



From the Headmaster  
B J Wignall, MA, FRSA, MCMI

# Ellesmere

A 7-18 Co-educational School

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To: All parents of Lower Sixth pupils

Dear Parents,

I am writing regarding the arrangements for the end of the summer term.

Last year we had a surprising number of pupils – particularly international pupils – who requested absence in the final weeks of term for work experience. Having granted their permission for absence – admittedly reluctantly – it has become clear that this proved to be a serious detriment to their educational progress.

As a result of this I have instructed Housemasters and Housemistress not to give permission for Lower Sixth pupils to be absent from school for the purposes of work experience or holidays in this summer term, save for the most exceptional circumstances. The College operates a very long summer holidays, and it seems implausible that work experience or holidays cannot be arranged in those periods.

It may be that last year was an anomaly – it was certainly unusual – and that there is no-one this year planning to organise work experience or holidays during school time, but I thought it safer to write at this point so as not to disrupt parents' plans.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B J Wignall', written in a cursive style.

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