







# SCHOOL AIMS AND ETHOS INCLUDING BOARDING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

Ellesmere College is a place of learning and a place where boys and girls have opportunities to become fulfilled, skilful and happy young men and women. It is our intention that each pupil is encouraged, taught and challenged to fulfil his or her true potential.

We attempt to allow time and space for academic work to be balanced by sport, music, drama and a wide choice of other activities, including service to the local community. We endeavour to allow our young people to acquire a confidence in their relationship with adults.

We aim to give Sixth Formers opportunities to exercise responsibility and leadership as well as showing care and concern for their younger peers.

Ellesmere College is a school that values individuals. Our priority is to enable students to achieve their full academic potential, whatever that might be.

Our aim is that our young people, as the result of an education here, should be able to contribute constructively to society and play a full role in it, whatever their chosen path.

Therefore, our pursuit of academic excellence is balanced as we seek to develop and realise the potential of our pupils in a breadth of extra-curricular, sporting, outdoor adventures and artistic activities.







# **DAILY TIMETABLE**

**Senior School Lower School** 

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri		Mon	Tue	W	ed	Thur	Fr	i	
8:30	Registration in House / Tutor time in House				8:30	Registration in Form								
8:45	Chapel	As'bly Saint / Comp	School As'bly	Tutors	Chapel	8:45	As'bly	Chapel	Cha	apel	Tutors	As'	bly	
9:10			P1			9:10	P1							
9:45			P2			9:45	P2							
10:20			Break			10:20	Break							
10:45	P3				10:45	P3								
11:20			P4			11:20	P4							
11:55			Travel Time	9		11:55	Travel Time							
12:00			P5			12:00	P5							
12:35	P6 12:35 Lunch KS 2 at 12:30													
1.10	Lunch (Detention Starts at 13:15 and runs until 13:45 in BSI)								t 12:30 t 12:35					
	Year 9 at 13:10  Year 10 at 13:15  Year 11 at 13:20  Sixth Form at 13:25 or from 12:50 - 13:05 if free P6													
	Prefects Choir Choir (P1) (P1)				1.35	Reg								
2.10	Reg			1.40	P6	P6	P	6	P6	Р	6			
2.15	P7	P7			P7	2.15	P7	P7	P7	P7 KS2		Р	7	
2.50	P8	P8	Senior	CCF OTU	P8	2.50	Travel	Travel	()	Travel	Lower	Tra	vel	
3.25	Travel	Travel	Games	Soc S ETC.	Travel	2.55	P8	P8	S&T P4C	P8 KS2	School Games	Р	8	
3.30	P9	P9			LIC.	LIC.	P9	3.30	P9	P9	40	P9 KS2		P
4.05	P10		4.15nm to	4:15pm to			4.05	Tea						
4.40	Tutor Time	Drama (P1) Squads (P2)	5:15pm Quiet Hour Comp House Time	4:15pm to 5:15pm Quiet Hour	Squads (P1)	4.20	Squads 4.20pm (P1) Prep (P2)	Prep (P1)	S & T	P R E P	Prep P1)	C L U B S	C L U B S	
5.30						BUSES								







# **WEEKLY ROUTINE**

## **Monday to Friday**

#### **Breakfast**

7:30	8:10 Serving ceases (all years)
Lunch	
12:15 - 12:25	Sixth Form (if free)
12:25	Years 4 & 5
12:35	Years 6, 7 & 8
12:50 - 13:10	Sixth Form (if free)
13:10	Year 9
13:15	Year 10
13:20	Year 11
13:25	Sixth Form
13:40	Pupils from Detention
14:00	Serving ceases
Supper	
17:45	LS Boarders
17:55	Sixth Form
18:05	All others
18:30	Serving ceases

## **Saturday**

## Breakfast

8:30

	(all years)
Lunch	
12:30	All years
13:00	Serving ceases

9:10 Serving ceases

Team teas will be served outside these times by arrangement

## **Supper**

17:45	LS Boarders
17:55	Sixth Form
18:05	All others
18:30	Serving ceases

All years

## **Sunday**

9:30 - 12:00

#### Brunch

10:00 - 12:00	Continental and Full English	All years	
12:00 - 13:00	Soup and Salad Bar	All years	
Supper			
17:45	LS Boarders	-	
17:55	Sixth Form	-	
18:05	All others	-	
18:30	Serving ceases	_	

Continental breakfast









# **BOARDING & DAY HOUSES: SAINTS**

The College Houses are at the heart of the boarding & day experience offered at Ellesmere whilst the Houses and Lower School also provide the core for the development of day pupils.

We believe that the boarding experience should be enjoyable and we strive to ensure that every boarding pupil looks forward to returning to his or her House at the end of the school day.

