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Ellesmere College Malaysia

This term College has formed an important new partnership with Matrix Global Schools in Malaysia in order to introduce a brand new Sixth Form at their school.

Matrix wants to provide a full school experience from pre-school through to A-levels, building on its existing excellent provision, and recognises that doing so in partnership with Ellesmere College offers the best chance of providing a high quality education. A delegation from Matrix recently visited Shropshire for the formal signing of the partnership agreement.

Chief Executive of Matrix, Mr Felix Lee, commented, "Our collaboration with Ellesmere College is in line with our 'Learning Beyond Boundaries' philosophy as it will support our 'East meets West' approach in quite a literal way. Our students at Matrix will be able to experience the rich and experiential learning methods at Ellesmere College, which will be replicated in the Ellesmere Malaysia Sixth Form programme here. Both institutions share a deep belief that the main aim of education is to encourage every child to reach his or her full human potential. For all students, it is always the journey that matters and what they make of that journey. It is this common belief, shared between myself and Brendan Wignall, Headmaster of Ellesmere College, which has seen its fruition in this collaboration".

Income from Ellesmere's new outpost in Asia, set to open this September, will help fund new buildings, bursaries and scholarships back here in Shropshire. There will also be the opportunity of student exchanges, both for short-term and long-term placements,

cultural and sporting exchanges, and gap year placements for Ellesmere College students at the Malaysian school.

Matrix Global Schools has a strong reputation throughout Malaysia. The school offers two curricula: the Malaysian National curriculum, and an international curriculum based on University of Cambridge programmes which lead to the IGCSE qualification.

Headmaster Brendan Wignall said, "I am delighted that we have signed this agreement with Matrix Global Schools. Ellesmere is by no means the first British Independent School to establish a branch overseas, but what is special about this relationship (and future Ellesmere International Schools that are planned) is that it is not just a matter of a name exchange in return for finance. On the contrary, this is a genuine partnership, which will see the strengths and ethos of Ellesmere College UK replicated overseas - appropriately adapted for local circumstances. Matrix Global Schools is a very unusual school within the region where it operates, as it shares the Ellesmere philosophy that personal academic achievement through the passing of examinations is an absolute priority, but is by no means sufficient on its own. Matrix Global Schools is a unique organisation in the region for its emphasis on learning beyond the classroom through sport, arts, and outdoor activities."



The Matrix Global Schools comprise of Matrix Private School, Matrix International School and Matrix International Pre-school, all together on one amazing twenty acre campus not far from the coast to the south of Kuala Lumpur.



A bird's eye view of the Malaysian Campus



Some of the superb facilities

New Tennis Centre has the Wow Factor

The College Tennis Centre is now up and running and already causing a stir both at the College and around Shropshire. Several schools have visited and been impressed with the four high performance indoor courts the College now boasts.

Students here are being inspired and reaching new levels of motivation. Director of Tennis, Stephen Welti, is confident that the facility will encourage them to practise harder and more often, which will lead to a rise in playing standards: 'Our Elite Programme starts in September which targets 16 players and offers coaching, squad training, strength and condition sessions and competition planning in an individually structured package for each player.' He added, 'Students are being invited on to the Programme right through the College from Year 4 to Year 13 so that we create a conveyor belt of high standard players, ensuring the College has a bright future in the game. This is a chance for talented tennis players to achieve their goals, including becoming World ranked'.

The College has been building towards success in the sport for the last five years and this year our teams are performing well in all the major national competitions: our girls and mixed team reached the

National Finals of the Senior Students competition; our boys have reached the National Finals of the Glanville Cup; our junior teams are all competing in the National Schools Team age group events and will qualify for the regional rounds to be played next term.

Individually, Aditi Chezhan has become number one in Wales and Llewellyn Bevan broke into the top ten in the UK in his age group.

A community programme and tournament structure will be in place from September.

