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Dear Parent,

The 2021 Leavers' Gift

What times we are living through! Younger members of the College have returned to continue their education, seeing the last few months as merely a blip in their Ellesmere career, but it will be different for this year's leavers whose Sixth Form experience has been so disrupted by the consequences of the pandemic.

For several years now there has been a tradition of students and their families contributing to a leavers' gift. During their College years students will have seen beautiful sculptures added to the grounds. These include a series of glass art, designed and created by local artist Stephanie Brown. This artwork fills panels of glass in the Cloisters, adjacent to Big School. The work 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 students.

The College would like to continue this tradition by commissioning a piece of work to mark this final year in a relevant and lasting way. The piece will reflect some extraordinary times and the challenging situations our 2021 leavers have come through.

If you wish to donate to the 2021 leavers' gift you need do nothing more than allow the College to retain £100 from your initial deposit. Of course, you can give more if you wish.

The names of the students whose parents have made this donation will be engraved on a plaque, honouring the donors to the 2021 leavers' gift. This will be a permanent reminder for them and future generations of their time at Ellesmere College.

I appreciate that, for many, these are difficult times and the impact of the pandemic may mean that a donation is simply not feasible. Nevertheless, I want to give the leavers of 2021 this opportunity to contribute during their last year at Ellesmere. If you prefer not to participate simply inform us by returning the enclosed form.

I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone at Ellesmere, to wish all our leaving students a happy and successful future, whether this is at university, the world of work or whatever they have chosen to do. They will join a diverse and far-reaching network of Old Ellesmerians across the globe. Importantly, through 'Ellesmere Connect', they will remain in touch with other alumni, their friends, staff and the College for life.

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

With all good wishes

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Leavers' Gift 2021

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 2021
- I wish to donate £_____ to the Leavers' Gift 2021
- I do not wish to donate £100 from my deposit to the Leavers' Gift 2021

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 2nd 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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