



Welcome to the September 2011 Newsletter

What a result!

Congratulations to all our students who received the results of their GCSE and A level exams this summer. Our Upper 6 did outstandingly well, achieving A* or A grades in 56% of the exams they sat. Overall 87% gained A*, A or B grades. We all know there are 'lies, damned lies and statistics' but it was nonetheless very gratifying to see Ladies' College placed so high in the Independent Schools Council league tables published in The Times and The Daily Telegraph.

In these days of intense competition for university places, with many students nationally left without places at university this term, it is worth noting that the great majority of our girls gained their first choice university.

At GCSE 100% of our Upper 5 students gained at least five GCSEs at grades C and above including Maths and English. It is also worth noting that all girls also attained the so-called 'English Baccalaureate' which Education Secretary Michael Gove is seeking to introduce in the UK of five GCSEs at C and above including English, Maths, Science, a language and a humanity subject. Overall 55%

of grades were at A* and A with 84% at grades A*, A and B.

Well done to all those students and their teachers – and of course to parents for the support at home – for these fantastic results.

A warm welcome

This term we welcome three new members of staff to the senior school. Mr Amrik Bhamra joins us from the UK as a Teacher of Physics.

Miss Janine Mallett joins Mr Henderson in the Music Department while we appoint a permanent Teacher of Music later this term.

Miss Ava Schiavetta is taking some lower school lessons in the Science Department.

We were also very pleased to welcome our new Remove and Lower Sixth students this term. The Removes seem to be settling in very quickly but please do contact your daughter's form tutor or Mrs Henderson the Remove Year Co-ordinator if you have noticed any issues arising from your daughter's transition to senior school. Please note also that Mrs Henderson compiles a newsletter

especially for parents of Remove pupils which is published each month on our website **www.ladiescollege.com** and on the portal when you receive your log-in information.

Email changes

Please note that this term our email addresses have been changed. Most addresses remain the same apart from the substitution of 'ac' where 'sch' was formerly. However, some addresses have changed more substantially: the Principal can now be contacted on **principal@ladiescollege.ac.gg** while my PA Mrs Hillion is now **principalspa@ladiescollege.ac.gg**.

Miss McClean, who is College Secretary and Registrar is on **registrar@ladiescollege.ac.gg** and our Receptionist Mrs Nelson can be contacted about absences etc on **reception@ladiescollege.ac.gg**

A uniform approach

Please may I rely on your support at home to ensure the girls are turning up for school in the correct uniform every day. They are all looking very smart at the moment but as Term wears on things can slip. I'm hoping for an Indian Summer



but with the current wind and rain please also check that they are bringing their coats – navy waterproof fleeces or black coats/jackets for the Sixth Form.

A Star is Born

Congratulations to Michaila Byrne in Upper 5 who won this year's Specsavers Reach for a Star competition. Her version of Adele's song Someone Like You, accompanying herself on piano, obviously bowled over the judges. Pleased as we are for Michaila her success comes as no surprise at Ladies' College – her performance of the song was a highlight of last year's House Music Competition and Spring Concert. Well done Michaila!

Builders at Work

Work continues apace on our new classroom building, due

to open next September. Safety is paramount while we have builders on site and I would ask for your co-operation in not dropping off senior school pupils at the main gates or driving them onsite yourself.

We have fewer parking spaces than normal and there is obviously much more congestion than normal. Priority must go to Pre-School and Melrose girls who need to be accompanied to school. Senior school girls should be entering the site via Perchards or Rocquettes lanes only.

From here to maternity

Please note that I shall be taking leave from September 26th returning in the second half of Trinity Term. The Senior Management Team of Mrs Pearson (Acting Principal), Bursar (Mrs Fell) Director of

Studies (Mr Harbour) and Assistant Principal (Mr Barnes) as well as the pastoral teams of form tutors and Year Co-ordinators will be able to help you with any queries about your daughter's progress or wellbeing in my absence. I look forward to hearing of all the girls' achievements on my return.

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Diary Dates for Newsletter

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| September 16 th | U5 Morrisby tests |
| September 21 st | E Safety presentation, Amhurst Infant School, all welcome |
| September 23 rd | Official opening of new Ladies' College Pre-School building |
| September 30 th | College closing early to prepare for Open Morning (Melrose 2pm, senior school 2.30pm) |
| October 1 st | Ladies' College Open Morning |