



Welcome to the October 2011 Newsletter

Open Morning

It gives me enormous pleasure to be writing my first newsletter having completed one week as Acting Principal. To complete the week we held our annual Open Morning. Nearly a quarter of the girls came in, helping in activities and demonstrations, or acting as tour guides. All the girls were great ambassadors for the College and very much impressed the prospective parents.

We have also had the pleasure of inviting all States Deputies into the College to see for themselves how we function. They visited classrooms and assemblies. They too were very impressed by the girls' behaviour, uniform and thirst for knowledge. Last week saw the States voting on the funding for the College and we feel confident that the outcome was the best we could have expected. Obviously we would have liked a smaller reduction. The reduction is, however, manageable and provides financial stability for the next seven years and will not result in significant increases in fees. The Ladies' College will continue to provide a positive environment and a quality education for its pupils.

Building

Work continues in our drive to improve facilities at the College. Over

the summer, work began on a fabulous new Art and Drama block which will link to Melrose, offering much needed, dedicated spaces to enable our students to further achieve. This has created enormous pressure for the College and I would further emphasise that no senior girls are allowed to enter or leave by the main College entrance in Les Gravées. It is much safer for the girls to enter the College via the lane from Brock Road or the side lane from Rocquettes Lane. I would also like to remind you that the official opening time for the College is 8.00am and the closing time is 4.15pm. Please note that if girls are on site before or after these times, they are unsupervised and on site at their own risk.

Road Closure

May I also give you advance warning that Rocquettes Lane will be closed from the 12th – 14th October for Guernsey Electricity to carry out essential work. The entire width of the

road will be dug up and traffic will be two way from both ends whilst work is completed. All girls on foot using the Rocquettes Lane entrance should not be hindered and can access school as usual but we are advising all girls to take extra care and keep to the marked safe path. Girls who ride bikes and scooters will need to exit Rocquettes Lane onto Les Gravees Road. Please take additional care.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Our girls continue to excel at 'Duke of Edinburgh'. There are currently 14 girls enrolled at Gold and during the Summer ten of these Sixth formers went to the Peak District to complete a practice expedition as part of their gold award. They were all fantastic. In addition, for their residential section, activities involved sailing around the coast of Kent (Laura Bampton); helping out on a camp in the UK for disabled adults (Fenella Gladstone); participating on an intensive German





course (Brittany Wood); spending a week on Lihou (Nicky Bourne); joining guides in Nairobi (Alice Davis) and climbing Kilimanjaro (Nicole Petit). I wish them well with their expedition to the Brecon Beacons during October half-term.

At Silver, once again the Ladies' College girls impressed. Polly Thompson, Laura Stoddart, Naomi Denziloe, Abigail Smith and Sophie Morellec completed a fundraising bike ride, cycling nearly 200km from Portsmouth to Weymouth. Whilst camping at night they had to contend with New Forest ponies helping themselves to the food supplies –

including the flapjacks! Others (Susie Barber, Laura Walster, Abi Howard, Amber Buckingham and Chloe Merrien) walked in the New Forest and they participated in a team building experience on high ropes. Apparently Chloe was absolutely fearless, climbing terrifying heights whilst one of the group entertained with her screaming!

Dates

Please don't forget that Friday before Half-term (October 21st) is a staff training day – no girls in College.

Remove Social Evening

This is an opportunity for all Remove parents to find out a bit more about what your daughter gets up to each day. Refreshments will be served and there will be a chance to see your daughter's classrooms and meet some of the staff.

Change of Date

Unfortunately we have to change the date of our U5 AS Choices Evening from 9th November to the 8th November. I do hope this does not cause too much inconvenience. That evening will begin with short presentations and then you will be free to talk to staff and find out more about Post 16 qualifications.

Uniform

If anyone has any good unwanted items of College uniform please hand into reception. The PTA do a nearly new sale in College on the last Friday of every month 3-4pm.

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Diary Dates for Newsletter

8 th – 11 th Oct	Sixth Form Lake District Geography Trip
10 th -14 th Oct	L4 French Trip depart 10 th 11.45 – return 14 th 1.15pm
12 th October	Remove Social Evening
17 th Oct	Dentist L4
21st October	INSET Day
24-28th	(inclusive) HALF TERM