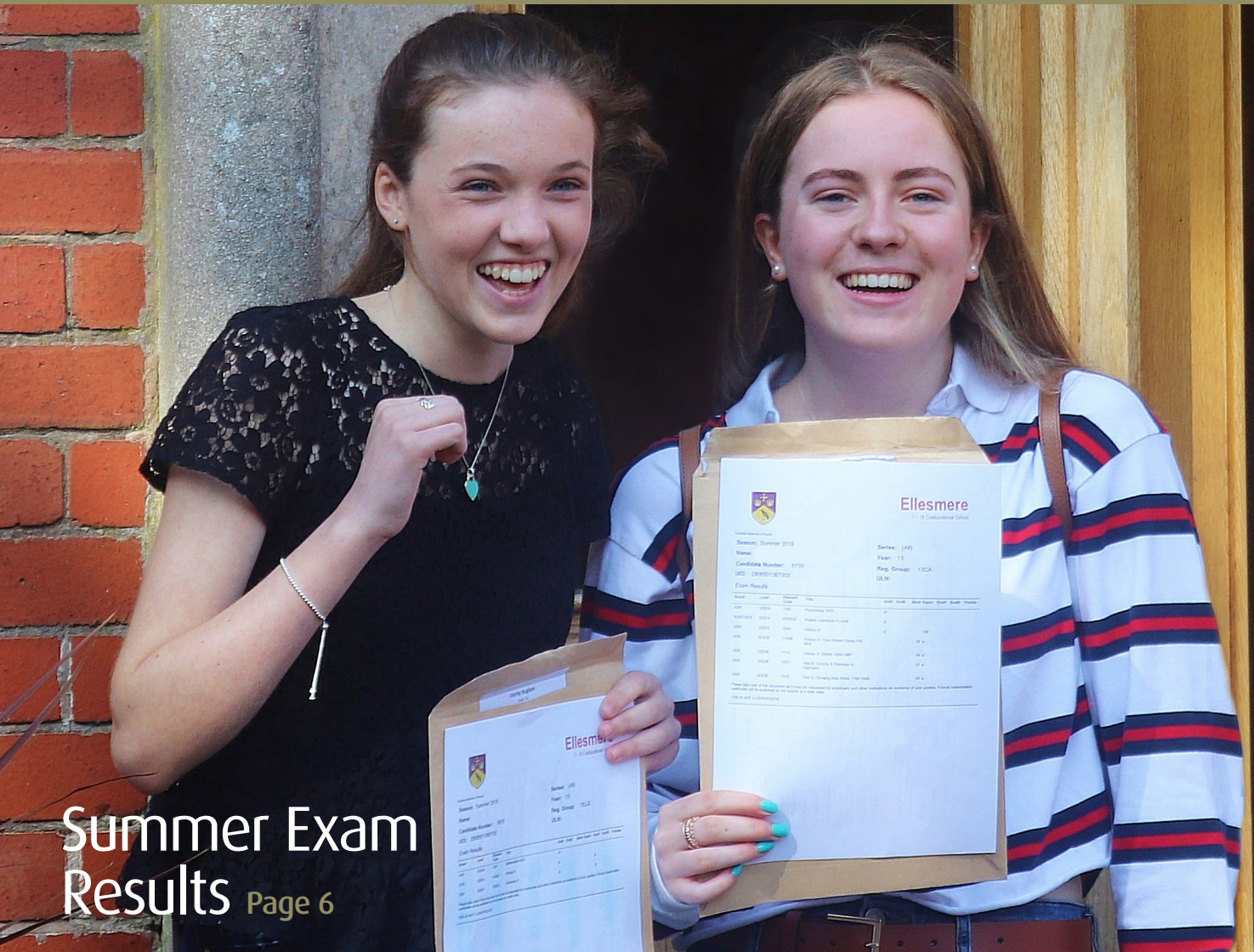
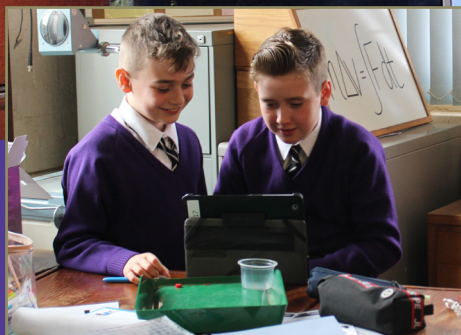


