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Wider Recognition

The Headmaster, Brendan Wignall, recently won top marks after being named as one of the UK's best leaders of an independent school. Mr Wignall was shortlisted in the Best Headmaster category at the annual Tatler Schools Awards.

The Awards, now in their 14th year, recognise the best in independent schooling and tie in with the Tatler publication's annual *Good Schools Guide* which also features the College. He is one of only five Headmasters independently selected for the honour, which included distinguished Headmasters from Tonbridge School, Kent, Merchiston Castle in Edinburgh and Wimbledon High School in London.

Mr Wignall said, "It was lovely to be nominated, but the winner is usually someone due to retire and it turned out that way this year: I don't want to win, if that's the qualifying criteria! This is much more about Ellesmere than it is about me, and I think this reflects the remarkable nature of Ellesmere College rather than its Head. Ellesmere is a great school and it has been for a long, long time. These days we provide a remarkable education for girls and boys as we prepare them for the complex world that lies beyond school. That's what really matters."

During Mr Wignall's leadership College has almost doubled in size, attracting students from 32 different nations, introduced the International Baccalaureate and BTEC courses, and seen world class facilities develop on campus. The Headmaster has also led the opening of a new Sixth Form in Malaysia and recently launched the school's first Football Academy, with 35 boys trialling for Premier league and Championship Clubs. This is a further layer in the sporting growth and provision of the College, with the recent Sports Mark Gold Award following on from the World Academy of Sport (WAos) award, with Ellesmere being only one of only 9 schools in the world to be given this level of accreditation. At least five current or recent Ellesmerians will be representing their countries in this summer's Commonwealth Games.

For three years Ellesmere was also the only independent school in the country to achieve the standard required to achieve the Arts Council's Artsmark Platinum award (a girls' school near London recently achieved the

standard and became the second school). In this year's Education Business Awards, the College was judged to have the best educational visit offering in the country. All of this demonstrates our ability to offer tailored educational pathways that embrace an education which goes far beyond mere classroom achievement.

In recognition of Ellesmere College's achievements, Mr Wignall was recently invited to meet Mr Xu, Minister Counsellor of Chinese Embassy, and Mr Ho of the UK Chinese Bankers Association at a welcome dinner organised by the British International Education Association (BIEA). As well as Government ministers and other dignitaries, a large group of teachers from Shanshayuan Shangyou School in China were also present, attending a ten day intensive teacher programme with BIEA to learn about best practice in UK schools. The Headmaster addressed the group on a variety of important themes including safeguarding, academic rigour, curriculum development, pastoral support and boarding school management.

Following the talk, Ellesmere will have the opportunity to host and take a key part in teacher training programs with BIEA and visiting teachers from global schools.



Making New Friends

We recently played host to a delightful group of young Chinese students, who had won a competition at home to visit the UK. Throughout the week the pupils took part in a range of activities including living in a boarding house, attending lessons and throwing themselves into extra-curricular activities alongside their new Ellesmere friends.

A highlight of the week for hosts and visitors was them taking part in CRE8, a student-led arts evening, where they variously performed alongside our own students by singing, dancing, playing instruments and demonstrating a traditional Chinese tea ceremony.

The Chinese students were exceptional ambassadors of their own schools and a credit to the competition organisers, the China Daily, and to the sponsors, the Bank of China.

Three of the pupils stayed on at the College for an additional week, as they were enjoying it so much. When the pupils finally all left, each took home gifts from their new friends, a 'goodie bag' and a copy of the Shropshire

Star, so that they could show their parents their time as local 'celebrities'. Tears were shed on both sides, but we all hope that some of these delightful young people will want to return here in the future.



Danish Visitors to Support for Learning

Number bonds? Long division? Algebraic expressions?! Are you perplexed by Maths? During the spring half term members of the Support for Learning team were delighted to welcome Bent Lindhardt, Assistant Professor at University College, Absalon, Denmark, and his wife Birgitte, who is a teacher and educationist.

Professor Bent's area of interest is dyscalculia and he has been commissioned by the Danish government to research and provide guidance for teachers helping students who have difficulty with mathematics. He and his wife joined the Ellesmere support team to share definitions, assessments and, most importantly, possible interventions for young people who struggle with mathematics. The visit was arranged by Head of Support for Learning, Jo Manion, in conjunction with Steve Chinn, Visiting Professor at the University of Derby, who is the author of *The Trouble With Maths* and Chair of the British Dyslexia Association's dyscalculia committee.



