

Joining The Ladies' College: Senior School and Sixth Form Induction

We would encourage all parents and students to visit us as part of their decision making process about school. An open morning takes place in October and other visits to the College can be arranged to suit parents and their daughters. Once a place has been agreed, there is a clear process which operates to support both student and parent, which is outlined below.

Moving to a new school and settling is an important stage in girls' lives and there are systems in place to make this process as smooth as possible.

In Remove (Year 7), the Year Coordinator aims to visit all the incoming pupils in their Primary Schools before they start at College. On the Island-wide transition days, each girl will spend time at the College meeting other new girls, key staff and older students. The girls participate in various activities including a question and answer session with other students, working with House officials, meeting their buddies and learning to find their way around the College. Parents are invited to an evening meeting in the Trinity (Summer) term before their daughters start at the College where they can meet the Principal, Deputy Principal, Year Coordinator, Tutor and other key staff.

In the Michaelmas (Autumn) term the induction process continues with a range of sessions and activities to help the girls settle into college life. Elements of peer support, including Upper Four (Year 9) buddies and Upper Sixth Form Prefects help this process. There is also a social evening for girls and parents within the first month of term which provides an opportunity for Parents to meet some of the staff that teach their daughter and understand a little more about the College. The Remove Year Co-ordinator has set "Office hours" twice a week in which she is particularly available by phone to Remove Parents.

A student joining the College in Lower Four to Upper Five will meet with the Registrar and have a guided tour and a personal timetable will be agreed to meet their needs. They will be offered a chance to spend a day in the College before they begin and meet with the respective Year Co-ordinator who is the key person to manage the transfer and induction process, supported by the student's Form Tutor.

Students arriving new to the Sixth Form are given a comprehensive induction, including sessions on study skills and bridging the gap from GCSE to A-level. Students will meet with the Year Co-ordinator to ensure they are settling-in and be introduced to their 'buddy' (a member of Upper Sixth) who will continue to meet with them on a half-termly basis. Regular contact is established with parents to support the transition and parents are invited into College early in the Michaelmas Term for an information evening which includes details about the academic tracking and enrichment programmes.