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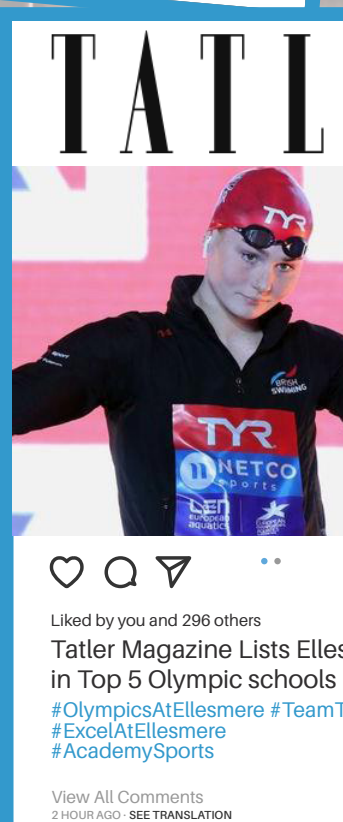
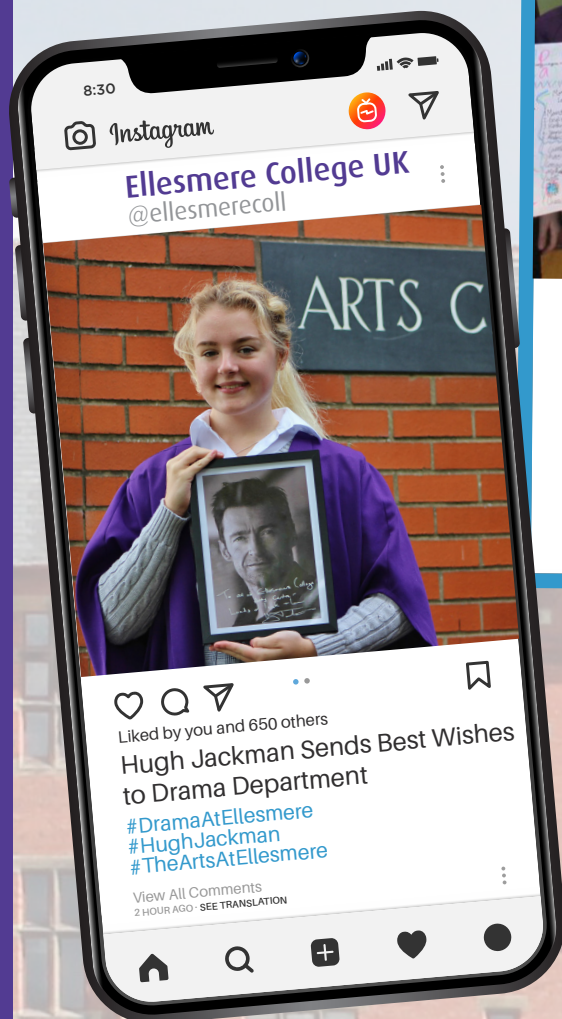
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# We are 'Life:Ready'

We are excited to introduce to you 'Life:Ready' – our new message and logo that brings together the ethos of Ellesmere, its five key principles of strength and how they work together to support the journey of our students through their education in more than one way – to prepare them to be 'Life:Ready'.

## What is 'Life:Ready'?

What defines a successful school? Is it the academic results that students have achieved when they leave? Is it the sporting cups, House Colours or points they accrue? It is indeed all of these, but also a lot more besides. What defines and differentiates Ellesmere College is the success of our students at all levels and how we prepare them for life after College – to be truly 'Life:Ready'. Our ethos – that every student is, and should be treated as an individual – runs through everything we do and is the focus of our Five Key Principles that work together and on which we base our educational philosophy in the areas of:

### Academic - Sport - The Arts - Leadership - Global

These principles drive our learning, co-curricular and pastoral programmes to enable each student to flourish, grow and be successful on both academic and personal platforms as they take their journey through the College, and beyond. We challenge them at all levels to be the best they can be, successfully developing the individual, supporting their skills development for life and allowing them to learn through the broad range of opportunities we offer.

#### Academic

- Student Centred Learning
- A Level, BTEC & International Baccalaureate (IB)
- World Academy of Sport (WAoS) Flexible Study Programmes
- Support for Learning (SfL) Provision
- National & International University Destinations

#### Leadership

- Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)
- Combined Cadet Force (CCF) & Expeditions
- Institute of Leadership & Management
- Enrichment Programme: Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), English Speaking Board (ESB)
- Careers Partnership Programme

#### Global

- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Monduli Green Charity – Tanzania
- SAT USA University Preparation
- International Baccalaureate Qualification
- University Destinations Worldwide

#### Sport

- World Academy of Sport (WAoS)
- Athlete Friendly Education Centre (AFEC)
- World Class Facilities
- 7 Sporting Academies
- Professional Pathways to Success

#### The Arts

- Artsmark Platinum Award
- International Choir Success
- Community Theatre Provision
- 5 Choirs and Community Sinfonia
- Conservatoire and University Destinations





## Academic



## The Arts



# Leadership



## Sport



# Global

# LIFE:READY

Academic | Sports | Arts | Leadership | Global



# Students Celebrate Excellent Examination Results

Over the summer students celebrated their IB, A Level, BTEC, and GCSE successes.

## International Baccalaureate (IB)

The first results of the summer were the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma results and a high number of students achieved outstanding results.