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Sharon Owen

A Tour Around Lower School

In this edition, we ask Head of Lower School, Sharon Owen, to tell us about life here for our youngest pupils:

"It is worth taking a moment to look at what the youngest pupils at Ellesmere College achieve. The pupils may be smaller, but they certainly make up for their size with the energy that they put into their studies and co-curricular programmes. The Lower School section covers the curriculum for pupils in Years 3 to 8. There are academically bright and talented individuals throughout and certainly it is a pleasure to be amongst such motivated, energetic and interested young people

Ellesmere College Lower School is a wonderfully busy place. Music spills through the corridors in the mornings, opportunities carry on through lunchtime clubs and action takes place into evening programmes. It is fantastic that pupils experience education using specialist facilities,

classrooms and teachers. This is obviously a bonus when compared to many other schools, especially in the realms of typical Primary and Junior Education.

I believe that school days should be happy for children. Within Lower School, we aim to keep the children working hard, developing their talents but also help them to remain happy. Teaching staff always keep a primary focus: encouraging respect for others and kindness in all interactions.

This section of Ellesmere College has a warm and vibrant feel. It is also impressive to recognize the endeavour that pupils have when facing challenges. Junior pupils are equally determined and gritty. It is pleasing to see effort grades rise as the year progresses and effort is certainly a quality highly regarded in the Lower School community.



Our aim is to encourage each child in Lower School to make the most of each opportunity that arises and, more importantly, to have the spirit and develop the character to give the new experiences a go! A simple philosophy which translates to developing pupils who have the ability to communicate successfully, consider the needs of others and show drive, determination and initiative in all that they do.

A good school should provide a disciplined education and help structure and prepare pupils for the challenges in the years ahead. As pupils emerge from Lower School and move on to the senior sections of the College, the skills learned prepare them for the world of work through an excellent academic grounding, a high level of

self-discipline and a broad range of skills. But I think it is important that our Lower School pupils have fun whilst doing this too!"



HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT



Ellesmere students have always been involved in a range of community service, as part of our commitment to educating young people to think of others and not just themselves.

This year's annual Monduli Green / Hope House walk raised a fantastic £2180.40. Monduli Green is our ongoing partnership project with schools in Tanzania to provide additional educational facilities and opportunities as well as helping with local environmental projects. Led by teacher Cathy Allen and a dedicated group of Ellesmere students, the Monduli fundraisers decided to share the money raised with Hope House because they felt it was important to support those nearby as well as those far away. For this reason the walk was called *The Monduli Walk, Near and Far*. In the

photo, Lynsey Kilvert is receiving £1091.20 from Lower School fundraisers, some of whom raised over £100 each for this cause – well done. The Monduli Christmas Bazaar also raised over £1700 this year, and this money is proving very useful in building concrete water tanks in Kijijini and Mtimmoja.

Also closer to home, the Thursday afternoon environmental activity group Green Team have recently been busy at Prees Heath planting heather as part of the Prees Heath Common Butterfly conservation programme.



THINK PINK!

Boys in St Luke's Sixth Form boarding house have been running a 'Think Pink Friday' campaign as a successful way of raising funds for charitable causes. Every Friday students, staff and the Housemaster of St Luke's are encouraged to wear an item of pink clothing (within College uniform regulations) and to make a small donation for this privilege.

St Luke's first appeal in Summer 2016 raised enough funds for Christian Aid to purchase over 100 mosquito nets in an effort to combat the spread of Malaria in Africa. The Christmas Appeal was equally successful, raising over £500 for Christian Aid's Famine Relief, which was doubled by a Government contribution to £1,000.

For this year's Summer Appeal it is the Barmouth branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution on the Welsh coast which has been chosen as a recipient in recognition of St Luke's Year 13 student Samuel Dangerfield, a senior cadet in the Navy section of the College's CCF and a long-standing volunteer lifeboat crew member at Barmouth RNLI. Samuel, who is one of the youngest RNLI volunteers nationally, was recently awarded a Commendation for Bravery by the Royal Humane Society for his praiseworthy actions as part of the lifeboat crew during an emergency situation on Barmouth beach.

