



5 April 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians

What a whirlwind of a term as the wider life of the College has come into full bloom post the Covid period.

In Senior School it has been a busy time for our students travelling off-island: to London for Drama A-level and GCSE trips to the theatre and for practical workshops; to the Bett Exhibition for Digital Enterprise, to Durham University for Debating, to Jersey for the Festival of Sport for hockey and netball and to Southampton University with our robot Travis to compete in the Student Robotics Competition.

In Melrose students have taken part in the Eisteddfod in Music, French and Art; participated in Water Confidence training; worked with a local artist on a celebratory project for our 150th anniversary and have had parents in to discuss AI and chat gpt. They have competed in gymnastics, netball, football, hockey and tag rugby and have taken part in a netball tour to Jersey. We were also delighted that Form III were able to visit Hooke Court in the UK, having missed their Tudor trip last year due to ongoing Covid restrictions at the time.

One of our aims this year, was to further develop the opportunities of being a 2 ½ -18 College and it has been an absolute delight to see the partnerships between the girls grow. From our weekly outdoor club at Melrose with Dr Marshall and the Upper Sixth, through to senior girls helping Mr Cheshire choreograph Shrek, the power and impact of having older pupils working with younger pupils cannot be underestimated.

Our 150th celebrations have continued apace and created fantastic opportunities to bring our wider alumni and parent community together. From the joyful and exuberant Jubilee Ball to the thoughtful discussion on technology by our extraordinary panel on International Women's Day, it has been wonderful to start to get to know more of you. The energy in the room has been striking, and as Michael Buerk commented to me after The Big Debate, it is rare to have such a buzzing atmosphere and such insightful questions from an audience!

One of the things that I particularly love, as was also evidenced at the Big Debate, is the power of our students' voices. The girls have diverse and interesting perspectives and this term has seen them use them in multiple ways. From powerful opinions and creative writing in the press (<https://gsy.bailiwickexpress.com/gsy/opinion/opinion-we-need-women-our-history-lessons/#.ZCv2Z3bMKbg>; <https://tlcgsy.gg/creativewriting>) to assemblies on everything from the importance of values to what our Head Girl has learnt about failure, the authenticity and courage of the

students is impressive. If you missed it, we also launched our first podcast this term with the next one soon to follow <https://www.ladiescollege.com/news/2023/the-principals-podcast>.

In more practical news, I also want to make you aware that The Board of Governors have now reviewed the fee levels for the next academic year. Details of fees with effect from 1 September 2023 can be found on our website at: <https://www.ladiescollege.com/admissions/fees>

Finally, I would like to update you on some staffing changes:

Mrs Aletia Leong has stepped down from her role as Head of Psychology. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Mrs Anna Bampton has retired from her role as Pastoral Administrator and has left to enjoy a number of exciting trips and to prepare for the wedding of her daughter.

Mrs Katey Cheshire, Sixth Form Administrator, also leaves us at the end of this term. This was a new role for College and Mrs Cheshire has provided invaluable support to our Sixth Form students throughout her time here.

Mrs Eliza Costa left her Catering Assistant role earlier in the term after 10 years of providing our students with fantastic food and refreshments.

This term we have been delighted to welcome:

Mrs Natalie Sarl who joined our support team as Operations Assistant.

Mrs Nadia Newton who, as an alumna, is returning College to take up the reins in the Leaf Centre as Sixth Form Administrator.

Mrs Ann Isbister who returns to College to provide cover as a Teacher of Art, during Miss Alston's period of maternity leave.

For September 2023 we are also pleased to confirm the appointment of:

- Mrs Jo Hann, Teacher at Melrose (Junior Remove)
- Mrs Lucy Waldrom, Teacher at Melrose (Middle-Prep)

In addition, Mrs Donna Lloyd-Dodd will also move to take responsibility of the Upper Prep form teaching.

Wishing you and your family a restful Easter break.

With best wishes



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Principal