- Natan Marczak, Poland – 44 points (45 points is the maximum available) – Economics at the New York University, Abu Dhabi.
- Head Girl Kimberley Ong, Malaysia – 41 points (equivalent to A\* A A grades at A Level) – Economics with Environmental Studies at Edinburgh University.
- Bethan Huxtable, Shrewsbury – 38 points Politics and International Relations at Bristol.



## A Level

With an overall pass rate of 96% – a record breaking year for the College – the A Level results featured some highly impressive individual performances with more than 50% of all grades awarded in the top A\*-B grades, the threshold required for many Russell Group University places.

Whilst heartfelt congratulations go to all our students, there were several particularly notable performances:

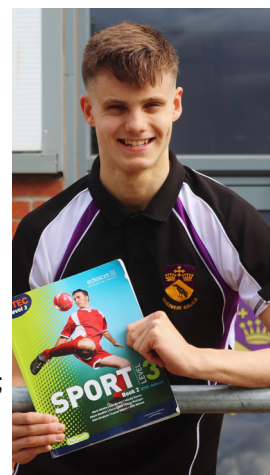
- Alistair O'Brien, Llangollen – four A\* grades in Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics, and Further Maths. (Computer Science at Queen's College, Cambridge).
- Toby Slack, Ellesmere, two A\* grades in Geography and Biology and an A in Chemistry (Medicine at the University of Liverpool).
- Verity Buglass, Shrewsbury, A\* in Mathematics and As in Biology and Chemistry (Medicine at the University of Manchester).



## BTEC

Students achieved an outstanding 100% pass rate in their BTEC Sport Diploma results. Six students secured Extended Diplomas with one student attaining the highest mark possible with three Distinction Stars, four attained core Diplomas while two collected Subsidiary Diplomas.

- BTEC Extended Diploma:  
Christopher Hooper – D\* D\* D\*,  
Billy Pettit – D\* D D;  
Tom Jones – D D D;  
Elliot Mitchell – D D M;



## GCSE

Almost half of the GCSE grades achieved by Ellesmere College pupils were in the A\* to B (9-6) range, and a third were A\* to A (9-7), which is very pleasing when compared to the national picture which stands at 21.9% (9-7):

- Kezia Hutchings, Kinnerley – ten 9/8 grades (A\*/A).
- Emily Ashley, Wem, and Alanah O'Brien, Llangollen – nine 9/8 grades and a 7 (A\*/A).
- Dorian Puzovic, Shrewsbury – eight 9/8 grades plus a 7 (A\*/A).

## Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM)

The inaugural ILM Course also saw a 100% pass rate for students Rosie Holland, Jake Redshaw, Lavinia Mottershead, Alexander Selby, Sam Zakers, Louis Deekes, William Davies – Head Boy, Ross Murdoch, Sean Allen and Thomas Keay.

Headmaster, Brendan Wignall, said: "I am always impressed with how our pupils manage to combine achieving an excellent academic record along with maintaining their valued contribution to the musical, dramatic and sporting life of the College. It is very pleasing to see their hard work pay off and these results are a credit to pupils, to their teachers and, of course, to their parents."





# The IET Faraday STEM Challenge Day was a Disaster

Ellesmere College Lower School played host to the Autumn Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) Regional Heats of the 2019 STEM Faraday Challenge and it was a disaster... but all teams rose to the challenge.



Alongside two teams from Year 8 from Ellesmere College, there were teams from Terra Nova School, Prestfelde School and The Corbet School.

Students were challenged to design and build a prototype device to support communities after a disaster. This could be a vehicle or something to enhance a rescue plane, etc. It had to have some electronic component involved in the design and each team then had to present their ideas and demonstrate their prototype.

**All teams did incredibly well with some great ideas on how to help people in a disaster zone including:**

- designing amphibious vehicles
- parachute systems to drop aid into disaster zones
- adjustable seating to change the function of the plane
- systems to get cargo off the plane.

The winning team – Team 4 – from Ellesmere College, designed a winch and pulley system to get goods from the plane to the people in need of aid quickly and

efficiently and were presented with their trophy by the Faraday Challenge Leader. Each team member also took home an Amazon voucher for themselves and gained a place on the league table.

Head of Physics, Amy Darrant, explained, 'The Faraday Challenge focuses on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills. This task was really exciting as the students were working with a real life example and how they could help those affected in a disaster zone.

The work is completely their own and it's amazing to see what our gifted and talented students can produce'.

Ellesmere's winning team: Joshua Norris, Jack Bell, Amelia Robinson, Myles Webster, Georgie Prescott and Isobel Gray.

**For more information visit Ellesmere College; Faraday Day.**

**For more information on the STEM / IET Programmes please visit: IET Faraday Challenge.**





# Meet the College Prefects

September is always an exciting time in the calendar as the College Head Girl and Boy, Heads of Competitive Houses and Prefects take up their new roles after a robust selection process is completed during Year 12.