Aditi Chezhan

Retiring Custos

This year sees the retirement of Jon Mathias as Custos of Ellesmere, the equivalent of Chair of Governors in other schools. Headmaster, Brendan Wignall pays tribute to Jon's exceptional service to the school:

“ Jon Mathias is an old boy of Wrekin College but in all the time I have known him it has been very clear where his loyalties lie! He first came into contact with Ellesmere when his son, Charles, joined us in January 1999. Jon was an active supporter of the fundraising activities around the construction of the sports hall and joined the College Council in March 2005. From an early stage he was a very important member of the College Council and became Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee March 2006. He also oversaw the College Investment Committee. He became Custos in September 2013 and has led the College very successfully during his time.

I will miss Jon greatly. Not only has he been a fantastic employer, but he has become a good friend and he will be a hard act to follow. His charm, warmth and good humour are immediately evident on first meeting and he will be missed by the many members of the College community with whom he has taken the trouble to engage: he has certainly not been a remote Chair of Governors.

Although he is retiring from the College Council he will remain on the Board of Ellesmere College International as an independent director, so I am very pleased that we will not be losing touch with him entirely”.



Battlefields Trip 2014



Jon on Speech Day 2015 with his wife, Frances

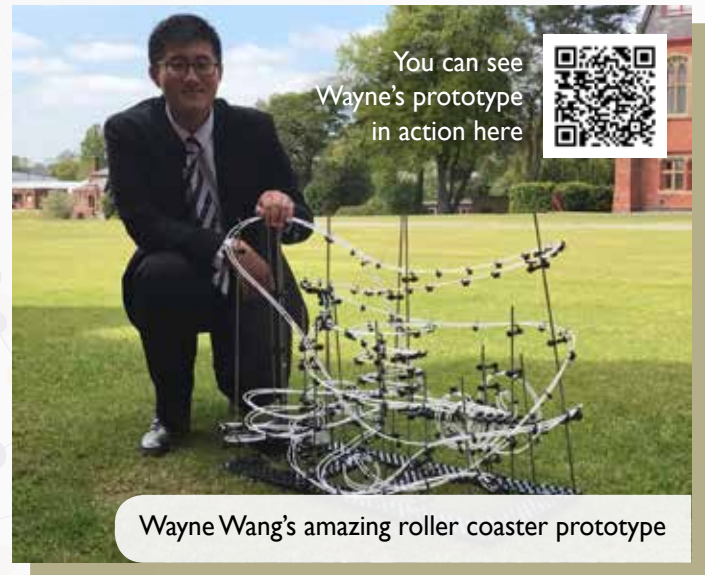
Extended Project Qualification

This year, for the first time, almost all the Lower Sixth entered for the Extended Project Qualification alongside their A Levels. This is a superb addition to academic endeavour and this year's cohort produced some diverse, excellent projects.

Students choose their own project, which can involve a detailed study of anything they want under the guidance of a supervisor, planning independently how to research, analyse and produce their projects. Most choose to write a 5000 word essay but the option of producing an artefact is available too.

The benefits of doing the project include learning to be independent, learning to research, analyse and to produce a bibliography. Each project is totally unique so students can refer to their projects if applying for a career or university. Filling in a UCAS form and trying to make yourself sound academic and interesting suddenly becomes a whole lot easier if you are able to talk about a project you have done. Imagine wanting to study Art, a highly competitive course, when you can talk about the project you did on Hitler's art, or that you created a bridal gown from waste products as a statement on the fashion industry.

This year our Lower Sixth completed 40 projects, covering areas such as artificial intelligence, life on Mars, how to design a roller coaster, the bridal gown, alternative antibiotic treatments, the NHS, concussion in sport, how elite swimmers prepare, Brexit, writing a short story



Wayne Wang's amazing roller coaster prototype

on depression, writing a dystopian short story, Down's Syndrome, the arts in education, life as a twin, are murderers mad or bad, to name but a few. In addition three of this year's cohort have had their work chosen for a future national publication.

