere College Cricket Academy works hard to provide a Player Pathway Programme and to develop all our young players to achieve their potential in the sport. Dewi's contract demonstrates to all our Academy players that the school has the infrastructure and support for players to achieve professional contracts'.



Sam Johnson, George Newton, Harry Newton (with bat) and Connor Davies with coach Gareth Owen

Shropshire Champions

The Ellesmere Under 15 cricket side have won the Shropshire Schools' competition for 2014, and will move on to represent the county in the National heats next year. This has come at the end of a successful season during which they only lost their opening game, and they dominated both the semi-final and final.

The semi-final against Shrewsbury School was the last fixture of the Summer Term. Ellesmere batted first and made 107 for 6 from twenty overs, with useful batting from Ben Gibbon, Sam Ellis and Connor Davies. In response, the Shrewsbury players could only muster 62. After the initial breach from Tom Furnival, slow bowlers Harry Newton and Sam Ellis took the attack to the visitors. Despite a long wait for the final wicket, with several catches just out of reach, Ellesmere wrapped up a win by 45 runs.

The final was postponed until the new school year, and on September 10th the team made the trip to Bridgnorth Cricket Club to take on the team from Bridgnorth School. Sam Ellis called correctly and chose to bat, a decision vindicated by an opening partnership of 88. Mathew Batkin made a very useful 53, falling to a good low catch on the midwicket boundary. Tom Furnival and Connor Davies pushed the score on to 180 for 3 when the Ellesmere innings closed. A wicket in the first over put Ellesmere on the right track right away as Bridgnorth tried to tackle the target, but again it was principally slow bowling that did the trick as Harry Newton picked up four wickets again, with Mathew Batkin picking up two. Even though number eleven provided a few runs and great amusement for his team mates, it was all 'too little too late' as the challenge failed with the score only 61. Ellesmere had won by 119 runs and are now Shropshire Champions. Well done to players and coaches!



Ellesmere Titans make a splash at National Championships

During the summer break a record number of nineteen Ellesmere College Titans swimmers broke club records galore at the National Age Group and Youth Championships with three becoming National Champions.

In the Age Group Champs the College finished a remarkable 4th in the UK club medal table (out of 217 clubs with at least one swimmer).

Age Group Champs (11/12yrs, 13yr, 14yr)

Star of the pool was undoubtedly Charlie Hutchinson, who became National Age Group Champion (NAGc) in four events and took silver in another two in the 12 yr division, breaking twelve club records. Team mate Adam Metcalf made two finals and was 1st reserve in another two finals, whilst Joseph Small also made two finals and broke six club records. In the 13 yr age group Hector Pardoe took bronze medal in the 1.5K Open Water event.



For the girls Tazmin Pugh became National Age Group Champion in the 400m IM and took another two silver and bronze medals and another final, breaking 21 Titans club records. Shannon Daligan took gold in the 1.5K in the 1-5 Open Water with 1st reserve for a final in the 200m free, whilst club mate Rosie Holland took silver in the Open Water with 2nd reserve for the 200m free final. Thirteen year old Ellinor Southward made the final in the 200m backstroke

Hannah Knight made the final in the 400m IM whilst Murrin Dalrymple finished 5th in the Open Water with Ellie Hutchings qualified for several events and joined the other girls in the 4 x 200m relay event where they came an agonizing 4th in the final.

Youth Champs (15/16, 17/18, 19+yrs)

In the Youth Championships Jacob Jackson, Hayden Griffiths and Callum Nortje all competed well with Jacob taking four club records and Callum one club record on his way to the final in the 200m fly.

Hattie Rothwell was another Titan taking an Open Water title with Olivia Gardner coming 8th in that same event and Chloe Golding making the finals in two and Llawen Rossell-Smith qualifying in two events.

Well done to all our talented swimmers!

Hockey Call Up

Middle School pupils Sophie Miller and Mia Foster have been selected to attend the England Hockey Regional Performance Centre.

Sophie from Tarporley, Cheshire, and Mia from Whitchurch, Shropshire, who both play for the College's First team and for their respective counties, have been nominated after a number of successful performances at England's Junior Academy, which aims to develop new young talent through a combination of training and competition.

The pair will now join up with their respective national age group squads en route to the Under 18 Player Pathway, where they will receive high level coaching to prepare them to compete for places in the England High Performance Programmes.



Sophie and Mia

Mr Macdonald in Charge

Biology teacher Greg Macdonald tells us about his developing 'second career' as a professional rugby referee:

"Summer has been a quiet period for me in relation to refereeing matches and general involvement with rugby. Most referees use this time to get away from the game and to think about other things apart from the sport.

However, that hasn't meant that we've been allowed to sit on the beach and drink cocktails all summer. At the end of July all of the Elite referees in the country were fitness tested and, even for those who are full time, the thought of callipers and having the fat percentages taken are never a welcome thought. There are stringent tests that all referees have to pass which are set by the IRB. We have to sprint 40m in under 5.60 seconds; do a repeated sprint test over 40m with minimal rest for 8 reps and then complete the gruelling yo-yo test up to level 19. Fortunately, the training I completed for the Snowden Run stood me in good stead.