Students undertake many challenges – academic, leadership and pastoral – through Year 12 to ensure they are suited to the roles and tasks assigned to lead and support the members of the competitive and Boarding

Houses to which all students are assigned. Students wear the gowns with pride and the younger students passing through the College aspire to become one of the Prefects, House Captains or Head Boy or Girl.



Head Boy Will Davies and Head Girl Charlie-Anne Williams



Lower School Head Girl Isobel Gray and Head Boy Oliver Crossen

## Captains of House:

Harry Hudson – Meynell  
Amber Coxill – Meynell  
Louis Deekes – Talbot (not pictured)  
Rosie Holland – Talbot  
Jake Redshaw – Wakeman-Lambart  
Molly Curzon – Wakeman-Lambart

Zac Mabaquiao-Lennox – Woodard  
Paula Lotze – Woodard

Ewan Hoskin – St Bede's  
Gracie Shallcross – St Hilda's  
Robert Von der Luhe – St Luke's  
Henriette Czech – St Oswald's

## Prefects:

Malta Ludwig  
Alex Selby  
Patrick Hey  
Charlie Munro  
William Mullock  
Shannon Dalligan  
Molly Tumelty

Josie Evans  
Sarala Chatterjee  
Lavinia Mottershead  
Iwo Hachulski  
(not pictured)

## Chapel Prefect:

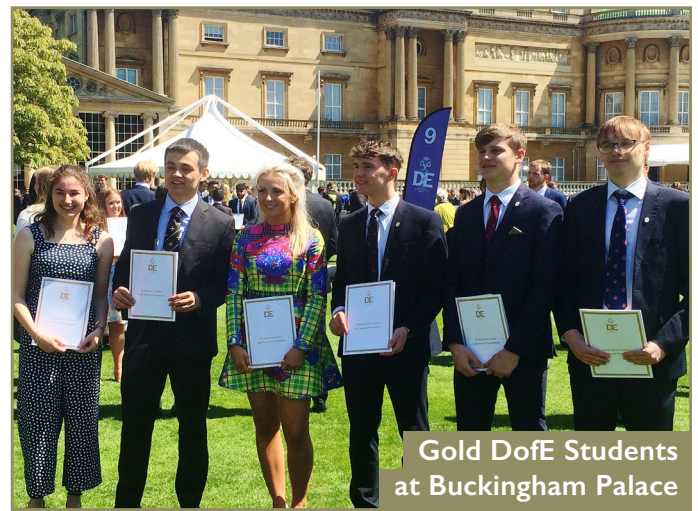
Georgie Hebson  
(not pictured)



# D of E Ambassadors Announced



Two Ellesmere College students have been nominated as ambassadors for the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Awards and will be using their leadership and management skills to guide other students to achieve theirs.



Elise Veitch and Patrick Hey attended training events in Shrewsbury to bring them up to speed on what is required of their new role before heading back to the College to begin helping other students on the road to gaining their DofE Awards.

Jenna Underhill, Housemistress and Teacher of Business and Economics at Ellesmere College, said the awards were an integral part of the College co-curricular programme.

"The Duke of Edinburgh Awards have played an important role in the lives of many of our students over the years. The College is the largest single contributor to the DofE programme in Shropshire – and our students receive their Gold DofE Awards at Buckingham Palace each year," she said.

"Ellesmere College prides itself on delivering a co-curricular programme which is designed to expand the life experiences of our students through a variety of activities – including taking part in the DofE Award scheme – which is as relevant and popular today as it has ever been.

"The awards have seen participation increase every year since being founded by Prince Philip in 1956. There are currently more than 460,000 young people actively involved in the scheme and last year saw almost 143,000 achieve their Bronze, Silver or Gold award – a 7.2 per cent increase on 2017.

"As a centre for the awards we can nominate up to two ambassadors who will help and guide fellow Ellesmere

College students through the programme and we have nominated Elise and Patrick.

"They already have a good understanding of what the position entails, as ambassadors must be active participants in the Gold or Silver programme, and have undertaken training sessions designed to help them fulfil that role.

"It's an excellent initiative for Patrick and Elise to be involved in. The help they provide will prove invaluable to other award participants and they will also be advancing their own award goals by ticking off scheme requirements like volunteering, developing management and leadership skills, content creation and event planning."

Ashley Williams, Operations Officer for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Telford & Wrekin, and Shropshire, said: "Patrick and Elise were amazing at our training event. They were full of enthusiasm, quick to build rapport and very knowledgeable about the DofE. They make a great team and I have no doubt that they will do a brilliant job as ambassadors."

