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Dear Parent,

Assessment week has passed sensibly and next week teachers will talk through the outcome of each subject assessment, with individuals as they go through lessons in the week. Period Grade 1 will follow later in the week.

This Saturday there is a Chapel service starting at 5.15pm. It will be Holy Communion with First Communions for a number of College pupils. We hope that those families have a lovely evening and all families are warmly welcome to attend too!

As per Calendar entry, today is non-uniform day. Sister will send the £2 donation to support the charity work of 'Young Minds'.

It has been very wet this week and some pupils have forgotten a waterproof coat to move from building to building. It is also a good idea for children to have a change of footwear in College. Pupils are also encouraged to regularly take home games kit for a wash and dry. As you will imagine, in a busy school such as Ellesmere, the bag room and changing rooms can start to smell a little strong after a while.

The Lower School Secretaries are disappearing a little under lost items at the moment. It is better if items are clearly named so that they can be reunited with their owner as soon as possible.

Please note that the Musical Tea that was scheduled for Monday 10th October has been postponed to a later date. Mr Coupe will send communication to parents with the new date.

There are Parents' Meetings for Oak, Ash and Elm classes next week. Families have already received communication regarding the booking of appointments for either the in-house meeting or the on-line meeting. This is the first time through with the new format, so please bear with College as Mrs Pritt-Roberts (Deputy Head Academic of College) works through any difficulties. However, it will be good to see parents either in person or on line! Please note that pupils do not stay in College for the in-house Parent Meeting.

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Expeditions are fast upon us. Mrs Morgan has supplied details of each day and I will insert this below once again to ensure all arrangements are clear. Please contact the Lower School Secretaries should any further help be required regarding clarity. The majority of educational trips will be on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th of October. Friday will be a normal teaching day in College. However, Year 7 have a PGL residential trip from Wednesday to Friday as the company only allow block bookings at the end of a week. Year 7 pupils have been given a hard copy kit list. However, I will attach an electronic copy to this newsletter to cover the eventuality that the list has not made it home!

Ellesmere will play host to the Under 11 Football tournament this Sunday. Good luck to all who play.

It is good to say well done to Skye Thomas, Year 8 who has recently been selected for a place on the Lancashire Thunders Cricket Elite Player Training Program. We will watch Skye's progress with interest!

We would also like to mention our Year 9/10 boys and our Year 7/8 boys' and girls' teams are all through to the Regional Finals of the Nationals Schools Tennis Competition to be played in November. They are one step away from the National Finals!

There are fixtures over the next two weekends too. We hope that the weather is kind.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Lower School will be going on expeditions from Tuesday 18th October. This will hopefully be an enjoyable experience for all. Please see the grid below for information about where your child will be visiting and what sort of clothing to wear. Pocket money is allowed but must remain the responsibility of the child throughout the trip. A small bag that can be carried on their back, like a school bag, is needed as we will be providing lunch that they will have to carry. A water bottle will be required and pupils may bring extra snacks if they wish. It might also be a good idea for them to have their own small hand-san so they can use it as they need to. If you have any queries, please contact the Lower School secretaries.

	Tuesday 18 th October	Wednesday 19 th October	Thursday 20 th	Friday 21 st October
Ash	Xplore Science – Techniquet Cheshire Ice cream Farm Own clothes/sensible footwear/waterproofs	Lion Salt Works Own clothes/sensible footwear/waterproof coat	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre Stokesay Castle Own, outdoor warm clothing/waterproof coat/trainers	Normal School day School uniform
Oak	Enginuity at Ironbridge Own clothes/sensible footwear/waterproof coat	Chirk Castle Own, outdoor warm clothing/waterproof coat/trainers/boots	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre Stokesay Castle Own, outdoor warm clothing/waterproof coat/trainers	Normal School day School uniform
Elm	Erddig Own, warm clothes/weatherproof/trainers	Delamere Forest Own, outdoor warm clothing/waterproof coat/trainers and wellingtons or walking boots to change into.	Jackfield Tile Museum Own, old clothes, waterproof coat and trainers	Normal School day School uniform
Y6	Blue Planet Aquarium Own clothes/sensible footwear/waterproof coat	Blists Hill Own, outdoor warm clothing/waterproof coat/trainers/boots	Conwy RSPB Own, outdoor warm clothing/waterproof coat/trainers and wellingtons or walking boots to change into.	Normal School day School uniform
Y7	In School Activities School sports kit	PGL Own clothes as per packing list	PGL	PGL Returns in the afternoon
Y8	Black Country Museum Own clothes/waterproof coat/sensible footwear	Thinktank Museum Birmingham Own clothes/sensible footwear/waterproof coat	Bush Craft Day Own, warm clothes/waterproof coat/sensible footwear/trainers	Normal School day School uniform

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What to bring

Please ensure that all items are named.

CLOTHING

Clothes are likely to suffer wear and tear and also get dirty and/or wet therefore you should bring several changes of old clothes for doing activities.

- Tops & jackets**
 - T-shirts
 - Long sleeved shirt/T-shirts
 - Waterproof jacket
 - Fleeces/jumpers



Your arms will need to be covered to do some activities.

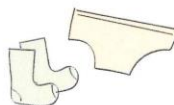
- Trousers or leggings**
but not jeans as they get heavy and cold when wet



- Underwear & socks**

Your socks will need to cover your ankles to do some activities.

- 1 or 2 sets of **clothes for the evening**



- Suitable **nightwear**

TRAVELLING IN THE...

...SUMMER?

- Shorts
- Baseball cap/sun hat
- Sunscreen

...WINTER?

- Warm coat
- Hat and gloves

Lost property

We recommend you write a list of what you pack to check before you come home. If you do leave anything behind, please contact your party leader who will contact PGL. Postage will be charged for returning lost items.

Study courses and sports weekends

Groups taking part in study courses and sports weekends e.g. netball/football, should bring appropriate clothing/footwear for these activities.

FOOTWEAR

- 2 pairs of trainers**
 - 1 for activities
 - 1 old pair for watersports
- 1 pair of dry shoes**
for evening activities



OTHER ITEMS

- 2 towels**
 - 1 for showering
 - 1 old one for activities

- Reusable **drinks bottle**



- Small **rucksack/bag**

- Labelled **bin bag** for wet and dirty clothing



- Sleeping bag or duvet** and pillow (unless otherwise advised)

- Washbag** including soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste (please do not bring Aerosols)

PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- Electrical devices
- Computer games
- Jewellery/valuables
- Aerosols

If you bring your **mobile phone**, please note, it is not covered by our insurance.



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