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In the News...

What everyone has been talking about...





Lower School pupils in Years 3-5 had an 'egg-stra' special Easter treat with an Easter Egg Hunt around Lower School!

#LifeAtEllesmere #EasterEggHunt #Kindness #LowerSchool #PrepSchool

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Year 7 were making connections between in-classroom learning and actual volcanic structures – exciting eruption from the Year 7's!

#Geography #GeographyAtEllesmere #LifeReady #HPL High Performance Learning

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Our Cricket Academy players loved the look of the new Cricket Academy kit for the launch of the Player Pathway Success programme for Summer.

#Cricket #CricketAcademy #BoysCricket #PlayerPathway #GirlsCricket

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The Ellesmere College Equestrian Team were jumping for joy with fantastic results across a number of NSEA events in the Spring both as individuals and as a team!

#EquestrianTeam #LifeAtEllesmere #Showjumping #LifeReady #Hickstead #NSEA

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Our A Level drama students were developing their physical performance and technical theatre skills in rehearsals for 'Metamorphosis'

#DramaAtEllesmere #Drama #TheArts #ALevelDrama #TechnicalTheatre #LifeAtEllesmere

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Wartime Stories: Rob The Paradog



Our Yr 6 pupils took a step back in time when they visited Ellesmere Library to hear all about a local war hero – Rob the Paradog!

Rob the Paradog was born and brought up on a farm near Ellesmere and served in WW2 – saving the lives of soldiers and civilians and undertaking countless parachute jumps with the SAS regiment. Rob was also one of the few animals who served in the war to receive a Dickin Medal – the animal equivalent to the Victoria Cross - and had a book written about him by local author Dorothy Nicolle. Rob's owner, Basil Bayne, chatted to the children about life during the war, how brave Rob was and the part he played in helping the war effort.

The students loved hearing about Rob's story – Dan said, "It's interesting how it is not just humans that can save lives." Eva commented, "I love the idea of a dog parachuting out of the plane," and Nat agreed, saying, "It was very interesting learning about the different animals that won the Dickin Medal."



Philosophy: Is it all in the mind?



A group of Sixth Formers took part in a 10 week course offered by the Royal Institute of Philosophy as part of the Philosophy in Schools Project.

We invited guest lecturer Harry Drummond, from Liverpool University, who took the students through an engaging series of topics over the 10 week course designed to test and challenge their intuition about ethics, aesthetics, knowledge, and the mind!

They covered some fascinating topics including: Idealism vs Realism, Existentialism, The Mind-Body Problem, Ethics and Phenomenology – which all the students enjoyed discussing and debating with each other. We look forward to welcoming Harry back again next Spring!

Hooray for House Dinners!

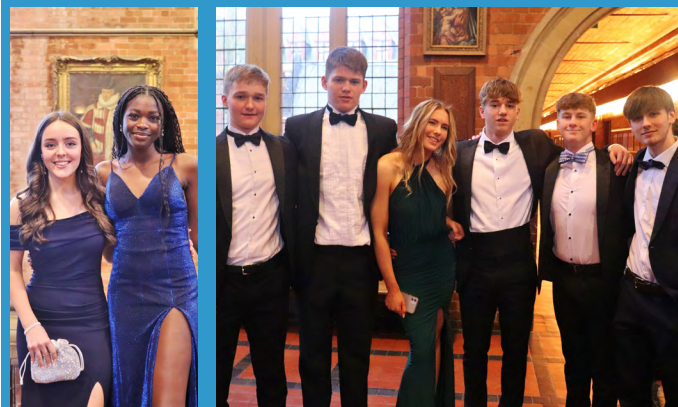
A glamorous evening to celebrate Senior School Houses!



Meynell



Talbot



Wakeman-Lambert



Woodard

Holocaust Memorial Day

As part of our preparations for Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27th 2022, two of our Sixth Form historians - Tabitha and Carmen - had the privilege of interviewing Ms Leisel Carter - a survivor of the Holocaust and who, at aged just 4, travelled alone across Europe to the UK to escape Nazism. The Sixth Formers connected with Leisel over video call and listened to her harrowing story as well as asking her questions about her life - pre, during and post-Holocaust.

