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Dear Parent,

It has been a pretty action packed first week back after what I hope was a good half term for families.

The weather has not helped a great deal this week. The games teachers have worked hard to fulfil the fixture programme and matches have gone ahead in some instances. Hopefully, drier weather will follow to allow catch up of any postponed events and information is posted on the Ellesmere College website Sports Portal. The next few weeks are very busy.

On Thursday, Year 8 pupils had an enjoyable PSHE morning (Personal, Social and Health Education). They visited their prospective Middle School Houses in readiness for September. I believe they were spoiled with juice and biscuits!

Year 8 pupils are busily preparing for ESB examinations. Break times and lunch times are busy with small groups squirreled away, practising their lines on friends and passing teachers!

Expeditions are in the last week of term. Below is an overview of the activities taking place during expeditions week for Lower School pupils, from Mrs Morgan. Each day will be non-uniform, but please bear in mind the weather. Hopefully we will have some sun and therefore **sun-screen, water** and a **hat** are essential. Sensible footwear is also a must. If we have wet weather a **waterproof coat** will be required for all activities. Some clothing guidance, in brackets, next to certain activities. Any spending money brought on trips is the responsibility of the child. A small day bag is a good idea as packed lunches will be provided and may have to be carried by the child until it is time to eat. Each child should provide a drink bottle to fill with water.

Lower School Expos 28th - 30th June

Tuesday 28th

Y3 & 4 BeWILDerwood (*trainers or walking boots, rough clothing and wellingtons if it is wet*)

Y5 Chester Zoo + workshop

Y6 World Museum Liverpool + workshop

Y7 Beaumaris and Caernarfon Castles (*trainers*)

Y8 Climbing the Walls and Shrewsbury Prison (*sports style clothing: tracksuit bottoms and trainers essential, tracksuit top/sweatshirt or hoodie as it is cold in the prison*)

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Wednesday 29th

- Y3** Lake Vyrnwy farm visit (*old, rough clothing, wellingtons/trainers*)
- Y5** Wroxeter Roman City, Shropshire
- Y6** Manchester Museum of Science and Industry + workshop
- Y7** Maritime Museum + workshop and ferry ride, Liverpool (*trainers*)
- Y8** Chester Zoo Biology Field trip + workshop

Thursday 30th

Y3-6 Sports Day - morning. Activities - afternoon (*come to school in sports kit*)

Y7-8 Activities - morning. Sports Day - afternoon (*come to school in sports kit*)

Mr Williams Director of Sport, welcomes parents as normal, to Sports Day. There will be refreshments and seating. KS3 pupils may go home with parents after their Sports Day afternoon. Please notify a teacher before you leave, as registers can be amended accordingly for fire list purposes.

Friday 1st July will be a normal school day and children should come to School in uniform. Pupils will be clearing their form rooms and locker spaces therefore, it may be wise for them to bring an extra carrier bag to school to help with this.

If you have any queries please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

On a general note, should parents wish to pick up their child before the end of the school day e.g. dentist, etc. please could parents ring in to the Lower School reception first and the Lower School Secretary will bring out your child. This ensures that registers are kept up to date and in line with fire regulations. We also are required to check that pupils are going to travel with an identified adult.

It is also worth mentioning again that the end of the Summer Term is **Saturday** 2nd July. Should pupils come to School as normal without parents, College transport arrives one hour later than normal. Lower School Last Assembly starts at 12 noon and is followed by Strawberries and Fizz on the Terraces. Pupils may wish to come in with their parents for this event and therefore arrive later. Refreshments will be served from 11.30am. School transport departs for the homeward journey at 1.15pm. It is usually a lovely way to finish the Academic Year. There is a typing error in the white College calendar to note, regarding venue. Year 7 and 8 have their Last Assembly on Top Floor of Lower School. Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 will have their Assembly in the Arts Centre.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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