Housemaster of St Luke's, James Baggaley, said: "The 'Think Pink Friday' campaign was the brain child of Mr Clewlow, who has successfully combined his sense of charitable duty with his passion for sartorial elegance. The boys and tutors in the House always give generously and we are arguably the best-dressed House in the school. What could be better?"



British Film Institute Residential

Year 12 Media Studies student James Knowles was recently selected to attend the BFI's prestigious Documentary Residential in London. He spent one weekend and then the half term break working with a group of thirty other talented young people alongside industry professionals. James writes:

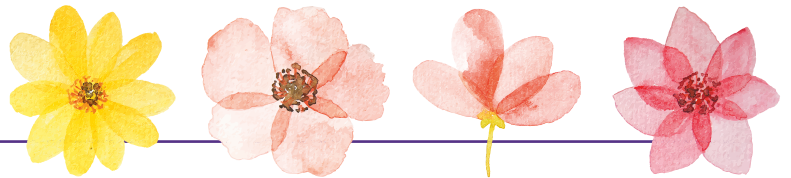
"In our groups we had to make a short 5-10 minute documentary on a topic of our choice. The documentary that my group was making was on an anxiety problem called Emetophobia, which is the fear of vomiting, which apparently nearly 7% of women suffer from.

We spent the first two days planning and being assigned roles and I was designated as the film editor in our group. We also met our film tutors and had master classes with various BAFTA/Oscar award winning directors and editors, who gave us skills to carry forward into our own documentaries.



From day three to the end of day five we had to film and edit our documentary, which was such a great experience and a lot of fun and we also attended the BFI Future Film Festival in Southbank London. Finally, our documentaries were shown at the Stratford Picture House for our friends and family to watch. I must say this was one of the best moments of my life and I can't wait to do more film making in the future."

Sociology Research



As part of their A Level Sociology studies, Year 12 students planned and carried out research into the education, aspirations and identity of women who run businesses in Ellesmere. Taking a mixed method approach, some used questionnaires and others conducted interviews. Interviews were carried out with the owner of a flower shop, a gym, a pub, a beauty shop and a sweet shop.

Quantitative statistics gathered by the students show that women own over half of the 70 businesses in the main streets, with the exception of large chains like the Co-Op.



Sociology students interviewing Sarah from Lily the Pink the Ellesmere florists

Psychology 'Eggsperiment'



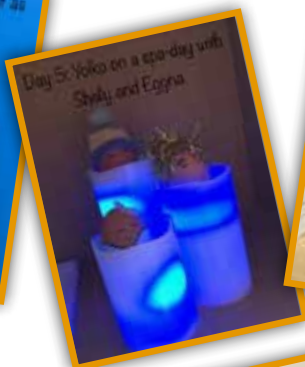
An increasingly popular addition to our Sixth Form curriculum has been A Level Psychology and Year 12 students were recently involved in conducting an experiment to help support their learning of the topic of 'Attachment'. They were each given an egg to look after for ten days and were asked to be the primary care-giver for their egg, talking to it and trying to form an attachment to it. They then had to produce a PowerPoint on their personal 'eggsperience' of attachment, making reference to key research and theories of psychologists such as Ainsworth and Bowlby.



There was, perhaps, a varying degree of enthusiasm towards this project. One egg, sadly, had a tragic accident as it left the classroom, but most of the eggs thrived with their new 'parent'. The most nurturing caregivers kept their eggs with them whenever possible and left them with a responsible babysitter from their tutor group if they were busy. Some eggs were taken to English and Science lessons and they got to hang out with other eggs, which they seemed to enjoy. Clearly, these eggs can look forward to a positive future where they will form healthy relationships with others.

The neglected eggs who had to stay in the students' rooms with no interaction and the eggs that had to stay two nights locked in the geography classroom may well struggle in later life. Despite the egg babies becoming a little smelly, there was some separation anxiety at the end of the project as the eggs and their caregivers had made strong emotional bonds.

Hopefully, all students learned something about attachment from this unusual 'eggstracurricular eggsperience'.