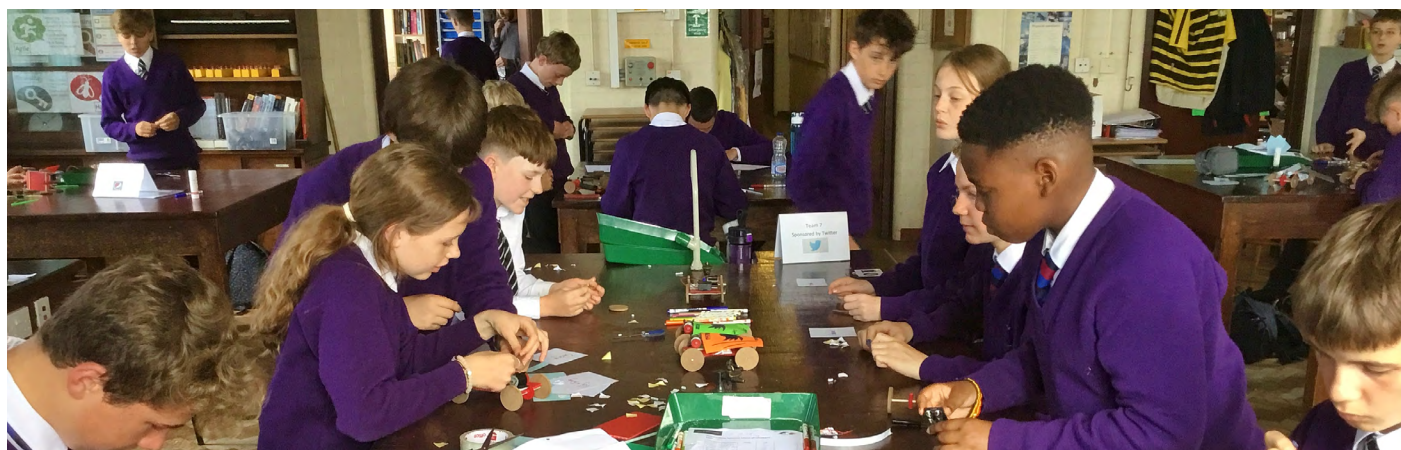
The interview was then used as part of a Yr 12 Historians workshop on the day, and to produce and present several age-appropriate assemblies for the rest of the Ellesmere College students.

All the students were fascinated by the stories Leisel shared and the information about the Holocaust the Yr 12 students presented, and were encouraged to reflect on and appreciate the differences and hardships of life then and now.

For more visit: [Leisel's Story: Escape Through Norway](#)



Igniting Imaginations with STEM Challenges



What better way to ignite our students imaginations, drive their teamwork, and develop their problem solving skills than with fun and fast paced STEM and IET Faraday challenges!

Both Year 8 and Year 9 students took two very different challenges at the end of last term but both were designed to get their teamwork and problem solving hats on!

STEM days at the school are designed to put the emphasis on students working as a self-directed and motivated team, navigating beyond their comfort zones and being challenged to explore their own solutions to a variety of real world challenges - aerospace, transport, space travel, etc.

Judging from each of the teams presentations and demonstrations we think they should be very proud of their achievements - don't you?





Students from Shropshire impress at international conference



The Spring High Performance Learning (HPL) Conference held at Warwick University saw five Ellesmere College students invited to speak to discuss their experiences and what the HPL framework means to them.

Ellesmere College is one of only 39 schools worldwide to have been awarded HPL World Class School Accreditation which demonstrates the commitment the school has to the framework - building students cognitive competences and achieving academic and lifetime success through a flexible learning framework. Daniel Bottom, Head of English and one of the HPL mentors at the school, said: "We were delighted to be invited to talk at the conference and the students were superb.

"We spoke about how HPL aligns with Ellesmere College's philosophy that the purpose of education is to make students 'Life Ready' so they can leave us fully prepared as they move on to their bright futures.

"Then the students stole the show - they showcased mardi gras flags made in response to 'A Streetcar Named Desire', drawings to convey understanding of 'An Inspector Calls' and 'Macbeth', a piece of flash-fiction written by students, bookmarks, CD covers, artwork and a 'big picture' drawing tracking the plot of a studied piece.

As part of the conference, Year nine student Bella Spencer-Blow, Ethan Oliver of Year 10, and Year 12 students Dylan Cunningham, Iris Grigoros and Davit Chankseliani took part in a roundtable discussion with the HPL founder Dr Deborah Eyre.

