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Dear Parent,

We have had a big week of exams and assessments and as you will imagine it has been very busy for the pupils. The better weather, at times during the week has helped tremendously to keep good spirits and pupils have enjoyed letting off steam at break and lunchtimes. The grounds are beautiful and we are so lucky to have such lovely and safe surroundings.

We hope that the decent weather stays with us through the week so that the fixture programme can progress uninterrupted! Cricket nets have been busy and this is good to see. However, not affected by the weather, the swimmers are wished good performances in their forthcoming major competitions.

On Friday $21^{\text {st }}$ Ellesmere's Fencing team took on Packwood in a competition. Ellesmere gave a good account of themselves and for many it was the first competition they had taken part in. Taking part were; Jamie Donaghy, Amber Leonard, Hattie Fearnall, Sylvie Cornwell, Amelia Albertini and Pippa Blackwood. We lost but the children and parents enjoyed themselves, it was a good one to mark down as experience as most of them won at least one of their matches. Thank you to Coach David Hiam.

Five choirs came together last Friday night. The Lower School pupils performed to a packed and appreciative audience. Very well done to each member of the Lower School who contributed on the evening! Many of the senior pupils have reached outstanding levels in their performances and it was great to see that a large number of those pupils were in Lower School only a few years ago! It just shows what hard work and dedication can achieve!

Ellesmere has platinum status for the nationally accredited Arts Award. We are continually looking to develop new experiences for the pupils as so many of them are gifted in this particular field. It is wonderful to see the new art work and see the Year 7 and 8 pupils working hard for the forthcoming play.

The Parents' Society are hosting the annual Ladies Lunch on Wednesday $28^{\text {th }}$ June on the Terraces, it is usually a lovely event. The guest speaker this year is Mr Tullis Matson from 'Nature Safe' and the cost is £40pp. Please contact contactecps@gmail.com for tickets.

Mrs Morgan has asked me to mention some details regarding one of the Summer Expeditions. As part of this, Year 8 will be going to Chill Factore in Manchester. They will be doing a trio of activities and it is imperative that they have the following pieces of clothing:

1. Gloves (entry is not allowed without them)
2. Thick socks
3. Warm clothing suitable for minus 3 temperatures - layers, thick coat, trousers, etc.
4. Walking boots or wellingtons (for Snow Park activity)

If there are any problems with obtaining any of the above, please contact the Lower School secretary as they can be bought/hired from the venue, we just need to know as soon as possible.

Please ensure that families continue to monitor pupil activity on their devices. We remind pupils that many of the social media apps are for 13 years old and above. It is difficult for College to deal with poor social interactions when the communication is held outside of the College day.

On a final note, regarding Bank holiday $1^{\text {st }}$ May please remember that College operates as normal.

Yours sincerely


