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Dear Parent,

Typically, the weather has changed as pupils begin end of year examination week. It has been warm and sunny. It has been good that pupils can let off steam outside in between the examinations and lunchtime practices have been as popular as ever. Pupils will review their results with their tutors during tutor time next week.

The Five Choirs event was superb last Friday. Well done to all pupils and staff who contributed. It is also important to say thank you to parents for transporting children to and from the concert. We hope that families had as much fun as we did.

Still on a musical note, there is a Musical Tea on Monday 20th May in the Lower School Hall. Please feel welcome to have refreshments and enjoy the performances. It is usually a lovely, relaxed event.

Mrs Waddams, Head of Geography, announced the winners of the Geography Volcano competition this week. She shared with us that the standard was very high once again this year. Well done to all who took part!

It has been a little frustrating for the cricketers over last week. The ground has been particularly wet and a few matches have been postponed. Well done however, to the U12 boys who secured a good win when facing Wrekin College in the County Cup tournament on Saturday. Ellesmere now progress to the next round.

Well done to Charlie Boys Year 7 (U12), who recently secured best Nett score over 2 days, in the North Wales Under 14 Golf Championship. I am sure we will hear more about Charlie and his golf success over the forthcoming weeks.

We were very successful in the Prep Schools tennis tournament held at Moreton Hall on Sunday. We entered two pairs; Thomas and Adam Jacques won the Boys' Year 6 and below event without dropping a set. Ellie Edwards and Georgie Prescott won the Girls' Year 8 event. Very well done indeed!

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Many of our Lower School swimmers raced in the West Midland Regional Championships recently. They are all certainly performing to a high standard. Parents were pleased to see the swimmers even revising in between their races. This is great commitment all round! Katie Hale, Jake Hutchinson, Brooke Illingworth, James Raw and Eleanor Broughton became multiple Regional Champions. The swimmers also sought to achieve times sufficiently fast enough to earn invitation to the Summer British Championships as well as their respective Home Nation National competitions. Our swimmers have posted no fewer than 35 potential qualifying times: James (British 1, Wales 12), Katie (British 5, English 6), Oliver Covill (British 4, English 3), Brooke (English 3) and Eleanor (British 1, English 1). This is fantastic! We will watch their progress with interest!

Pupils are busily preparing for a number of events. Lower School Music Concert is in the Arts Centre on 20th June starting at 6.30pm. This is a good opportunity to hear pieces from all pupils involved in music. Families are warmly welcome. The Year 7 and 8 play 'The Boy Who Fell Into a Book' is performed on Wednesday 26th June and Thursday 27th June and promises to be fun. Lower School Sports Day is also after half term on 4th July. This usually is a super afternoon and invitations are extended to all family and friends. These are notable dates for the home diary.

It is a very busy time for our Parents' Society too. The Ladies' Lunch is on Wednesday 3rd July. This is a lovely afternoon of elegance and fun. Set in a beautifully decorated marquee on the Terraces. Please see the posters on the Lower School Parents' Society notice board or contact ECPS on contactecps@gmail.com We are looking forward to Open Day on Sunday and extend thanks to parents for transporting pupils to help on the day. They are our best assets!

I hope that you have a good weekend and that the weather stays fine.

Yours sincerely,

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