The Senior Orchestra

Music Matters

This year continues to be an excellent one for music in College, with competition successes for both singers and instrumentalists, as well as the formation of a new community orchestra, the Ellesmere Sinfonia. A record number of students participated in the Oswestry Music Festival in February, leading to 24 first places, 21 second places and 9 third places in a wide range of classes. Of particular note was Year 10 cellist Emily Ashley, who was awarded the Junior Oswestry Town Council Cup as overall festival winner in her age category, and Year 12 pianist Chelsea Chao, who was a close runner up in the Senior category. Both the Chamber Choir and Chapel Choir also won their groups, as did the Lower School Choir and the College String Quartet, and the Senior Orchestra took first place with distinction in the Youth Orchestra category.

Meanwhile the Chamber Choir were successful in reaching the London final of the Barnado's National Choir Competition and will also compete in the semi-finals of the BBC Youth Choir of the Year, although the filming of the latter, due to be presented by soprano Katherine Jenkins in Bangor on 4 March, unfortunately had



Seren Devismes

to be postponed to a later date because of the extreme weather conditions. Choir members were also in action alongside staff and members of the local community in the Ellesmere Choral Society when they gave a dramatic and very moving performance of the Mozart Requiem in Chapel.

Finally, Year 13 Music Scholar and soprano Seren Devismes gave an outstanding performance to win the District Final of the Rotary International Young Musician of the Year Competition in Wolverhampton. Seren, who lives in Ellesmere and has just been awarded a scholarship to the Birmingham Conservatoire, will now compete in the Regional Final in South Wales next month.



Baking Mad

The Great Biology Bake-off is organised by the Institute of Biology and is part of a week-long celebration of all things Biological in the UK. Students are required to design, bake and decorate their creation to illustrate anything linked to Biology.

Elinor Haworth won the Ellesmere College internal competition but she was also the Winner of the Bakers' Choice category for which she was recognised nationally. This is the second year Elinor has won the internal competition but the first time we have had an Ellesmerian gain national honours. Toby Slack, Verity Buglass, Barney Hill and Kathryn Cooksley all produced promising bakes, so the future of Biology Bake-off at Ellesmere looks bright and demonstrates the versatility and creativity of our A level Biology students.

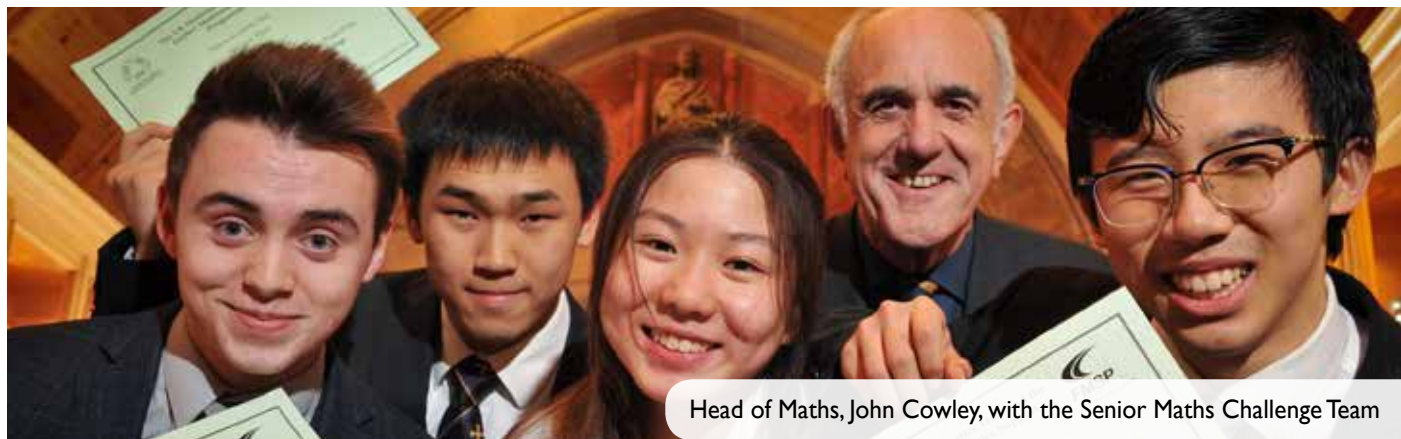


Outstanding Mathematicians

Several of our senior mathematicians have been celebrating after incredible recognition at both the British Maths Olympiad and the Senior Maths Challenge. The aim of both is to test skills, often beyond the level of Further Maths. Six of our students took their place in the Senior Maths Challenge, which is open to all students in Years 12 and 13. Victor Zhao, Year 13, impressed all by scoring full marks and was invited to take part in the Kangaroo stage along with fellow students Wayne Wang and Jack Gan. This stage is only open to the top 25% of candidates.

