



Ellesmere



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New Recruit

We would like to welcome our new Arts Centre Manager, Rachel Orrel. Rachel is a graduate of Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts and has recently completed her B.A. Hons. in Theatre and Performance Technology at L.I.P.A., which was founded by Sir Paul Macartney. She joins us as an already experienced stage manager and lighting and sound technician and will be involved in all technical aspects of the Arena Arts Programme within the College and in the wider community. Rachel will be building on the good work done last year by our visiting GAP year student, Maura Van Voris. Maura has gone back to the States to take up a place at a prestigious U.S. drama school and we wish her all the best with her studies.

Arty Thursdays

After Orange Wednesdays come Arena Thursdays...in addition to the regular Duke of Edinburgh Award, CCF and Green Team options, pupils can now use Thursday afternoons to develop their own arts projects. From making movies or painting a mural to devising a stand up comedy routine or DJ'ing in the recording studio, pupils will find even more outlets for their creative energy!

Friday 14th September 2007 5.30–8.00 pm Admission Free

Art School

Art Exhibition 2007. Private View of GCSE and AS/A Level Artwork

Thursday 11th October 7.30pm

Public performance, admission free

Arts Centre

Ellesmere College Music Department presents

An Informal Music Recital

Pupils from throughout the school will be performing a wide variety of pieces, from both the classical and popular repertoire.

Saturday, 13th October 2007 10.00 am–1.00pm

LOWER SCHOOL OPEN MORNING—ALL WELCOME

Thursday 1st November 3.00pm

Public performance, admission free

St Mary's Church, Shrewsbury

Ellesmere College A level Performance Studies presents

Monkey Business

Darwinism clashes with creationism as *Life on Earth* meets *Planet of the Apes* in this student scripted, student directed and student performed piece that combines music, dance and drama in new and quite possibly alarming ways! Could this show be the missing link?

Wednesday 14th November 7.00pm

Public performance, Admission free

Arts Centre

The 6th Annual House Play Festival – Part One
featuring Wakeman Lambart House and Talbot House
Ellesmere College Drama presents

An occasion never to be missed as the talents of Wakeman and Talbot give us a double serving of hilarious comedy fare. Wakeman's *Zartan* is a wild and woolly spoof of the Tarzan story and features a cast of thousands (or maybe tens) in the jungles of Africa and in Lord Greystoke's ancestral home. Meanwhile Talbot offer us Woody Allen's theist comic farce, *God*. Set in Ancient Greece, it follows the attempts of a bunch of actors to put on a play for a drama festival...is that beginning to sound familiar?

Thursday 15th November 7.00pm

Public performance, admission free

Arts Centre

The 6th Annual House Play Festival – Part Two
featuring Meynell House and Woodard House
Ellesmere College Drama presents

The second half of our Festival features Meynell's production of the anarchic comedy, *The Queens Must Die*. Set during the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations this wonderful farce follows the attempts of a bunch of young republican lads to disrupt the festivities while a group of girls are keen not to wear union jack mini skirts! Woodard is presenting a classic episode of the hilarious *Fawlty Towers*. See Polly try to sort things out while Manuel gets hit and Basil becomes increasingly manic!

Friday 23rd November 5.00pm

The Quad

Parents' Society Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday 24th November 7.00pm

Public performance

Symphony Hall, Birmingham

Woodard Schools presents The Woodard Schools Combined Concert
Every ten years musicians from the Woodard Corporation join forces to celebrate the organisation we all belong to. This year our singers and instrumentalists are in the world-renowned Symphony Hall in Birmingham to perform Berlioz's 'Te Deum', a specially commissioned work by Jonathan Willcocks, and music played by the combined Concert Band and Big Band.

Wednesday 28th November 10.30am

Admission Free

Arts Centre

Ellesmere College Year 10 Drama Group presents
The Big Bumper Christmas Pantomime!
Primary schools performance

The Year 10 panto is back again with more laughter and lunacy in silly hats and an even sillier story. Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is! It's behind you!

Thursday, November 29th 7.30pm

Chapel

Community Candlelit Carol Service

Front Cover Pictures

Art Work

By

Henry Fletcher-Brewer (A Level)

Tristram Thomas (GCSE)

Sarah Jayne-Beswick (A Level)