STEM Challenge



Year 9 and 10 students took part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) challenge this half term as part of our Academic Enrichment Programme. This challenge centred on the innovative ways that engineers can help advance the field of medicine. Working on the premise that the future will have the surgeon on one side of the world and the patient on the other, students had to build a device that would simulate a remote transplant operation. The challenge set was to build a prototype that could be operated from a distance of 1.1m from the 'patient' and perform a 'heart' and 'kidney' transplant. They had to stick to a tight budget and create a video diary of the day.

It was a really enjoyable day, culminating in a win by a team comprising of Molly Tumelty and Alex Herbert-Adams in Year 10 with Year 9 students Harvey Jones, Dylan Jones, Kezzie Hutchings and Luke Warren. Well done to all teams, as it was a tightly fought contest.

Chemistry & Informatics Olympiad Success

Two Year 12 Ellesmere students achieved gold awards in this year's 49th International Chemistry Olympiad, putting them among the top 10% of A Level chemistry students in the country. Victor Zhou and Wayne Wang, who are studying for their A Levels, secured the awards in the prestigious international competition.

They were among a small group of elite Chemistry students nationwide selected for the event, which is run by the Royal Society of Chemistry. It includes a written paper on real-world Chemistry problems and is a chance to showcase the skills required at university level. Students can win Gold, Silver, Bronze or participation awards.

Head of Chemistry Paul Swainson, who presented them with their Gold awards, said the competition is only for the brightest chemists in the country. "It's a very challenging written exam and one which is very difficult to prepare for, as there's no set curriculum. They had to take the exam in their own time with questions well beyond the scope of A Level, making their performance in the first half of the Lower Sixth all the more impressive".

This is the second award in a month for Victor who also finished in the top 15 competitors at the British Informatics Olympiad hosted by Cambridge University. Together with Maks Graczyk, Victor will now compete at Cambridge University for a top four place that would see them represent Britain at the International Informatics Olympiad. To get to the final, they had to complete a three-hour exam at school in which they had to write a computer programme to solve problems then answer theoretical questions.

Head of Computer Science, Dr Sarah Shakibi said, "We were absolutely delighted when Dr Richard Forster wrote to the boys to let them know that they would be 2 out of the total 15 finalists! Maks and Victor come from different countries and use different default programming languages. This competition will not only challenge their already well-developed programming skills but also their Computational and Algorithmic thought processes."

The invitation to the finals comes at a time when the school has just been awarded a leading role in promoting Computing in Education. The school has received the accolade from a government-backed initiative known as (CAS) Computing at School. This fundamental role will be to develop a broad and balanced Computer Science curriculum and provide specialist guidance to other schools and CPD opportunities to teachers in the county.



A LIFE IN SONG



Cleo Tighe and Danny Casio, two members of The Six, recently came to discuss their work as songwriters, offering a composition workshop and an evening presentation in the Arts Centre.

The Six are a dynamic and up and coming songwriting group with an exciting reputation. They have a platinum disc for the song 'Real Love' to their name as well as a platinum album disc for Jess Glynne. They also achieved a number 1 gold album disc for Rudimental. Other notable credits include Gorgon City, Reggie 'N' Bollie from The X Factor and numerous dance artists. Cleo and Danny have written with Paloma Faith, Lily Allen, Jess Glynne and Craig David to name just a few. They have also worked on material for many other artists in conjunction with famous producers including Snake Hips, Freedom, Starsmith, Knox Brown, The Electric, and Saltwives, who between them produce Ellie Goulding, Little Mix, Rihanna, Zayn Malik, Sam Smith, Emile Sande and Naughty Boy.

TOP MUSICAL ACCOLADE FOR SEREN

Seren Devismes in Year 12 has beaten off stiff competition from 300 students to land a place in the national finals of the Woodard Schools Musician of the Year competition at the Elgar Concert Hall in Birmingham this year.

Only 15 senior students were selected for the final of the competition, judged by a panel of expert adjudicators led by inspirational cellist and Principal of the Birmingham Conservatoire, Julian Lloyd Webber.

The standard was exceptionally high with students performing vocally and on a diverse range of instruments from organ to trombone. Seren gave a wonderfully moving performance of Handel's aria 'Piangere la sorte mia' from the opera Giulio Cesare, and was thrilled to be awarded the runners up prize. We look forward to seeing more of Seren on concert hall platforms in the future.