At the Senior Maths Challenge in Chester our team, consisting of Alistair O'Brien, Victor Zhao, Angel Xia and Jack Gan, came second in the Regional Finals, being beaten only by Ruthin School who went on to win the London national final.

Both Victor and Wayne are now focused on working hard towards their A Level exams, as both have been offered places to study at Cambridge University. Wayne has been offered a place at Gonville & Caius College to read Engineering, whilst Victor has been offered a place at Trinity College to read Computer Science.



Head of Maths, John Cowley, with the Senior Maths Challenge Team

Football News

Football has been one of the main sports this term for boys. The College has fielded teams at 1st XI; 2nd XI; 3rd XI; U15; U14, U13 and U12 level and the sport continues to go from strength to strength. Although the weather disrupted the middle part of the term, several fixtures have been played and well over 80 boys have represented the College in the sport. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players and the coaching staff. Well done to all the players and staff on an enjoyable term of football, in sometimes difficult weather conditions.



Tennis

Shropshire County Champion Matt Lee is pictured with Aditi Chezhan to celebrate a year of successes at our College Tennis Academy.

Matt, who joined the Coaching team at Ellesmere College in September 2016, became Shropshire County Champion by winning the County Closed Championship at The Shrewsbury Club. Having a coach on the team who is still competing at a high level in the UK adds a dimension to the training programme which many academies don't have. He joins Jaroslav Novak (former World Ranked player), Charlie Goode, Jamie Donaghy and Stephen Welti (Director of Tennis), all experienced coaches and former high-level players. No wonder that the College is now producing young players of such a high standard.



Aditi, who is coached at the College by Jaro Novak, became Welsh Champion in the Under 14 age group and is moving rapidly up the UK rankings (currently top 20). This term she has been selected by the LTA to attend Regional Training after representing Wales in the Tri Nations, playing for the North Wales County team and most recently winning the Tipton Winter Open.

Aditi was also part of the Year 7/8 team that qualified for the Regional Finals last term in the Aegon LTA National Schools Competition. This is the first time that both the Girls and Boys teams have reached this stage, placing them in the top 12 in the UK.



Members of the Aegon Team: Lili Harvey-Hemming, Guy Welti and Peter Swinerton

Success for Middle School Hockey



At the under-16 County Hockey Tournament Ellesmere finished 2nd behind Shrewsbury School after what was one of the closest ends to a tournament seen in recent years. After three wins and a draw in the pool rounds, Ellesmere progressed to the final to play Shrewsbury School, who they beat earlier in the day 1-0. Full time ended 0-0 after end to end nail biting hockey. Extra time also ended 0-0. Penalty shuffles finally decided the outcome, and after a full day of exhausting hockey, Ellesmere were runners up and progressed to the Midlands Zonal Tournament in second place.

At the Midlands Zonal Tournament Ellesmere were drawn in a pool with Oakham College, Trent College, Newcastle-under-Lyme and Fernwood School. Their opening game was versus Oakham, a well-known hockey school, who on paper were the stronger side. However, they were unable to break down the Ellesmere defence and the game ended 0-0. Oakham were very disappointed.

Ellesmere then faced Trent College, who had won their opening game comfortably. They looked like the strongest opposition in the tournament. Ellesmere played outstandingly, but Trent scored on a penalty corner and the game ended 0-1.

Without a rest Ellesmere then faced Fernwood School. At half time Ellesmere were ahead 1-0, but it should have been much more. A tired Ellesmere team had struggled to convert their numerous shots and penalty corners into goals. In the second half however, Ellesmere scored a further four goals and the match ended 5-0. After a well-deserved lunch break, in the final game of the tournament Ellesmere faced Newcastle Under Lyme. Despite dominating the game for large parts Ellesmere were only able to score one goal and the game ended 1-0.