**For more information on the co-curricular programme at Ellesmere College, Shropshire, please visit: DofE Ambassador.**

**More details on the DofE Awards are available at: [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org).**



# House Plays

## 'Blackadder'



## Middle School: 'Demon Headmaster'







# Charlie Adlard Visits the New 'Adlard Studio'

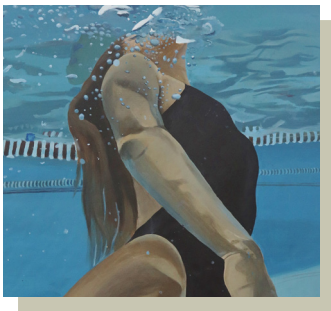
Charlie Adlard, the internationally renowned artist for 'The Walking Dead' and former Comic Laureate, came to visit the newly completed Adlard Studio and to dedicate the official sign for the studio.



Charlie has generously funded an A-Level or International Baccalaureate Art scholarship at Ellesmere for the duration of the two year course.

"I'm incredibly proud to be sponsoring the Adlard Art Scholarship at a school where art is more than just an extra-curricular activity – it really matters here," he said. "I've been involved in Art as Education more in the last few years and I hope, in some small way, my contribution will help someone achieve their dreams, just like I did."

The Adlard Art Scholar will be based at the Adlard Studio, a new studio funded by Mr Adlard which will give a higher platform to showcase some of the excellent art work created by students there.



## 'Fantasia' – A Technicolour Concert!

Fantasia, a charity concert held at Ellesmere College in aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK and the Peter Messenger Memorial Fund, was a fantastic evening of musical entertainment which featured songs both old and new which were performed by our Lower School Choir (accompanied by special guests Prestfelde School Choir), Chamber Choir, Chapel Choir, Choral Society, and featured fantastic individual performances from current and former Ellesmere College students. The Chapel Choir sang a touching tribute to Graham Mullock, a victim of pancreatic cancer, with a performance of his favourite song; 'You'll Never Walk Alone' conducted by his father, Mr David Mullock.





# Director of Rugby Helps Break World Record

On Sunday 20 October, at the Oswestry Show Ground, 1,217 young rugby players from clubs across Shropshire and beyond broke the World Record for the largest rugby union coaching session led by Ellesmere College Director of Rugby and former Wales rugby player, Alex Murphy.



**Alex Murphy leads the record breaking training session!**

Image courtesy of Oswestry Advertizer

Previously the World Record was held by Tokai University Rugby Football Club in Japan, with 602 participants in a training lesson.

The event was organised by Warren Howell of Oswestry Rugby Club in aid of the charity 'The Movement Centre' which supports children with movement disabilities based at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen.

Alex, along with members of the College Rugby Academy team, said he was confident of their success: "We've got good connections with Oswestry Rugby Club, so when Warren got in touch about the world record attempt we were happy to support them. I've never been involved in a World Record attempt before. The brief was to keep it short and to the point, so we'll be putting on a fun session. The only problem we have is there isn't a lot of room for them, but I'm pretty sure we can break the record and it is great to be supporting something like this."

Kai Owen, a Shropshire-born England rugby player, also made a special appearance on the day to support the attempt: "This is really good," he said. "It's exciting to see all the kids who are looking forward to it."

Curtis Langley from The Movement Centre said: "I just want everyone to go for it, take part for the full half hour and you'll be World Record holders!"

The clubs that took part included: Oswestry, Whitchurch, Shrewsbury, Chester, Wrexham, Newport, Bridgnorth and Telford.

Volunteers for The Movement Centre were on hand during the day to collect donations from participants and spectators, and were helped by members of Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club who marshalled the gathering.

Earlier in the morning, the players had taken part in Oswestry Rugby Club's Rugby Minis Festival.

**Congratulations to all who took part – you're all World Record Breakers!**



**The Ellesmere College Rugby 1st XV during their Summer Canada Tour.**





# Tennis Academy student in Winning Welsh Team

Aditi Chezhan, a Year 10 student at Ellesmere College, has helped Team Wales retain the Junior Home Nations Tennis Championship title – the first time Wales has successfully defended the title in the competition's history.



Aditi took the massive step up from the U14 age category last year to compete in the U18 group at this year's event – even though she is still only 14 years old. She played and won her match against a player who was much older and stronger, and who was ranked in the top 20 in the country.

She was congratulated by the Welsh National Coach who said that she is the most improved player this year, and she was chosen for her steady performance – especially with her reaching the semi-finals of the 16s and 18s at the Scottish Junior Open Nationals this summer.

Aditi's win combined with the rest of the performance by Team Wales, led to them winning the U18 and U12 age groups and came third at U14 which meant an overall win.

The Junior Home Nations 2019 tournament was held over three action-packed days at Wrexham Tennis Centre in September, with Team Wales battling it out with England, Scotland and last year's hosts, Ireland.

Aditi moved to Ellesmere College from St Gerrard's School, Bangor, more than a year ago to concentrate on her tennis and is the first Ellesmere College student to gain a Tennis Europe ranking.