The pastoral structure in each House is based upon a team of three teaching staff and a 'Housemother' who oversees the domestic arrangements in addition to providing pastoral support. Boarding in the school is under the leadership of The Deputy Head Pastoral who reports directly to the Headmaster. Welfare support is additionally provided by a permanently staffed Medical Centre, School Chaplain and School Counsellor.

At Ellesmere, we have a number of different Houses (Saints Houses) which you may pass through as you progress through the school. The table below should help to summarise the route:

## **BOARDING & DAY HOUSES:**

	Middle	School	Sixth Form			
Age Range	Year	rs 8 - 11	Years 12 + 13			
Boys	St Patrick's	St Cuthbert's	St Luke's	St Bede's		
Girls	St A	idan's	St Oswald's	St Hilda's		

**Note:** From Year 9 onwards, all pupils, whether day, weekly or full boarder will all be assigned to a House - which is the main base for registrations and tutor meetings.











# **COMPETITIVE HOUSES**

## Two systems exist to cater for the competitive side of life at Ellesmere.

In Lower School for years up to and including year 8 pupils are placed in one of three Houses for purposes of internal competition. 'Brownlow',' Heywood' and 'Phillips' take their names from benefactors and officers in Ellesmere's past.

When pupils move into the Senior School they are placed in one of four competitive Houses and remain in the same House for the rest of their time at Ellesmere. 'Meynell', 'Talbot', 'Wakeman – Lambart' and 'Woodard' again take their names from Ellesmere's past and were previously the names of the residential houses when the pastoral system was based upon 'vertical' Houses containing pupils from year 9 through to the Upper Sixth.

Saints Houses and Competitive Houses in the Senior School hold social events over the course of the year and parents are strongly encouraged to attend to support the Houses and to meet other parents and staff.















# **HOUSEMOTHERS**

The Housemother's role is to provide pastoral and domestic care to both boarding and day pupils in the respective Saints Houses.

They work alongside the Housemaster/Housemistress and tutors to provide a 'home from home' environment for boys and girls who are often away from home for the first time, dealing with emotional and practical problems that all teenagers face, from homesickness to lost socks (of which there are many!). The role can be very rewarding, building strong relationships with pupils and parents that can last long after they have left the Houses and even the school.

The Housemother is normally present from approximately 8.00am to 2.30pm in the Sixth Form Houses and until 5.00pm in the Middle School Houses.









#### **Pastoral Care**

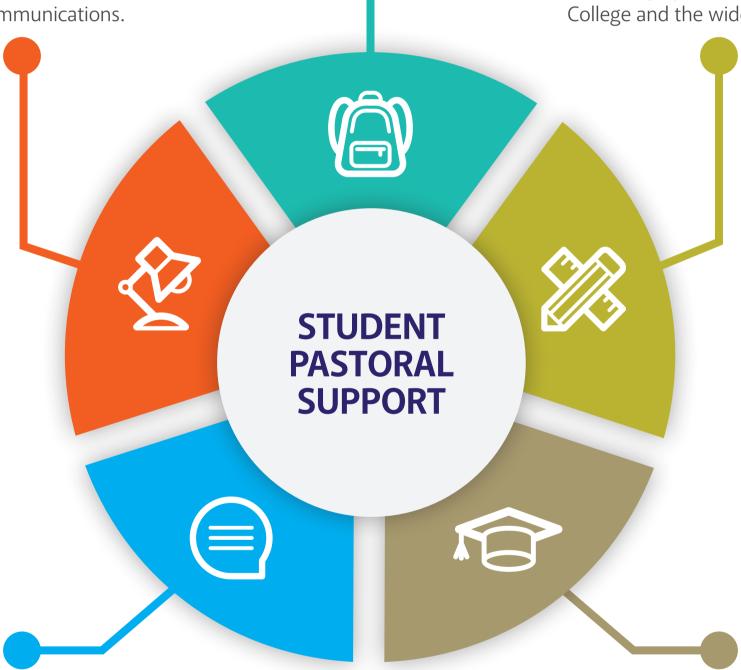
Each student is part of a Saints
House. Students are able to
forge vital relationships with
each other, their Personal Tutor,
Housemaster/Mistress and
Housemother. Parents are closely
involved with House life, through
the many parental events and
home communications.

## **Student Welfare**

There is equal importance given to the development of those critical ingredients in the way students approach their schooling; confidence, organisation, persistence and cooperation.

## **Behaviour Management**

Is based upon a principle of care and concern for the welfare of every child. The process is intended to provide a consistent approach for teachers to assist students to develop appropriate behaviour and life skills – which are highly valued within the College and the wider community.



## **Support for Learning**

Some pupils work with specialist support staff on an individual basis or in small groups. The session are geared around each students needs and tailored to support the pupil throughout their time at Ellesmere.

# **Specialist Staff**

- English as an Additional Language
  - Support for Learning
- Deputy Head Pastoral
   Student Counsellor
  - International Student Coordinator
  - Deputy Head Academic School Nurses



