



# Ellesmere

A 7 – 18 Coeducational School

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Dear Parents,

Thanks once again for helping packing and unpacking your children's belongings and for getting organised for the term. They are all "boarding professionals" now the routines are embedded. I was rather pleased to be reminded this evening that it was "Tech Free" night – the boy who reminded me was a bit cross with himself for having done so afterwards!

We celebrated our wonderful Housemother's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday last week by throwing her a party and inviting "old" St John's residents back to share in the occasion. Sandra was thrilled with the party and it was a lovely way to thank her for her 15 years of caring for our youngest boarders.

As with this time of year, we are currently in the middle of flu season. Packets of throat sweets are replacing Haribo for the moment as we hunker down until the fresher weather arrives. Hygiene is important and boarders are reminded to wash hands and use tissues as well as the hand sanitizer to prevent further spread.

Our swimmers have seen some great successes in the recent competitions and we are all very proud of their achievements. In House we congratulated Luke Evans, Sean Zou and Flynn Smith for their table tennis victories. I am working on organising an event with another local boarding school to encourage their table tennis games. I will send information about this in due course. Rosie Linley and Drew Murdoch have received the accolade of "Boarder of the Week" for the previous two weeks for setting high standards in behaviour and overcoming challenges.

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On 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we will welcome a group of seven Chinese students to St John's. These Year 7 and 8 students are here for an extended taster and most boarders will have responsibility as "buddies" during their time with us. It is a good opportunity to meet some new friends and to learn about different cultures and we hope to share a number of events and activities to encourage friendships between the groups.

As always, please get in touch with any queries.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zoë Fidler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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