Stephen Welti, Senior Performance Coach and Director of Tennis at Ellesmere College Tennis Academy, said:

"Aditi continues to make impressive progress, her selection to play for the U18 team was a tribute to all her dedication and hard work. She played for the U14 team at last year's event when she was 13 and to step up to play at U18 is a tremendous leap. It shouldn't be underestimated. It's a whole different deal going from playing against players of your own age or younger to being the youngest and possibly having to compete against players three years your senior. It's massive at that age. It was a wonderful weekend of tennis and it was amazing to see all the competitors across the three age groups performing to such a high standard. Aditi played extremely well, was part of the successful U18 team and the overall winners – an impressive landmark for Welsh junior tennis as they became the first Welsh team to retain the Junior Home Nations title."

Aditi, along with other talented tennis players at the College, are reaping the benefits of the school's top class facilities, and bespoke training and coaching programmes which are enhancing their playing skills, confidence and mental strength while also ensuring they remain focused on their academic studies."

**For more information on tennis at Ellesmere College, please visit: [Ellesmere College Tennis Academy](#).**



## Golf – Dylan Jones & Claudia Hastings

Dylan Jones and Claudia Hastings (Year 12) have both made it through to the Junior European Golf Championships in Spain and will each be battling it out on the course over the next week.

The Junior European Open, first staged in 1993 and now in its 27th year, is widely considered as the toughest test in junior golf across Europe and after fighting their way through the regional rounds, both Dylan and Claudia are excited to be playing in the finals.





## Conservation in the Carribbean: Students Support Marine Project

Earlier this summer, 16 Ellesmere College students travelled to Belize in the Caribbean to work alongside marine biologists in a unique study of the lionfish population, as well as underwater surveys, studying other aquatic species and supporting the scientists on the island.



The project is based on a remote island off the Belize coastline and Ellesmere College is the only British school to have visited it with the students working alongside the scientists gaining first-hand experience in the practices of marine biology – measuring data on the fluctuation of marine species including coral and fish, including the management of the lionfish population. The students also studied bird populations in the mangroves and were also lucky enough to see dolphins,

lobsters, rays, sharks, and even the elusive manatee.

Unfortunately, the shocking effects of plastic pollution on the Caribbean coastline were also witnessed first-hand by the students who spent part of each day cleaning parts of the beach of plastic and other waste – a very real lesson in how severe the environmental impact of plastic which encouraged the students to discuss the pollution and reducing plastic use at home.



## Himalayan Adventure: Charity School Project

Two Ellesmere College students spent their summer supporting a charity project in India building classrooms as part of a team of international volunteers.



Alex Selby and Sarala Chatterjee, Year 13, travelled to the Lamdon Model School in Ladakh, Kashmir; Northern India, where they volunteered for a service project as well as completing a five-day trekking expedition across the Ladakh Himalayas.

Hosted by The Scindia School, in Gwalior, India, for the fourth year running, the project invites volunteers from other schools across India plus one UK school – Ellesmere College – to support the Lamdon Model School with the building of additional facilities to expand the school's infrastructure. Each year, approximately 35 students and adults volunteer to help the project; two dormitories have already been built as a result of Scindia's dedicated efforts.

Following the completion of the project at the school, the team then embarked on their challenging five day trek through the Himalayas accompanied by team members from The Scindia School where they encountered stunning scenery and wildlife – including some curious mountain goats!



# Gulwali Passarlay: My Journey as an Afghan Refugee

Gulwali Passarlay, the internationally renowned author of 'The Lightless Sky', opened the hearts and minds of Ellesmere College Year 8 Geography students and deepened their understanding of the plight and resilience of young refugees with an inspiring talk during his visit to the College as part of the Survive & Thrive programme.



Gulwali Passarlay, an Afghan political refugee, came to the UK in 2007 after undertaking an incredible journey where he travelled a total of 7,150 miles through 10 different countries in order to reach safety and escape a war-torn Afghanistan. Travelling by foot, car, horse, boat, train and as a stowaway on a lorry he completed his journey in late November 2007 where he claimed political asylum and was reunited with his brother in Bolton.

The talk was truly eye-opening for students, and some fantastic questions were asked regarding Gulwali's emotions during the experience and how he was able to remain hopeful.

He concluded his talk by explaining how he hopes to end the negative stigma associated with refugees and asylum seekers and encouraged students to be kind and never to pass judgement as ultimately, you never know what somebody has been through.

Since settling in the UK, Gulwali has done an enormous amount for his local community in Bolton and was one of 8,000 torch-bearers (and arguably, the first Afghan) to carry the Olympic Torch in 2012.

## Restless Earth Workshop

As part of our exploration of the wider world in Geography and the impact we have on the landscape of countries and oceans, our Year 9 students took part in a 'Restless Earth Workshop' – a disaster relief-mapping Workshop, looking specifically at the Japanese earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster of 2011.