Iris Grigoros said: "I came from a Romanian school that did not implement such a system and I have noticed a large difference in how I approach my studies; HPL has allowed me to be far more creative during my lessons and work together with my classmates to better understand the material we are studying.

Davit Chankseliani, from Tbilisi, added: "Being able to provide my input was a rewarding experience. I felt that as a student, my voice and opinion truly mattered. In addition, I think that the discussion that followed our speeches was productive.

"I realised that HPL gives me and other students the opportunity to aim high, improve and be creative, without having negative side effects on our knowledge."

Bella Spencer-Blow, from Ellesmere, said: "I really enjoyed the conference, I was surprised by how interested and supportive the academic leaders, from many different countries, were."

For more information visit: [HPL at Ellesmere College](#)



Broadening Horizons with the CCF



As part of the leadership development of the Senior CCF Cadets at school, they work with the new recruits in Year 9 during a series of 'taster' sessions to see which Combined Cadet Force they would like to join as they move through Senior School.

The Army contingent tried their hand at bush craft skills – making fires and ropes from nettles – working in small teams to gather firewood and making shelters in the woodland area.

In true RAF style, they took to the skies – not literally! – but with the Royal Air Force Air Cadets VR system – so each cadet could experience flying in a jet fighter simulation and close combat flying!

Down on Whitemere in Ellesmere, where the Navy cadets regularly sail, the new cadets had some training on sailing and water safety from the Senior Cadets.

The broad range of activities the College continues to offer students at all ages the opportunity to develop confidence, leadership, resilience, determination and teamwork - all key skills to ensure they are 'Life Ready' for the next phase of their personal and academic journey.

For more visit: [The CCF at Ellesmere College](#)



Army Cadets Practicing Survival Skills



RAF Cadets using the VR Simulator



CCF Awards: – Senior and Long Service Awards Presentation

The Annual Presentations were made to the Senior CCF Cadets and Long Service Cadets for the Army, Navy and RAF contingents in the Arts Centre by Col. Martin Clewlow.



Look Out Wildcats! It's High School Musical!

Look out Wildcats!! Ellesmere College students were once again back on stage - singing, dancing and acting their way through the long awaited school production of 'High School Musical Jnr'!

Following a couple of years pause on live performances, the students stepped up (as well as dancing and singing!) and took on the challenge of life at East High with Troy, Gabriella and Sharpay!

Combining the efforts of all year groups, students and teachers worked together to create a fantastic and fun evening of entertainment with all the highs and lows from the popular musical!

For more visit: [The Arts at Ellesmere](#)



Lent Music Concert



What a wonderful evening of music at the Lent Music Concert as our choirs and ensembles sang and played through a fantastic repertoire of songs and musical inspired pieces!

Standing ovations from a packed Big School audience rounded off a fabulous night!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event - our first concert for over 2 years! - and to those who performed and gave their time to ensure the concert was a huge success!

Lower School Tea Time Concert

Wonderful to see our Lower School Tea Time Concerts back up and running again with performances from both singers and instrumentalists demonstrating confidence and determination – and some exceptional talent – as they took to the 'stage' and sang and played some wonderful pieces to the audience!

Well done everyone - a truly 'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' performance!





Oswestry Youth Music Festival hits all the right notes!

It was another exceptional outing for current and former Ellesmere College students as they turned in solid performances at the Oswestry Youth Music Festival 2022 - competing in 34 of the 74 classes, winning 19 and achieving 59 out of 84 1st, 2nd or 3rd places.

The College traditionally performs particularly well in the Vocal classes and this year won the 12 and Under, 15 and Under, and 18 and Under classes as well as the 16 and Under, and 21 and Under Youth Choir classes with the Lower School Choir and Chapel Choir. Students from across all age ranges did particularly well in both the vocal and instrumental classes, as well as the ensembles and choirs, with the Old Ellesmerians picking up a number of first places too.

Singers Charlie Wood and Huw Lloyd took first and second place in the 18 and Under class with Lewis Reardon and Amy Storey-Gibbons taking joint third place.

In the 15 and Under class, Noah Fisher gained first place with 'Your Song' by Elton John and Duarte Gomez came in third when he became the first rapper in the Festival's history. Isobel Philbin won both the Own Choice and Musical Theatre 12&U classes with 'You Raise Me Up' and 'On My Own', respectively.