Seren and Julian Lloyd Webber

SLAPSTICK@ELLESMERE

This year we have been delighted that Year 10 student Charlie Nelson has been sharing his love of the silent film era through a series of classic film showings, culminating in 'Slapstick@Ellesmere', a gala night of silent comedy, presented by Charlie and accompanied by a live orchestra. Here Charlie reviews the evening:



I am a huge fan of silent film and over the last year I have been lucky enough to be able to show some of my favourite movies to audiences in the College Art Centre, encouraged by my form tutor Mr Crawford.

For over half a year, Mr Coupe, the Director of Music, and I have been working on reviving the experience of watching a silent film with an orchestra rather than just a piano accompaniment – piano being mainly reserved for the working class of the time, whereas orchestral showings were the preserve of the top class of people in big cities and quite a rare event.

Our 'Slapstick@Ellesmere evening was a great success, with an appreciative audience enjoying three classic films: Fatty Arbuckle's *The Cook*, a Laurel and Hardy classic *You're Dam Tootin'* and Charlie Chaplin's masterpiece *Easy Street*.

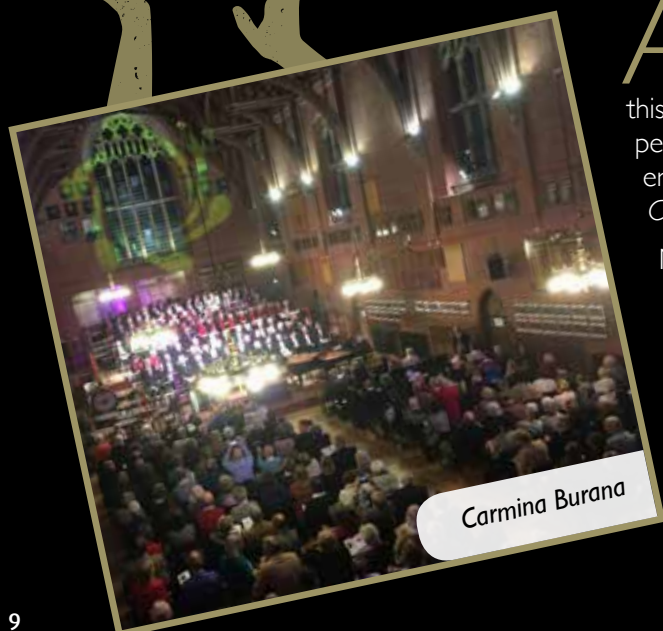
The scores for the evening were kindly loaned to us by the composer Neil Brand, whose score for *You're Darn Tootin'* was written for a BBC series entitled 'Silent Clowns' presented by Paul Merton and produced in 2006.

END OF THE CHORAL YEAR

Elizabeth Martin in Year 11 reflects:

A successful year of music making for the Choir, including the development of a new sound, concluded with the annual Five Choirs Concert. The show is always well received, with music this year ranging from Queen to *Les Miserables* and Bach. This is the perfect way for the Chapel and Chamber Choir to have fun at the end of a busy year, which had many highlights, including the amazing *Carmina Burana* performance.

Mr Coupe showed during the concert how much passion and energy he puts into the performance, which is great for us to bounce off and helps bring us all together in one inclusive group. My favourite number to perform this year was *Ave Verum Corpus* by Byrd, as it was equally challenging and rewarding with its lack of accompaniment. The Choir will be taking this piece on as we prepare for our tour to Rome next year; yet another amazing opportunity for Ellesmere students.



USA DRAMA TOUR

A group of Ellesmere students and staff embarked on a Drama tour to Tabor Academy our partner school in Massachusetts, USA, performing Alan Ayckbourn's one act farce, *Gosforth's Fete*, to appreciative audiences.