Ellesmere finished joint runners up with Oakham School but failed to progress to the Midlands Finals Tournament because Oakham had a larger goal difference, (+5 versus +10). An outstanding team effort for two reasons: firstly, we only conceded 1 goal all tournament and, secondly, all but two players are young in this age group and are eligible to play again next year.

Rugby Round Up



The excitement of the Tens competition

This term the senior school rugby programme shifts its focus from the fifteen-man game to rugby sevens. The first half of term has involved our pupils working hard in preparation for the tournaments that take place in the second half of this term. However, the pupils in the Lower School have also been getting their rugby season underway with plenty of training and some warm up games.

One of the highlights from the first half of term was the Ellesmere Anglo-Welsh Club Tens competition. Over 300 players took part in this competition at under 14 & under 16 age grades.

There was some fantastic rugby on display and the event was well supported by Ellesmere staff. Parents accompanying the visiting teams were very complimentary about the school and were keen to learn more about the Rugby Academy.

Swimming News



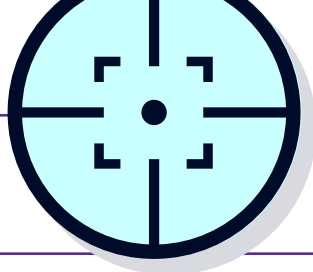
Lower School Titans dominated the recent 2017/18 Shropshire County Age Group Championships in February. The next generation of Titans from Lower School were recognised for their outstanding achievements at Top Boy / Top Girl Awards Ceremony. Between them they amassed an incredible 108 medals including 41 golds!

Meanwhile the senior members of the Titans were also busy contesting 24 finals at the British National Championships in Edinburgh, where Freya Anderson celebrated her 17th birthday by retaining her British 100 m freestyle title and Charlie Hutchinson took silver in the 400 individual medley. Congratulations to all our amazing swim stars.



From left to right. Jake Hutchinson, Oliver Covill, Elexi Povey-Abbott, Henrietta D'Amassa, Flynn Smith, Katie Hale, Jacob Lee, Rosie Linley

Shooting



College shooting has had a successful couple of terms so far this academic year. Starting with Appleton and their last open meeting of the season, our shooters have produced some excellent results. Shannon Davies, competing in Class A, won the 50 yard match with a maximum score of 600 ex 600, came 2nd at 100 yds with 598 ex 600 and 2nd overall in class A, dropping only 2 points out of a total of 1200 – a magnificent effort. This also won her the Junior Championship for the weekend. Also shooting extremely well were Matt Manton and Kezzie Hutchings, who came first and second in their class. Matt also won the 100yds competition and Kezzie the 50 yds competition. These competitions are against all ages and levels of experience.

At the British Long range Championships, Ellesmere took 2nd in the pairs with Shannon Davies and Alan Bain joining forces to see off some very strong opposition; competing with Matt Manton and James Knowles, the Four took 3rd place overall. Shannon also managed 4th place individually.

Ellesmere hosted the northern regional heat of the National Schools Pistol Championships at the end of last term and again a strong showing resulted in wins for the Junior Team: James Caldwell, Francine Gilmore and Anna Maughan, and the Senior Team: Shannon Davies, Alan Bain and Abi Aspinall. Both teams then travelled to Stoke Mandeville for the Finals in January where the Juniors ran out National Champions, and James Caldwell became individual National Champion. The Seniors finished a very creditable 3rd in what was a challenging competition.

Henry Lin, our talented archer, shot well to be selected to represent Hong Kong in the World Youth Championships in Argentina last term, a magnificent achievement.

Shortly, our clay target shooters will be in action with 2 teams travelling to compete in the Schools Challenge in Oxford – over 55 Schools take part so it will be a day of stiff competition.

Back to rifle and in the national postal leagues our first team is vying with Wellington College and Greshams for the top spot. Alan Bain, Shannon Davies and Kezzie Hutchings travel to Dortmund at the end of term as part of the British Schools team to compete against the best in Europe and we wish them every success.