In the 18 and Under class Musical Theatre, Old Ellesmerian Kizzy Lumley-Edwards took first place with Jakob Fradley taking 1st place in the 21&U class and then going on to win the Oswestry Town Council Cup with a brilliant performance of 'The Green Eyed Dragon'.

The Lower School Choir performed with huge energy as they sang 'The Bare Necessities' and 'I'm a Believer', and the Chapel Choir's performance of 'Mr Blue Sky' was electrifying, ensuring wins for both choirs.

Likewise when the Ellesmere College students picked up their instruments, they also impressed in the various brass, strings and drums classes.

The Lower School Band brought the Festival to life with their performance of 'Shake It Off' by Taylor Swift and the Senior Orchestra performed a medley from Les Miserables, both securing wins in their classes.

Ellesmere College Director of Music Tony Coupe said: "Ellesmere has performed outstandingly well at this year's Oswestry Youth Music Festival, achieving a very high level of first, second and third places at individual level as well as unforgettable performances from our ensembles.

"We competed in 34 classes and achieved first place in 19. In Sunday's final, I was very proud that 6 of the 14 finalists were from Ellesmere. We achieved a fantastic set of results from a very strong field and I am proud of each and every one of our participants.

"It has been a delight to hear live music once again and my thanks go to Sue Turner and the stewards for organising the Festival."

For a full report and list of results visit: [Ellesmere College OYMF 2022](#)



Lower school Cross Country

Lower School students all put on a wonderful display of determination, resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship as they took on the challenge of the Lower School House Cross Country!

Always a fun afternoon, the pupils were lucky to have clear weather for each of their runs by Year group, and enjoyed hot chocolate & cookies to finish as they cheered the runners on!

Well done to everyone who ran and supported the Houses!



Golf Academy Goes from Strength to Strength

Ellesmere College Golf Academy is enjoying continued success with its latest win at a national golf event - the first to do so since the school's Golf Academy was launched and ranking the school fourth in England for golf.

18-year-old student and Golf Academy player Jonjo Ashbrook, beat off tough competition to win the individual event at the Independent Schools Golf Tournament National final in Ayr, Scotland - with his twin brother Charlie coming third.

In addition, the Ellesmere College Golf Academy Team came an impressive third overall, with 17-year-old Marcus Wildblood and Charlie Boys, 15, competing with the twins.

Head of the Golf Academy, PGA Advanced Professional Robert Ashbrook, said these huge successes show the strength and depth of the Golf Academy at Ellesmere and how it is building each year.

He said: "We were up against all the schools that have golf academies or play golf from around Great Britain so it was a great achievement to finish a very impressive third in the team competition but also to have the winner and bronze medal places in the individual event. It is a proud moment for the school - I believe this is the first time one of our academy has won a National event and this will help us gain momentum for the future. Over the past few years the Academy has gone from strength to strength - with the help of impressive facilities such as the indoor SkyTrak Golf Simulator and 9 hole CONGU rated golf course - and are building on each success with a lot of interest from new pupils each year.



We have introduced new disciplines, a player development pathway and compete in as many events on as many different golf courses as we can. Of course, we give equal weighting to academia too, so the students get the best of both worlds."

The team qualified for the three-day competition at Dundonald Links by winning at Preston Golf Club and then winning again at the English final at Carden Park, Cheshire. Charlie also won the Shropshire & Herefordshire Youth Championship at Llanymynech Golf Club by one shot; the school hosted a Shropshire and Herefordshire girls competition, and last year one leg of the European Junior Tour was held at the school. Some Golf Academy members are also part of the Regional Development England Squad.

For more visit: [Ellesmere College Golf Academy](#)



Hockey Success: Home & Away!

It's been another successful - and busy - year for the High Performance Hockey Programme with successes for both girls and boys and mixed teams through the season.

In January the U18 Boys Hockey Team became County Champions – playing valiantly and resiliently through a series of tough pool games to winning the title. U18 Girls made steady progress in the early stages of the National Cup, and the Senior Mixed Hockey teams also saw success as they lifted the cup in the Wolverhampton Grammar School Mixed 7-a-side tournament.

More great news for OE Alanah O'Brein who once again represented the Welsh Ladies Team in goal and two younger students represented in the UK Lions Teams on the U14 Tour of Holland. Finn and Isabella – both Yr 9 – played a series of rounds against some challenging international sides with Finn's UK U14 Boys team lifting the final trophy and Isabella's U14 Girls team coming second overall. Finn scored an amazing 18 goals out of the total of 19 that were scored during the weekend.

For more visit: [Ellesmere College High Performance Hockey Programme](#)



Ellesmere Swimmers Making Waves Around the Globe!

The Ellesmere College Swimming Academy has been making waves around the globe and celebrating some outstanding results for its swimmers who have been competing in key international events from the beginning of the season.

Two of the team who were selected to swim for the European Juniors in Romania - Andrew B and George S who are both in Yr 13, competed in Romania in early July. Isaac D was also revealed to be one of the Academy Swimmers competing in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games at the brand new Sandwell Aquatics Centre! Key events were also being attended in the British Swimming Championships and Derventio Open meet which the Edinburgh International Open Meet, ESSA National Championships and the Stockport Metro Spring Meet. These act as pivotal meets as the long-course season is now well under way, making the all-important adjustments after a successful short-course season.

A select group of Academy Swimmers were also chosen to take part in the DISE 2 year course which is tailored to the athletes and their respective disciplines, offering them the key knowledge and skills necessary in order to become a high-performance international athlete combined with their academic journeys. We wish them well with their studies and competing!

For more visit: [Ellesmere College Swimming Academy](#)



Support for Ukraine Refugees

In response to the crisis in Ukraine, Sixth Former Alex N took time out from his A Level schedule to raise awareness and collect donations from within school to take to a local distribution centre in Dawley Baptist Church in Telford.

Having downloaded the vital supplies list for refugees from the British Red Cross, he was overwhelmed with the response from students, staff and parents in such a short time.

Well done to Alex and thank you to everyone who donated these essential items to help support the refugees during the Ukrainian crisis.



Bits Missing: Epic Swim for Teenage Cancer Trust

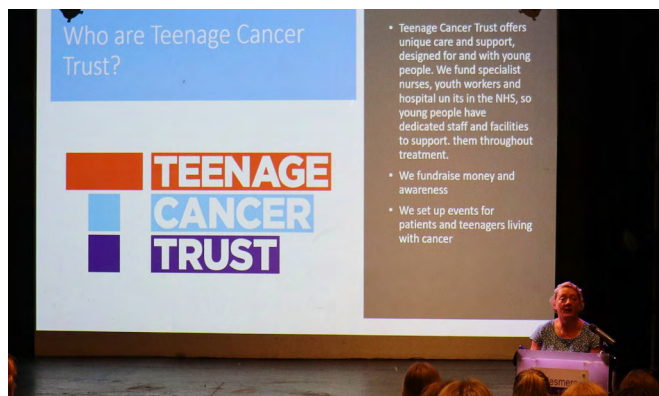
In late May, Dr. Mary Self visited the school to talk to the Sixth Form students and staff in the Arts Centre about her epic swim challenge in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT).



Mary was diagnosed with an aggressive form of bone cancer when she was 17 and in her Upper Sixth Form in 1983 - the result of which was a mid-thigh amputation and months of gruelling chemotherapy at Christie's Hospital. During this treatment she still elected to take her A Levels and achieved three As, going on to study Medicine at Liverpool University. She is now a psychiatrist and is in charge of all psychiatric and mental health services for South Wales.

A keen supporter of the Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT) for the past 40 years, Mary has been involved with the charity as both a fundraiser and spokesperson and her latest endeavour to raise funds for the TCT is to swim the North Channel in a relay team! This June she will swim the North Channel - a treacherous stretch of open water that passes from Donaghadee in Northern Ireland to Portpatrick in Scotland - a total of 21 miles direct, but with the current, swimmers can clock up to 40 miles. She will swim in a relay team with four other amputees, under the team banner of "Bits Missing" in order to raise money for the TCT.

Mary explained where she found her passion for swimming, "After my operation I was encouraged to swim by my father and since then have always loved open water swimming. I got together with a team of like-minded amputees to undertake this challenge in a very cold, rough and jellyfish infested stretch of water, along with the odd passing ship. The crossing has never been completed by a full para team before, so it's a first too!"