Students worked in teams and focused on cartographic practices and the geographical impact of the two disasters, as well as the humanitarian impact.





# Remembrance Service and Old Ellesmerian Lunch



On Sunday 10th November the Chapel was filled with Old Ellesmerians, staff and students, who gathered at the College to remember those who lost their lives in the two World Wars, and subsequent conflicts.

In a very moving service, the names of the many Old Ellesmerians who lost their lives serving their countries were read out to the congregation. Sixth Form student, Amber Coxill, played the Last Post before a two minute silence which was followed by the Reveille.

The Ellesmerian Club Chairman, Peter Leake, laid a wreath at the Memorial Wall along with CCF Contingent Commander, Martin Clewlow and Head Boy and Girl, Will Davies and Charlie-Anne Williams.

The service was followed by a three course lunch and a tour of the College – kindly delivered by the College Archivist, Paul Russell.



# OE Leavers Gift Lights up Cloisters



We are delighted to present the recent addition to the Cloisters corridor. The installation of oak framed windows and stained glass art have been long anticipated, and were designed by local artist, Stephanie Brown.

The windows were generously funded by the Leavers of 2016, 2017 and 2018 as part of the Leavers' Gift initiative that has funded several pieces of sculpture that you can see in a variety of locations around the College.

These have been installed to provide a lasting memory to the students who attended Ellesmere.

A generous donation was also received from The Ellesmerian Club towards the cost of the windows.





# OE Stephen Bannister – Run for 30



When Old Ellesmerian and ex-Royal Marine, Stephen Bannister (Meynell 2006), turned 30 in September 2018, he set himself the gruelling challenge of raising £30k for the Armed Forces charity Help for Heroes.

He set up a campaign called Run for 30, where he pledged to enter 30 endurance events over a period of 12 months, a minimum of two events a month, with the aim of raising £30k for his chosen charity. The events included a series of half marathons, marathons, mud runs and even an Ironman triathlon in Sweden.

On 13th October, 2019, Stephen completed his 30th event, running the Manchester half marathon, completing

his challenge. A celebratory dinner was held at Rudding Park where Stephen announced that he had exceeded his target.

"We have done it! Donations are still coming in but the total currently stands at a huge £34,800 for Help for Heroes," he said. "I would like to say thank you to everyone who has shown their support and belief in me and the campaign this past 13 months. This month I will be visiting Phoenix House, Catterick, to present a cheque for the final amount.

Stephen will be starting a new campaign in 2020 called Run for Heroes – watch this space!

## Lower School 20th Anniversary



The 20th anniversary of the Lower School at Ellesmere College was celebrated this week with a special tea and a letter of congratulations from the Princess Royal.

Princess Anne, accompanied by Algernon Heber-Percy, the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, officially opened Lower School 20 years ago and the 20 year anniversary letter from the her was given pride of place at the celebrations.

The afternoon tea on Friday 15 November included former Lower School Heads, present pupils, their teachers and guests, with music for the occasion provided by the Lower School Orchestra.

A junior section has been in place at the College for more than 50 years, but it was not until 1999 that a dedicated building and play area was created on the same site as the Senior School for students aged 7-13.

Sharon Owen, Head of Lower School, said: "It was a memorable celebration to mark our 20th anniversary. It was lovely to see so many people there; the tea was amazing, enjoyed by all and everyone wanted a look at the letter from the Princess Royal.

"The College has seen a number of innovative developments over the years in Lower School, which play an integral role in the life of the College – it is a launchpad for pupils to successfully take the next steps on their all-important academic, artistic and sporting educational journey which ultimately sets them up for life after school."

