



Dear Parent/Carer

May 2017

I am writing to inform you of the sporting achievements of the College students during the Spring Term 2017.

As many of you will be aware we have been competing in an Inter Isle Competition, with our girls fulfilling 3 football fixtures within each year and our boys 6 football fixtures. I have outlined below our final finishing positions:

Girls Football		Boys Football	
Year 7	3 rd	Year 7	2 nd
Year 8	4 th	Year 8	1 st
Year 9	3 rd	Year 9	3 rd
Year 10	4 th	Year 10	2 nd

Whilst these results demonstrate a mixed level of performance, I am really proud of the fact that we have fielded full teams in all fixtures.

Since agreeing our Hub Partnership with NCFC I am now in a position to confirm that next year will see Norwich City Football Club (Regional Development Programme) become more involved with our school football teams, with a view to identifying and developing talent. We now have an established and growing pathway with a College programme for students in years 12/13 where football can be combined with A Level study (Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science Level 3). This course is becoming highly competitive with limited spaces available, with the expectation that this will only increase in the years to come.

Last term we were fortunate enough to purchase new playing kits for our boy's football teams, and are now working with a number of groups to ensure our girls teams are representing the College in new kit next year. This, alongside further investment in Rugby kits and Netball kits, should see Ely College represented in a professional manner, and one students can be proud of moving in to next year.

Extra-Curricular Clubs (Session 6)

During the Summer term we will be focusing our club offer on our remaining competitive sports; athletics, rounders, cricket. I would encourage all students, regardless of current level of performance, to come and give any of these activities a go.

Day	Time	Activity	Staff
Monday	3.15pm – 4.15pm Lunch	Athletics NCFC Football Year 7	JCO / NHU
Tuesday	Lunch	NCFC Football Year 8	
Wednesday	3.15pm- 4.15pm Lunch	Cricket NCFC Football Year 9	SIS / GWH
Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm 4.00pm-6.00pm Lunch	Rounders Kings Athletics Meets NCFC Football Year 8	GBA JCO / NHU / SPA
Friday	Lunch	NCFC Football Year 7	



We have traditionally been extremely competitive at the Isle Athletic Championships with a number of students going on to represent the district at the county level, and subsequent national levels. This has seen us push both Kings and Wisbech Grammar close for the overall title, whilst finishing top of the state school category. I am hopeful that this year may be the year we can finish 1st place overall. Alongside the Isle Championships there will be 4 'mini meets' at Kings for our students to practice ahead of the finals - an opportunity I am really looking forward to. A number of inter school/district festivals for both cricket and rounders will see the completion of our annual fixture commitments.

Extended Opportunities in Sport

Throughout the school year I am often contacted about sports clubs seeking new members and this year has been no different. As a strong advocate for PE and Sport I am always keen for our students to represent local clubs, representative sides or even professional/elite organisations. The first step, and most difficult, is students attending their first session at a new club. During the summer term I will be running a "Sports Fair" with approximately 20 local clubs offering sign up opportunities. This does not mean students have to wait till then, and if PE lessons have inspired your son or daughter, or they have enjoyed a certain sport/activity, let me know and I will put you in contact with one of our local clubs.

I am currently looking at the exciting possibility of running a sports tour next year for students to experience playing sport against schools further afield. This is still a working project with venue and sports to be confirmed, but I hope, even at this stage, our students can start to get excited about this. If you have any suggestions or thoughts, please let me know: jcoe@elycollege.co.uk

Whilst our sports tour is still to be confirmed this year, will see our Year 10/11 students taking part in the annual Dorset Walk (13th to 17th July) in its 9th year as part of our work with the Malcolm Whales Foundation - a charity that raises money for Childhood Cancer and Bowel Cancer, alongside working with a number of local organisations (Edgars Gift, Climbing Out & Sailability). This is an opportunity that our students have really engaged with over the years and this year looks to be no different. If you, or your company, wish to contribute to the costs of this experience, please let me know.

Finally, we have had our first users of our newly installed fitness suite! A grand launch will take place soon with some exciting guests!

Yours faithfully

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