After six days performing and taking in the local history and culture, the group took the train down to New York City where they had a whistle stop tour of Times Square, Ellis and Liberty Islands, the 9/11 Memorial and Museum and took in the award winning show, *Groundhog Day* on Broadway. They were also delighted to be able to meet up with Old Ellesmerian and now cast member of *The Book of Mormon*, Dominic Simpson, who talked to the students about life on the stage.



LAMDA EXAMINATIONS

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) began offering speech and drama examinations to the public in the 1880s. Since then, these examinations have been refined and developed into a comprehensive system of performance evaluation by experts in education, acting and communication.



Here at Ellesmere we have been offering LAMDA examinations for a number of years, to an increasing number of students. There have been two external examination dates this academic year, seeing over 50 students complete their LAMDA examination, many passing with either a merit or a distinction.

Bethan Edwards in Year 12 has recently gained her LAMDA - Acting Grade 6 Solo Bronze Medal Certificate which she gained with Distinction. This level of study is the equivalent to a GCSE. Whilst Tapaswini Varshneya in Year 13 has just been examined for her Acting Grade 8 Solo Gold Medal Certificate – she awaits the result of her recent examination!

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about taking a LAMDA examination should speak to Mrs Schubert, Director of Drama for more information.

Lower School Production 2017: Seussical The Musical

This year's Lower School Production tells the story of The Cat in The Hat by Dr. Seuss. Students were auditioned from years 7 and 8 to be part of this year's production.

A cast and crew of 30 students have worked hard to put together a shortened version of Seussical the Musical. Based on the stories of Dr. Seuss, the Cat creates the Seussian world around him and the boy, Jo Jo. The audience are transported to different places that Jo Jo has 'thinks' about. A whistle stop tour of 'Whosville' and the Jungle of Nool, where Horton the Elephant is bathing and Mr and Mrs Mayor of Whoville are chastising the little boy, Jo Jo for having too many strange and confusing 'thinks'!

Audiences were treated to 2 evenings of performance, transported to the bright and colorful world of imagination. The Lower School Production closes this year's vast number of performance pieces from the students of Ellesmere College – what a year it has been!



Titans Taking on the World

Our older Titans spent the spring seeking qualification for the World Championships (Budapest), the World Junior Championships (Indianapolis), the European Junior Championships (Israel) and the European Youth Olympic Festival (Hungary in July).

Excellent performances across the board, both at home and abroad, have seen our Senior Titans beat Olympians, smash established records, advance up national as well as international individual rankings and also become national champions! Congratulations to Freya Anderson and Conor Ferguson for becoming our first two swimmers to qualify for Senior World Championships.

Freya should also be particularly congratulated for becoming the 100m Freestyle British Champion at the recent national championships in Sheffield.

The Titans continue to go from strength to strength, consolidating its position as the top performance club in the country with more swimmers qualifying for international teams than any other club.

Name	Records	Qualification	Notables
Freya Anderson (16)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Age Group – 50M Fly British Age Group – 100M Free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Senior World Junior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Champion (100 Free)
Charlie Hutchison (14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Midlands Junior – 400 IM British Age Group – 200 IM British Age Group – 200 Back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Youth Olympics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior British Champion (400 IM) Junior British Champion (200 IM) Junior Bronze Medallist (200 Back)
Cassie Wild (17)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Juniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior British Champion (100 Back) 7th World Rankings (100 Back)
Ellinor Southward (15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Midlands Junior – 100 Back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Juniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Bronze Medallist (100 Back)
Phoebe Griffiths (16)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Juniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top 10 Open Age Group (800 Free)
Adam Metcalf (16)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Youth Olympics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st British Rankings (100 Free)
Pia Murray (15)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Youth Olympics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Silver Medallist (50 Fly) Junior British Champion (100 Fly) Junior British Champion (50 Back) Junior Silver Medallist (100 Back)
Conor Ferguson (18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish Junior Record - 50 Back Irish Junior Record - 200 Back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Senior World Junior European Juniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish Champion (50 Back) Irish Champion (100 Back) Irish Champion (200 Back)

Autumn is all about training, conditioning and preparing for the County and Regional Championships taking place during spring. In recent years, the Titans have excelled in both of these championships and 2017 extended a remarkable record.