Anna Maughan, James Caldwell and Francine Gilmore





Opening of New Tennis Centre

Tennis ace and former British number one Annabel Croft served up a treat for students when she officially opened our new four-court tennis centre, which is now used for tennis lessons, matches and tournaments.

Miss Croft enjoyed a busy afternoon when she visited the centre and spent time on the courts with academy players and tennis coaches. She said, "I am so honoured to be invited to the opening ceremony and it is such a pleasure to see this amazing facility. When I grew up, there were very few indoor courts in the country, so I had to travel from Kent to London, a journey of two hours. So for the pupils of Ellesmere to have such a facility on site is really special".

The centre took around nine months to complete and each tennis court was named after inspirational members of the Shropshire tennis community, including Honorary OE, Barbara Gooden, former LTA President, Cathie Sabin and also Athelstan Griff Shepherd, who kindly left a legacy to the College which helped to fund the project.

The local community will also be able to benefit from the facility, with coaching sessions and court booking times made available to local schools and clubs.



In February this new state of the art facility also gained builders Rocklyn an Award for Excellence from the Sport and Play Construction Association (SAPCA) and will now be replicated across the UK. The company, based in Northern Ireland, beat seventeen other finalists to be handed the contract for the fabric-framed structure, and had to battle against planning officers at Shropshire Council to stick to the original designs for the LTA standard centre. Gareth Howe, sales manager at Rocklyn, said, "The Ellesmere College project is the largest of its kind we've completed in England and we're absolutely delighted to have picked up the SAPCA Award for it."

The project also included the design and installation of an LED lighting system in compliance with LTA specifications and the possibility to open the side and gable walls to a height of 3.8 metres, allowing air to flow through the building.

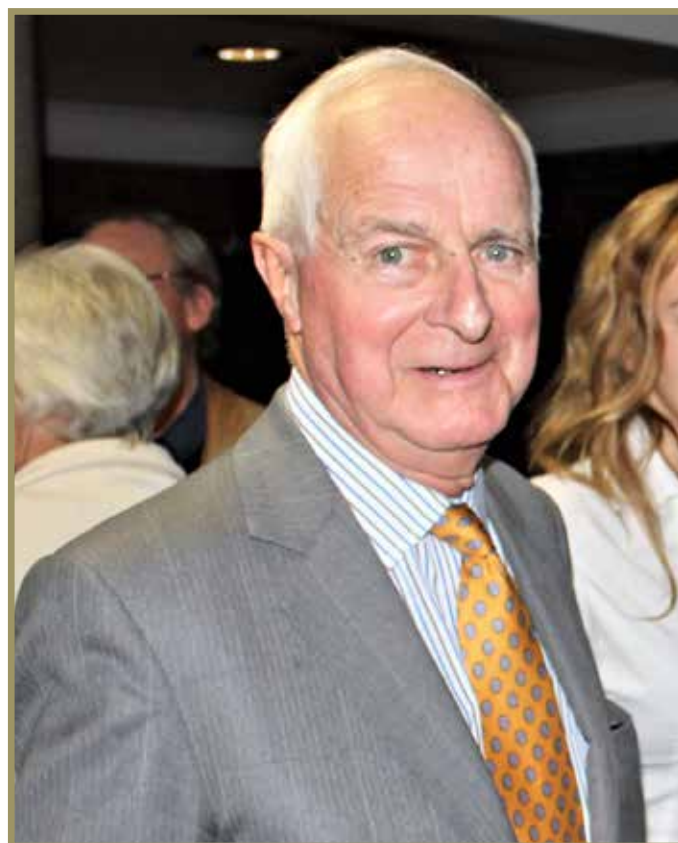
Geoffrey Ellis 1930 - 2018

We are deeply saddened to have received the news that Geoffrey Ellis (Meynell '40-'48) has recently passed away. Geoffrey was an active member of the OE Club and a regular attendee at our London events, where he would regale us with his tales of being at Ellesmere through the war and his history of working with artists such as the Beatles and Elton John, despite not liking pop music.

After leaving school, Geoffrey's career included the then obligatory period in National Service, followed by securing a law degree at Oxford University. 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 working 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 others. Finally, he held a senior position in the PRS (Performing Right Society). Geoffrey retired in 1993.

