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Dear Parents & Guardians of The Ladies' College

I am delighted to have joined The Ladies' College as Deputy Principal (Innovation & Student Development) having spent over six years working as Director of Creative Enterprise at another leading independent girls' school in London. Since arriving, I have been struck by the strong sense of community, and enjoyed teaching engaged pupils who are keen to discover and uncover.

We can all be confident that schools play a vital role in preparing pupils for their gap years, for university and college, and the workplace – often referred to in schools as 'the real world'. It is incumbent upon schools to provide a safe space for pupils to learn, to explore and to fail well, and to help students realise the power and value of their voices.

Preparing Ladies' College students for this rapidly changing world is at the forefront of our minds as educators and parents; we all seek to provide an ambitious environment that prepares students for the future. In my role, I will be leading the pastoral and Future Ready Skills teams, assisting with the design of our new Sixth Form Pathways programme, and working with several colleagues who are committed to developing the whole person through the provision of co-curricular opportunities from weekly activities to UCAS preparation, Activities Week to Extended Project Qualifications. My role also sees me liaising with the PTA, and building upon our sense of community; pupils benefit so much when parents are actively engaged in their school life, so please contact our PTAs ([pta@ladiescollege.ac.gg](mailto:pta@ladiescollege.ac.gg) (Senior School) or [melroseptachair@gmail.com](mailto:melroseptachair@gmail.com)) or our Senior School or Melrose Receptions if you wish to become more involved through sharing your professional expertise, representing parent voice, or volunteering for PTA events.

Our ambitious aim is to build a Sixth Form Pathways programme which challenges our pupils beyond the scope of the conventional A-Level curriculum and draws upon skills developed across the whole college. As a starting point, we are proposing some important and timely changes to our mission and aims. Ms Harford-Fox will be running a drop-in session on **Thursday 25 January, 15:30-16:30 in the Senior School** for any parents wishing to discuss our values, vision or aims (the draft of which are at the bottom of the letter). I will also be working closely with pupils, parents and staff to consult on the changes being made to the Sixth Form uniform and will send you further information on this in due course.

In the meantime, I am so excited to be exploring this magical island of Guernsey with my wife and two young children. This weekend marks our first family sea swim followed by a warm drink at Richmond kiosk! I very much look forward to meeting you at future events.

Yours sincerely



Nick Dyson

**Deputy Principal – Innovation & Student Development**

**Our values:**

Integrity, Bravery and Kindness

**Our vision:**

Shaped by our values, we empower girls to do what is right come what may.

**Our aims:**

To offer an ambitious environment and curriculum that prepares girls for a rapidly changing world

To encourage girls to realise the power and value of their voices

To nurture inclusion, authenticity and kindness

To build a culture of joy and play in which girls can experiment, connect and learn

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