Titans again dominated the Shropshire Counties, winning 81% of all of the available Gold Medals and earning their ranking as Shropshire's top club for a fifth consecutive year. Lower School made another outstanding contribution to the team's performance, with Katie Hale, Lola Oke, Jacob Lee and Alexander Rosser-Barnett all becoming a County Champion in one or more of their respective events. Harrison Aspinall and Henrietta D'Ammassa were also runners up.

Titans continued their amazing success at county level by again standing out at the West Midland Regional level. Henrietta D'Ammassa became a Regional Age Group Champion in the 100 Fly and Katie Hale became a Regional Age Group Champion in the 100 Free, 200 Free and 800 Free. Both girls have been invited into this year's England Regional Talent development programme.

Junior Titans



Freya Anderson
100m Freestyle
British Senior Champion

Girls' Cricket Thriving

Girls' cricket teams continue to go from strength to strength.

This season has seen the U13 Girls achieve a victory in the North Shropshire Tournament as well as qualification for the Lady Taverners' County Finals. The U11 Girls have also enjoyed an unbeaten season and success in players representing the County. This success has all been down to an accumulation of hard work, starting twelve months ago with the Cricket Development Centre's Lunchtime Programme with Head Coach, Rod Jones.

An indoor campaign of house matches over the winter and entries into the Indoor National Lady Taverners' Competition in the Lent Term then laid the foundation for success in this summer's fixtures programme devised by Miss Marshall, Head of Girls' Games.

Our enthusiastic players were then rewarded by a visit from Evelyn Jones, England Academy Player and international cricket superstar, who came to offer them a series of masterclasses as well as lots of personal inspiration.



Meeting Evelyn Jones

Connor Davies Makes Welsh Selection

Year 11 Connor Davies was recently selected to play for the Welsh Minor Counties team against Berkshire CCC. The match was played at Abergavenny CC over three days.



Connor Davies

It is a huge honour to play at this level as Connor is only 16 and very few players of this age receive an invitation to what is senior men's cricket played at a very high level. This is reward for the time and effort he has put in over the winter months both here at Ellesmere, at Glamorgan Academy and of course his own club, Brymbo CC.

On his debut he made 21 in the first innings, but was out for nought in the second innings. However, Connor will have gained some valuable experience playing at this level and we can expect to see him go on to even greater things.



Caro in Fine Form for Club and Country



Year 13 student Caro Hulme scored the goal which clinched the National League title for her club, Brooklands Hockey, before representing Wales in a three test series.

Caro struck a superb goal midway through the first half to put Brooklands 2-1 up against Beeston Hockey Club - and there was no further score as the Manchester side gained their 16th victory from 18 league games to clinch the National League (Conference North).

Caro has also had a busy time recently with the Wales Women's Squad following impressive performances in last summer's under 18 European Championships and Futures Cup. She was part of the senior side who travelled to Lille in France to play in a successful 3-match

series against the French under 21 side, where she scored the winning goal to level the match series.

She then headed down to the Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre for a 3-day camp and practice matches against the England under 18s before being asked to be on standby for an international match against Switzerland.

Most impressively, Caro has kept on top of all her sporting commitments at the same time as completing her BTEC and A Level Business Studies courses. Well done, Caro!



WELSH CAP FOR MORGAN

Congratulations to Year 12 student Morgan Johnson from Mold, who was recently awarded his first International Cap following his selection for the Welsh Under 16 Rugby Squad. Morgan, who has been busy training down in Cardiff, made his debut in an international match against Ireland in Dublin, where Wales carried off an impressive 56-0 victory. With more matches in prospect and the Welsh Under 18 trials in prospect, Morgan is looking forward to representing his country again next season.

Ellesmere National Art Exhibition 2017



The Ellesmere Art Exhibition took over Big School once again during half term and was a huge success with 370 pieces of art from across the UK. More than 90 artists and sculptors exhibited their work at the annual National Art Exhibition. The event also featured a preview evening hosted by one of the Exhibition's Patrons, Mrs Carolyn Trevor-Jones and was opened by the High Sheriff of Shropshire, Mr Charles Lillis.