On a personal note, Geoffrey was not simply an OE, but a real friend. Before every City Drinks event he invited myself and the Headmaster into his home to hold what he called 'pre-drinks drinks'. My wife and I spent a weekend with Geoffrey and his partner, Daniel, at their home in the South of France. Geoffrey was a true gentleman, a great friend to all of us here at Ellesmere College and to the OE community, he will be sorely missed.

Nick Pettingale – Director of External Relations



Ellesmere College Parents' Society

The ECPS connects parents through fun and exciting events, whilst raising money for both the College and charities. This year's events have so far been very varied: a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support; a Quiz and Curry Night in aid of Hope House; a Christmas Creativity Day; and in January a traditional Burns Night celebration with traditional food and dancing in a Ceilidh, which raised £560 for Tear Fund.



If any parents would like to get involved, the next events include a Pottery Day on 19 April and the Annual Ladies Lunch on 27 June. For more information follow the **Ellesmere College Parents Society** page on Facebook or **contactecps@gmail.com**



National Art Exhibition

We will be holding our Seventh National Art Exhibition and sale of works, with more than 80 professional artists and sculptors exhibiting over 300 pieces from Wednesday 30th May through to Sunday 3rd June 2018. The preview evening, which takes place on Wednesday 30th May 7.30 – 9.00pm, promises to be a fabulous evening. In attendance will be many of the 80 artists, these include members of the Royal Cambrian Academy, alongside works by Ostinelli and Priest, Max Bacanello, John Aldford and many more. There will be a wide and varied selection of original paintings and sculptures to view and to purchase. Many of our artists are new to the exhibition this year. This year's exhibition will also feature work from our Year 11 and Sixth Form Art students.

Times of exhibition:

Preview evening:

Wednesday 30th May

7.30 – 9.00pm

Thursday 31st May – Saturday 2nd June

11.00am – 9.00pm

Sunday 3rd June

11.00am – 2.00pm



High Flying OE

Head of Sixth Form, Philip Wood, caught up with one of his former Captains of House over Christmas when he attended a performance in Berlin of "Tipping Point" devised by the group known as *Ockham's Razor*. This is an aerial theatre group set up by OE Alex Harvey in 2004. They have earned an international reputation and Alex has performed with the English National Opera, the National Theatre and the Metropolitan Opera in New York. After Berlin their next show was to be in Paris. The Evening Standard commented that the piece was: "A touching exploration of trust and betrayal, executed with a playful lightness of touch", a description with which Mr Wood would certainly agree.





OE News

Old Ellesmerians' Luncheon

Old Ellesmerians, their guests and members of the College Community past and present are invited to the Old Ellesmerian College Luncheon on Saturday 2nd June 2018. The cost of the Luncheon is £18 per person. A cash bar will operate.

A Chapel service is being planned prior to lunch to celebrate 50 years since the re-opening of St Oswald's Chapel following the fire that took place in 1966. Ian Beer, who was Headmaster at the time that the Chapel re-opened, will be attending as our special guest. After lunch there will be a classic car rally and exhibition with up to 200 cars being displayed. Guests will also be able to visit the College's 'National Art Exhibition' and 'Sale of Works' which will be taking place in Big School.



Please contact Olivia Beckett for further details and booking information:
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New Marketing Officer

We are delighted to introduce our new Marketing Officer, Rachel Redshaw.



Rachel spent over 20 years in national and global communications roles for international chemical and coatings companies – driving internal and external campaigns including crisis communications, integrations, employee communications, product launches and marketing campaigns, sales and technical literature, and global event management. In 2011 she started a 'Business to Business' communications consultancy delivering multi-channel communications plans for chemical and construction companies. She has also worked extensively in the events and promotions sectors, has edited a luxury on-line lifestyle magazine and, until recently, managed digital communications campaigns for a portfolio of luxury SME clients.

Rachel's passions include taking part in triathlons and keeping fit, motorbikes, food (eating not cooking!), reading and all things Monty Python. She currently has a son who is in Year 11 at the College and a daughter who will be joining Year 7 in September.

As a member of the External Relations team, we are excited to see the impact of Rachel's experience and skills on the profile of Ellesmere both locally and internationally. Welcome, Rachel.

Senior Play 2018: Noises Off!



Watch the amazing set build here:

