

Dear Parents

This week marked the start of the exam season for our International Baccalaureate (IB) students. We are immensely proud of our IB pupils and the commitment and determination they have shown throughout the Diploma programme. We are also proud to be one of a relatively small number of schools in the UK offering the International Baccalaureate. The IB provides a rigorous and broad curriculum, develops confident and independent learners, and aligns closely with our ethos through its emphasis on critical thinking, global awareness and personal responsibility. It leads to a qualification that is highly regarded by both British universities and across the globe.

We wish all of our IB pupils the very best of luck in their examinations as they take this final step in their IB journey, and to all students taking external exams over the next few weeks.

With best wishes



Jon Shaw

Head of Ellesmere College

A reminder that Bank Holiday Monday (4 May) is a regular school day at Ellesmere.

Highlights of the Week

Lower School Open Morning: It was lovely to welcome many families last Saturday to a vibrant and busy Lower School Open Morning.

Golf: Congratulations to the team who played in the Independent Schools Golf Association (ISGA) National Finals at Brocket Hall this week.

Cricket: Well done to the U15 Girls who played in Midland Regional Finals at Edgbaston on Wednesday. The U13 girls also reached the regional finals, competing at Edgbaston last week. U15 Boys Cricket beat Newcastle Under Lyme School by 4 runs on the weekend. They are currently undefeated and look forward to playing King's Chester in their next Saturday match.

Swimming: Good luck to all swimmers competing in the West Midlands Summer Championships at Sandwell Aquatics Centre this weekend.

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge: Well done to the 25 pupils from Year 7 and Year 8 who were selected to take part in this prestigious competition.

Drama: Congratulations to Oscar (Year 13) who achieved his LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Performance Grade 8 Acting Solo Gold Medal with Distinction recently. This is a fantastic achievement and is in fact equivalent to an A Level qualification awarding up to 30 UCAS points.

Chapel: Thank you to Wakeman-Lambart House who led our service this morning, on the idea of 'pressure as a privilege', drawing on the life of Nelson Mandela and the thoughts of St Paul.