

Dear Parents

Well done to our Year 11s and Year 13s who have now completed their GCSE, BTEC, IB and A Level exams. In terms of duration and number, they are probably the longest exams most students will ever have to sit. Thank you to parents for their patient support throughout the process. I very much hope our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils can enjoy the good weather forecast over the next few days to relax and recover. A special thank you to Mrs Davenport for her organisation and oversight of these exams.

I would also like to thank Eiry Davies, our school nurse, and everyone who works in the Medical Centre for their hard work in running the Health and Wellbeing Event on Tuesday for Year 10s and Year 12s. Big School was vibrant on Tuesday with various visitors representing many different aspects of healthy living, encouraging pupils to take increasing responsibility for their own health and wellbeing. Connected to this is the Wellbeing Hub – details are below for all Ellesmere parents to access – it provides a wealth of advice for pupils, parents and staff and is widely-used by independent schools across the UK.

And finally on Thursday, we are hosting a Colour Run, initiated by one of our pupils, to support Papyrus, a UK charity dedicated to preventing suicide among children, teenagers, and young adults. We hope that the vast majority of pupils will take part – there will be ice lollies and a light BBQ at the end for everyone. It takes place on the lower part of the golf course, you can walk or run – it is a very short lap and you can do as few or as many as you wish. Parents are very welcome to join in with their younger children. **You do need to give permission which can be accessed here: [Colour Run 2026 - Ellesmere College](#).**

With best wishes



Jon Shaw

**Head of Ellesmere College**

Good luck to the two teams of staff and students who are running a relay from Ellesmere to the summit of Snowdon on Sunday. They leave at 4am and hope to summit Snowdon by late afternoon.

Good luck to our Girls Tennis Team who, as Midlands Regional Winners, compete for the Aberdare Cup in the National Finals at the Nottingham Tennis Centre this week.

### Highlights of the week

**Stratford upon Avon visit:** Year 12 English students enjoyed a trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon, where they watched Richard Eyre's acclaimed production of The Tempest, starring Kenneth Branagh as Prospero. They also took part in a Q&A with the cast, enjoyed a backstage tour and visited key Shakespeare landmarks.

**Health and Wellbeing Fair:** the fabulous annual Health and Wellbeing Fair in Big School took place on Tuesday with a range of health and wellbeing stands where pupils learnt a little more about how to take responsibility for their own health.

**Wellbeing Hub:** As a school we now subscribe to the Wellbeing Hub ([Schools - Teen Tips](#)) This is fantastic resource used by many independent schools and provides resources for parents, pupils and staff. As an Ellesmere parent you can access the Hub through this QR code.