Col. Martin Clewlow and Dr. Mary Self

Ellesmere College students in St Luke's boarding house are also supporting Mary through their "Think Pink" initiative and have already raised over £500 for the TCT.

To donate via the Just Giving page please visit: [Bits Missing North Channel Swim](#)



Creating a legacy for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In June of this year, Ellesmere College marked the Platinum Jubilee with the planting of over 70 trees in the grounds as part of the creation of a canopy of trees all over the UK.

The school now boasts an additional 41 different species of trees in their stunning grounds including fruit trees, hedging trees, a *Cornus controversa* - known as a wedding cake tree - a Giant Redwood, Himalayan Cedar, Monkey Puzzle, Swamp Cypress, Tulip Tree and many more.

Lewis Reardon, a Year 12 pupil at Ellesmere College, also decided to buy a tree and plant it as part of his Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), an A Level additional project. His evergreen Oak stands between Lower School and the Tennis Academy Centre.



Mike McCarthy, Director of Operations at the school, said: "This has been a great project for the school. Ever since I have been here we have had an ongoing project to plant new species so this national scheme for the Queen's Jubilee was a brilliant occasion to be part of and make the most of the site. There has been educational value to it, environmental benefits, sustainability for future generations to enjoy and of course CO2 benefits of having more trees on site. We have plenty of room on site so we won't stop here."

Some trees were from the Woodlands Trust, some donated by Old Ellesmerians and the Ellesmere College Parents Society, but most were provided by the school itself.

Celebrations for Chinese New Year!



恭喜发财 (gong xǐ fa cái) to all our students, parents and staff who celebrated Chinese New Year and to welcome in the Year of the Tiger!

Our students enjoyed celebrating the New Year with a traditional dumpling or 'jiaozi' making afternoon and hand-made decorations with the help of Lucy Ding our Chinese tutor. Lucy invites members of staff and the student community – including all those who take Chinese lessons in school with her – to make the dumplings which are made into the traditional shape of an ancient Chinese gold ingot and are a symbol of wealth for the forthcoming year.

It's a wonderful experience for our students to share and discover more about other cultures at school! Red envelopes and coins are also distributed for good luck!



Ellesmere College Celebrates Gold Duke Of Edinburgh Awards at Buckingham Palace

A group of past and present students from Ellesmere College attended Buckingham Palace on Friday 20th May 2022 to receive their gold Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) awards.

Fifteen current and former students were among the 10,000 DofE Gold Award holders hosted over two days in the beautiful Buckingham Palace Gardens for inspirational speeches and fun activities.

The Gold Award Celebration at the Palace was hosted by His Royal Highness, The Earl of Wessex and Forfar (Prince Edward) and many other well-known Olympians, celebrities, adventurers and inspirational speakers were there to share their own stories regarding careers, life goals and extreme physical endurance challenges that they have faced and overcome.

Due to the impact of the pandemic, this celebration event has been postponed a number of times, but it was great to see it finally return and an opportunity for our most recent leavers and pupils to come together and celebrate their DofE Gold success, 2 – 3 years after they completed the award.

The weather tried its best in parts to affect the day, but those DofE pupils have been through far worse weather on their expedition trails and didn't allow it to dampen their enthusiasm for this day of celebration.





Those collecting their awards included: **Sarala Chatterjee, Verity Buglass, Charlie Munro, Will Davies, Charlie-Ann Williams, William Mullock, Emily Rose Coupe, Josie Evans, Henriette Czech, Dan Samarji, Tom Keay, Matthew Manton and Philippa Bowers.**

Ellesmere College is the largest single contributor in Shropshire to the DofE scheme as every student has the opportunity to go through it as part of their co-curricular activities - directly or via the CCF (Combined Cadet Force) - Army, Navy or RAF, to encourage the development of key life skills, leadership, team building, confidence and independence.

Since it was launched, about six million people have taken part in the DofE scheme and nearly three million awards have been presented. The scheme was launched by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1956 and has grown to the point today where it is taken up by more than 10,000 institutions nationally each year, including schools, prisons and youth clubs. It enjoys the support of more than 3,000 partner organisations and some 40,000 adult volunteers.

