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Dear Parent,

The 2020 Leavers' Gift

We are living through unprecedented times, ones which have had a significant impact on our children and our community. Younger members of the College will have the chance to return to continue their education, seeing this time as merely a blip in their Ellesmere Career, but it will be different for this year's leavers who have experienced a dramatic end to their last year at Ellesmere. March 20th 2020 will always be significant for this reason.

For several years now there has been a tradition of students and their families contributing to a leavers' gift. During their time at the College pupils will have seen beautiful sculptures added to the grounds. These have included a series of glass art designed and created by local artist, Stephanie Brown. The artwork fills panels of glass in the Cloisters, adjacent to Big School. This was completed at the end of 2019; the old metal frames being replaced with oak. They look incredible and are a fitting reminder of our past pupils.

The College would like to continue the tradition this year by commissioning a piece of work which will mark this final year in a particularly special and lasting way. It will be a piece which reflects these extraordinary times and the unique situation that our 2020 leavers have found themselves in.

I appreciate that for many, these are very difficult times and the impact of the pandemic may mean that a donation at this point is simply not feasible; but I wanted to give the leavers of 2020 the only opportunity they would naturally have to contribute to the leavers' gift for this, their last academic year at Ellesmere.

If you wish to donate to the 2020 leavers' gift you need do nothing more than allow the College to retain £100 from your school deposit. Of course, you can give more if you wish or, inform us that you do not wish to participate by returning the enclosed form.

The names of the children whose parents make this donation will be engraved on a plaque, honouring the donors to the 2020 leavers' gift. This will be a permanent reminder of their time with us at Ellesmere College.

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of everyone at Ellesmere to wish all our leaving pupils well, whether this is with university, the world of work or whatever they have chosen to do. On leaving Ellesmere they will join an invaluable network of Old Ellesmerians all over the world. Through 'Ellesmere Connect' they will remain connected to other alumni, their friends and the College for life.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you all again at future College events.

With all good wishes

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Leavers' Gift 2020

You may have seen the series of stained-glass art down the Cloisters corridor. This is one of many projects around the school that has been funded by the annual 'Leavers' Gift'

Student Name : _____

- I wish to donate **all** of my school deposit to the Leavers' Gift 2020
- I wish to donate £_____ to the Leavers' Gift 2020
- I do not wish to donate £100 from my deposit to the Leavers' Gift 2020

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 10TH JULY

Please return to The Office of External Relations, Ellesmere College, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 9AB
or email your wishes to olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com

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