After a multitude of pre-season games, everyone is now pleased to be back into the league season and already the Premiership and Championship look like they will be hard fought by a number of teams. At the end of this season the Rugby World Cup is being staged in England and Wales. All the referees are hoping to be involved in some capacity in the matches, even if we aren't refereeing, but please do not start asking me for cheap tickets - even we have to pay for them at events like these!"



OE Matches

On a beautifully sunny afternoon during the first week of the new term, Old Ellesmerians returned to the College in force for an afternoon of 'friendly' sport.

Our OE ladies played a very competitive game of hockey on the all weather pitch against our current 1st XI team. Unfortunately the OEs were defeated 5 goals to 2, but were acknowledged as a strong team and formidable opponents. An equally passionate group of young men took on the first XV Rugby team, and this time the OEs came out victorious with a win of 7 – 5. Both matches were played with passion and pride and it was great to see so many of our Old Ellesmerians back at the College.

For more pictures, please see our Facebook page: [f/ellesmerecoll](https://www.facebook.com/ellesmerecoll)



OE Hockey Team



Geoffrey Ellis – Meynell 1940-48



What do OEs get up to in retirement?

Many Ellesmerians doubtless have little idea of what they will be doing when they reach retirement age. This was certainly the case with Geoffrey Ellis (Meynell 1940-48). After leaving school his career included the then obligatory period in National Service, followed by securing a law degree at Oxford. His working life was then passed for seven years in insurance, in his home city, Liverpool, then in New York and other US cities. The big change came when he started work for an old Liverpool friend, Brian Epstein, doing work on contracts and legal documents for The Beatles and other pop stars contracted to NEMS Enterprises, Epstein's management company. Later, he did similar work for Elton John and yet others. Finally, he held a senior position in the PRS (Performing Right Society).

After retirement in 1993, Geoffrey rested for a time, while maintaining an interest in the management business - and his friendship with Brian Epstein. Sometime after the latter's premature death in 1967 he tried hard, in a personal capacity, to secure a commemorative Blue Plaque on the house where his friend had lived and died. This proved impossible for a time, but finally English Heritage, with Geoffrey's help and support, arranged for a Blue Plaque on the building which had housed NEMS Enterprises, and in which both he and Epstein had worked in the 60's. The accompanying photograph shows the four who together actually pulled the string unveiling the plaque, on 29 June last. They are, from left to right, Andrew Lancel, who actually plays Epstein in a West End play about his life, Geoffrey Ellis (by now an octogenarian), Actress Vicki Michelle and David Stark, Editor of SongLink International. The building where the plaque is located is in Argyll Street, central London, next door to The London Palladium. It is already attracting many viewers, both Londoners and visitors from elsewhere in the UK as well as from overseas.



London CITY Drinks

The next event will take place on Thursday 23rd October 2014 from 6.30 onwards with OE guest Neville Cope (Meynell 1952 - 1956). As usual the venue will be The Antelope, Eaton Terrace, Belgravia, close to Sloane Square tube station

Neville will be travelling down to London from Worcestershire especially to be with us at this increasingly popular drinks evening. As usual, the Headmaster will provide a buffet supper and guests buy their own drinks.

Neville left Ellesmere in 1956 and after compulsory National Service he joined his family's business running the Hire Purchase Division, then went on to successfully develop a business in running petrol stations. Never one to stand still, Neville was always looking at ways in which to increase his turnover and profit including introducing the lottery, cash machines, cards, newspapers and then off licences, amongst many other 'sales' ideas.

After retiring in 2003, Neville and his late wife, June, decided to convert their 200 acre farm into what has become one of the largest equestrian centres in the Midlands. We are looking forward to hearing Neville share his business experiences with the up and coming generations of OEs, and everyone is welcome at this event.



Nick Pettingale (left) with Neville Cope



The EDGE and Headmaster's Lectures

The EDGE career talks got off to a flying start this term when Forensic Scientist, Paul Beeton, came to speak to students about Crime Scene Investigation and his experiences over the last 31 years working for the West Mercia Police. Paul has led the Shropshire Forensic Team for the past 10 years managing many of the high profile murders / deaths, including the recovery of the skeleton from the Ellesmere College pond. Students from Year 11 and the Sixth Form were fascinated by Paul's account of his experiences and were eager to ask questions about his career and the truth behind television crime dramas like CSI and Silent Witness.

The EDGE takes place on Wednesdays at the new time of 7.00pm – a 45 minute lecture including a 30 minute presentation, with an opportunity to ask questions of the speaker. In addition to these, the Headmaster will host a more detailed lecture each term, when some students are also invited to have supper with the speaker. All OE's, staff, parents and friends are welcome to attend lectures.

This year promises to be our best yet with a diverse mix of speakers coming in to speak to our students including John Timpson and Lady Edwina Grosvenor, both of which will be visiting Ellesmere in 2015. Find out more here:

www.ellesmere.com/pupil-area/the-edge-lectures





Tanzanian Safari