Jim Underhill, Gold Duke of Edinburgh Leader at Ellesmere College commented on the awards: "This was a wonderful day for all our students who took part in the scheme and obtained the Gold Award - it was an experience to enjoy and will live with those who took part for the rest of their lives. We are immensely proud of the achievements of all our gold award winners. They work hard to ensure they complete their academic studies but the DofE Award adds another set of life skills to help them in their future careers."

Headmaster of Ellesmere College, Brendan Wignall, said: "The scheme is an asset to the growth and development of our young people across the country. Taking part strengthens character and provides a unique perspective and insight for those involved. It is amazing to think that this scheme helps to prepare nearly half a million young people for life and work across the country every year; we value it very highly here at Ellesmere College."

Our thanks go to HRH The Earl of Wessex for hosting this spectacular event, and everyone who joined us to celebrate.

For more visit: [Ellesmere College DofE Highlights 2022](#)

OEs Share Passion for Wine!



Our Sixth Form students gave a warm welcome to OE Zoe Evans who – along with her sister Melissa – came to give the Sixth Form a Wine Appreciation Course from their local vineyard – Rowton Vineyard in Shropshire.

Spread over six weeks, Zoe shared her knowledge with a group of keen Sixth Formers all wanting to try something new, understand more, and appreciate the production, distribution and tasting of a global selection of wines.

The Wine Appreciation Course was an introduction into different varieties and wine producing countries, focusing on particular styles from worldwide regions! They also delved into some different wine styles such as Orange wine, Sherry, and learnt about viticulture and oenology.

The students really enjoyed learning about the different types of wines, and how to grow and nurture a vineyard.

It was great to start sharing some knowledge and passion with the next generation, all finished off with a blind tasting!



Ellesmere College Welcomes New Scholars

Ellesmere College celebrated three new scholars this term at a series of special luncheons designed to allow the Scholars to meet and thank the Scholarship donors.

Music Scholarships

Two new Music Scholars joined the Music Department in Year 12 and, due to Covid restrictions, it was the first time they could meet their families who had generously donated the scholarships to the College.

Lewis Reardon, from Shrewsbury, was awarded the Mullock Scholarship after taking a singing exam at Ellesmere College and a subsequent audition. He sang in front of the Director of Music at Ellesmere College, Tony Coupe, who offered him a place within days of the exam.



Molly Fry, from Whitchurch, was awarded the Walker Scholarship to complete her studies at Ellesmere College after impressing Tony with her skills on the Clarinet and Trumpet.



Tony Coupe said, "We are delighted that Lewis and Molly have been able to join the school, the music department and our community here at Ellesmere College. Both are incredibly talented and have already started to perform at events and work with our younger musicians. We are excited to see what they will both achieve and are delighted to be able to continue to offer these life-changing scholarships for pupils to come to this college."

Molly and Lewis were officially welcomed to the school with a dinner, bringing their families together with Mr & Mrs Mullock and Mr & Mrs Walker who generously provide these scholarships for Sixth Form students.

Art Scholarship

The school also welcomed online sensation 'Doodle Boy' - aka Joe Whale - who joined Ellesmere College on the Adlard Art Scholarship awarded by internationally renowned artist Charlie Adlard and who finally managed to meet Charlie at the College this term!

Joe Whale, from Shrewsbury, took his place at Ellesmere College in the spring and has eagerly taken advantage of the opportunities available at the Artsmark Platinum awarded school which is well known for its arts provision to students and the community.

Charlie Adlard, the artist for The Walking Dead comics and former Comic Laureate, has also funded the new Adlard Art Studio at the College - where Joe will be based - providing a higher platform to showcase some of the excellent art work created by students there.



He said: "I am delighted to see Joe awarded the Scholarship - he is a prodigious talent and one already recognised by many admirers who are following his story online. It's a great opportunity for him and I wish him well at Ellesmere College.

Siobhan Phillips, Head of Art at Ellesmere College, said: "We are thrilled to see Joe awarded the Charlie Adlard Scholarship. It's fully deserved and we look forward to helping Joe develop his artistic potential over his time at the College - it's a marvellous opportunity for him and I would like to thank Charlie for making it possible.

"Scholarships play a major role in nurturing young talent, providing a pathway which in many cases may not otherwise be available to them. They open up a world of access and opportunity which are designed to further the hopes, dreams and ambitions of amazing young talent.

For more visit: [The Arts at Ellesmere College](#)



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