**For more information on the Lower School at Ellesmere College please visit:**

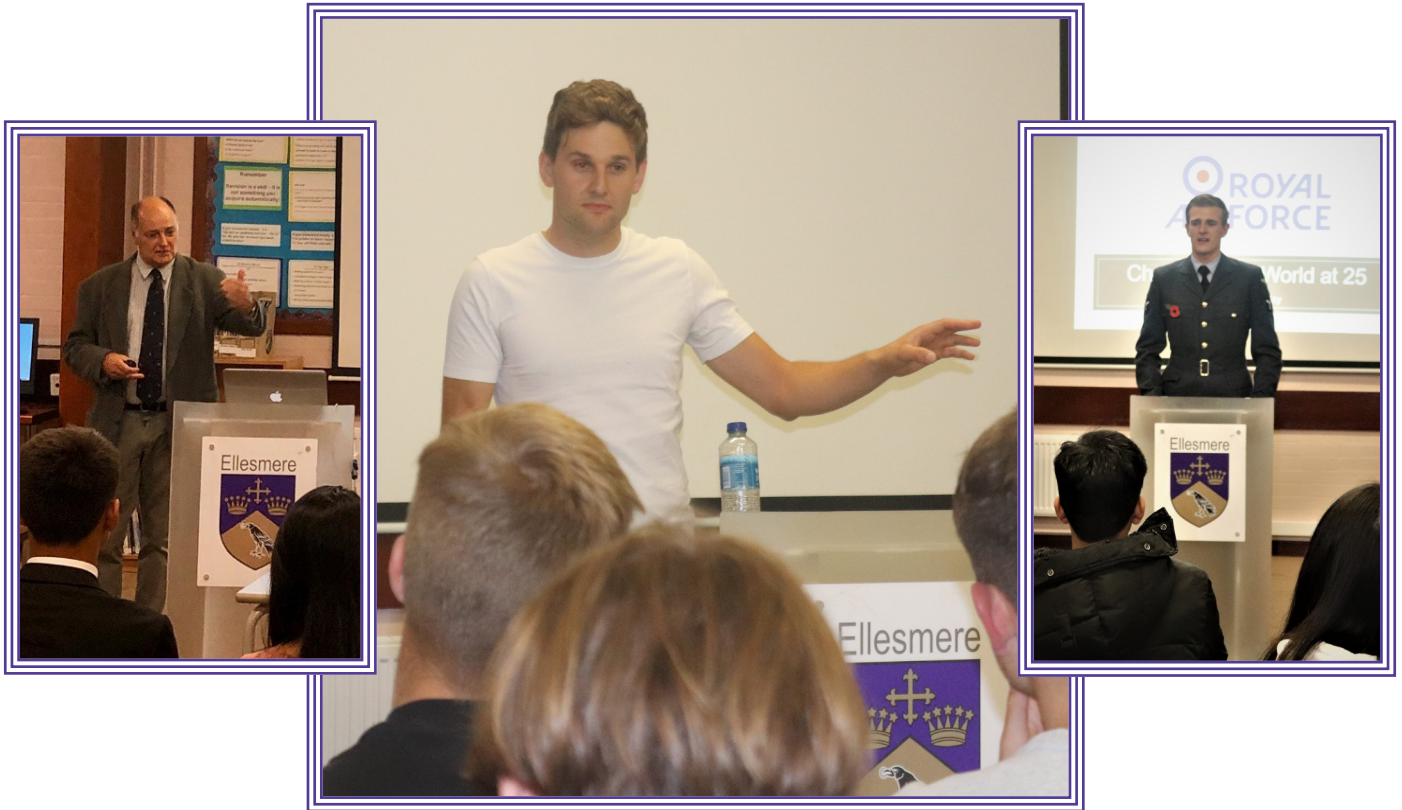
**Ellesmere Lower School**



# The EDGE Lecture Series



The EDGE career talks got off to a flying start this term when Alex Lovén (Wakeman-Lambart 2004), founder and CEO of Net World Sports, came to Ellesmere to speak to students about his experiences creating and running a global business. Alex delivered a most inspirational and thought-provoking talk, giving students an insight into the key elements of a business.



Our next speaker was President of the OE Club, Dr Robert Russell (Talbot 1974). Robert discussed the effectiveness of positive mindset and setting goals. Students were given sheets where they jotted down their goals and, with Robert's help, mapped out the steps needed to achieve them.

Our final speaker of the term was SAC Ryan Morley (Wakeman-Lambart 2012). Ryan works as an Intelligence Analyst for the RAF. Through the last 5 years Ryan has found himself in the middle of key world events.

He talked about his experiences and how, despite often being the youngest person in the room, he has influenced the decisions of key decision makers, including the Prime Minister.

Designed as just one element of Ellesmere's Leadership and Entrepreneurship Programme, The Edge Lectures are designed to give our students a helping hand when entering the world of university and work. By connecting to the 5000 Old Ellesmerians worldwide, the younger

generation can gain from their expertise and experience, creating mentoring and work experience opportunities in many professional fields.

Offered to all Sixth Form and Year 11 students, The EDGE takes place on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm – a 45 minute lecture including a 20-30 minute presentation, with an opportunity to ask questions of the speaker.

The programme has proven to be very successful since it started in 2012. Students have had the opportunity to see and speak to OE's and parents of many professions including an Oscar winning Film Editor, a Barrister and QC, a Royal Marine, the MD of Citibank London and many more.

**If you would be interested in attending a lecture or might be keen to offer a talk on your career or business, please contact Olivia Beckett:**  
[olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com](mailto:olivia.beckett@ellesmere.com) / 01691 626541.



Arts Programme



**Artsmark  
Platinum Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

# What's on...

## Lent Term Events

Little Shop of Horrors –  
Senior School Production,  
Arts Centre  
Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th January  
2020, 7pm

Midwinter Concert,  
Big School  
Saturday 1st February 2020, 7:30pm

Entrance Exams (Yrs 6-9)  
Saturday 1st February 2020

Open Day  
Saturday 7th March 2020, 1pm-4pm



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