The biggest talking point of the Exhibition had to be the three incredible feature artists: Maximilian Baccanello took over the stage with his portraiture paintings and drawings, whereas Jody Craddock and Kieran Ingram's work greeted visitors as they entered the Exhibition. Jody is an ex-premiership footballer who is also a professional artist; his work focuses mainly on portraiture in oils. Kieran was a finalist at the SKY Landscape Artist of the Year Awards in 2016.

Max Baccanello kindly donated a beautiful oil painting worth £750 to the exhibition, which was the prize for an amateur art competition run by the Oswestry and Border Counties Advertiser. Readers were asked to send in a piece of artwork depicting 'What Shropshire Means to Me'. The winner was Brian Owen from West Felton. In addition, each year, all visitors are invited to vote for the People's Favourite and this year's winner was Lesley Fisher with Evening Light.

This year's Exhibition also featured a small selection of student work from Ellesmere. The quality and talent displayed in these pieces was excellent and they looked most impressive amongst the work of our professional artists.

With more than 800 visitors, organisers say the aim of the Art Exhibition is to raise the profile of the arts in the region. Nick Pettingale, Director of External Relations, said: "We have always been passionate about the Arts at Ellesmere. This was our sixth annual exhibition with more artists, more exhibits and more visitors, the event really is going from strength to strength."

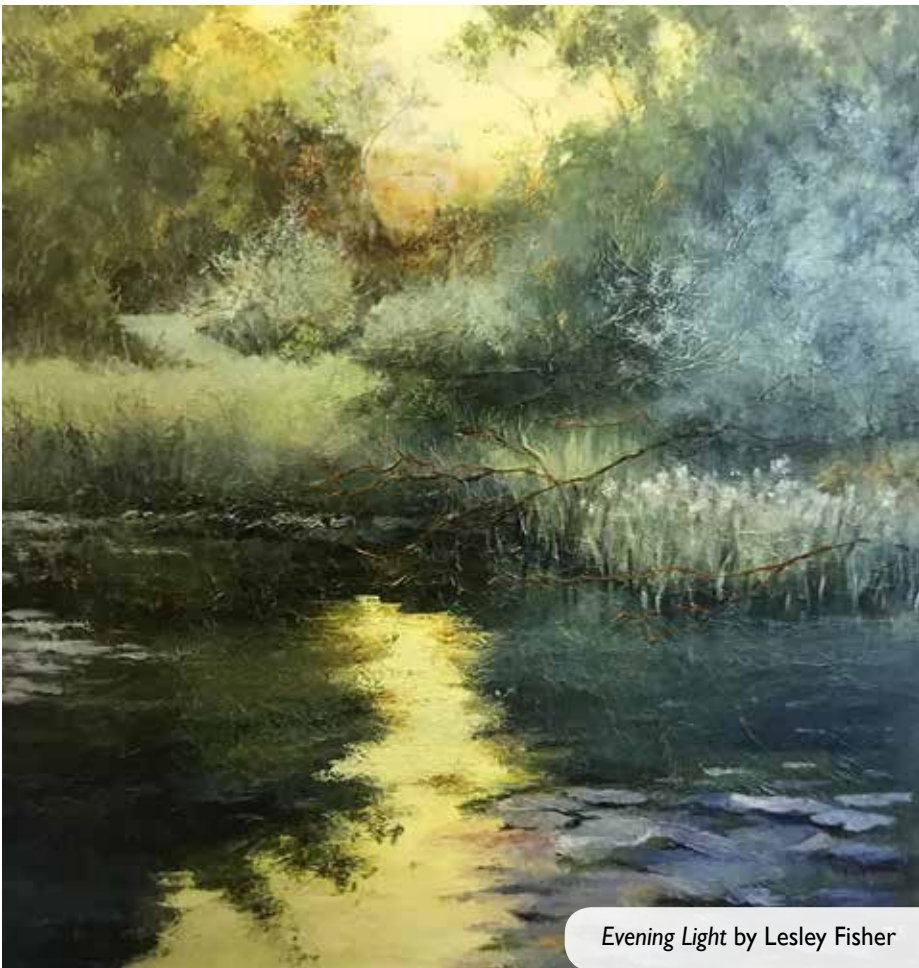
Many thanks to our generous sponsor 'Horseradish' from Chester Racecourse.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event next year or indeed entering your own artwork, then please contact Olivia Beckett at Olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com





Max Baccanello with Brian Owen



Evening Light by Lesley Fisher



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Old Ellesmerian

President's Handover

A small group of OE's met at The Antelope, Chelsea, on 27th April for informal drinks and refreshments. The evening included the official handover of the President's role from Rhiannon Jones (1994-2001) to Brigadier Peter Gilbert. Peter was a Wakeman boy who attended Ellesmere from 1972 to 1977. He trained to be a doctor in Cardiff and joined the Territorial Army, aged 17. Peter was commissioned into the Royal Artillery, before transferring to a regular army short service commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps, serving until 1990, when he re-joined the TA and settled in Rochester. He was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and commanded the UK Hospital in Camp Bastion in 2009. Peter is currently a GP in Rochester.

Rhiannon thanked everyone for their support over the last two years, and officially handed over the OE President's crest to Peter, who is looking forward to taking on the role and meeting many of the Club's members as future events.



Berlin Dinner

On Saturday 22nd April, over 30 OEs met up in Berlin for the annual Germany reunion. The afternoon started with a historical guided tour of the city by Head of Sixth Form Mr Philip Wood, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended despite poor weather; especially as they ended up in a bar to finish the talk!

The dinner and drinks in the evening were at the Lindenbraeu in the Sony Centre, with guest host, our internet and TV star, Mr Dale Crawford. The evening was a great success and everyone is already looking forward to next year's event.



Mr Wood's Tour of Berlin

For further information about the OE Club and future events, please contact olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com

Club News 2017



OE Luncheon at College

64 Old Ellesmerians gathered at school, by kind invitation of the Headmaster, to enjoy a Eucharist service, lunch, a viewing of the film *Absolution* (filmed at the College in 1978, with several students playing extras) and, for most, relive some very happy memories.

The Eucharist was presided over by the school Chaplin, Rev. Phillip Gratton, and was enjoyed by us all, even allowing for the eccentricity of one OE who, in this day and age, forgot to turn off his mobile which happily rang during the service (He was castigated mightily and in my head I could hear Maurice booming "Dyas, only you!"). Apologies were made after the service of course.

Lunch was exceptional, as always, and allowed one OE to taste school food for the first time in 36 years, which was a "vast improvement" on what was suffered in his time. A special mention must go to the cake presented to the Headmaster on his 21st anniversary of being at the College. Brendan had no idea of this anniversary, so thanks to Paul Russell for this touch. It would be remiss not to acknowledge the contribution of people in organising this event. The Head of course, for inviting the Ellesmerian Club to the College, and Paul Russell for coordinating everything and ensuring that we were fed and watered.

My abiding memory must be walking down to 'Bottom Bushes' with two others, as I did 37 years ago, almost as if it was yesterday ... such happy, happy memories. The most glorious part of the day was seeing Ellesmere in the sunshine, looking back from the cricket square to school, a fabulous view.

Alastair Pyke (Wakeman '77-'82)



Ammar Shawkat, Alistair Pyke and Kevin Dyas

Malcolm Howe (Head of Chemistry, 1962 – 1969)

In May, Malcolm Howe represented his regiment 'The Royal Scots Greys' at the commemoration of the defeat of Napoleon's forces at the Battle of Albuera in Spain on 14th May 1811. After the laying of the wreaths, Malcolm joined others for lunch and met another OE, Anthony Collis (Meynell House), who hails from Bridgnorth, Shropshire. He left the College in the summer of 1962, so they never met as students. Anthony was representing 'The 13th Light Dragoons' and now lives in the Algarve.



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