



31 March 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of The Ladies' College

I hope you and your families have remained well and are enjoying the Bailiwick bubble.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to thank you for your understanding and engagement with the most recent arrangements for The Ladies' College, during Lockdown 2. Thank you also to everyone within the College community who has kept our College site functioning for the children of key workers and others, and has ensured that College life continued, online, in such challenging times. The messages of support received by members of the College have been greatly appreciated.

The College swung quickly and seamlessly into online life on Monday 25 January 2021. Our remote learning capability has remained robust, and we continue to develop and enhance the infrastructure which enables all members of the College community to stay connected. During Lockdown 2, College staff were able to deliver high quality education, and provide support for the health and well-being of our pupils and students, as well as each other.

This letter is, primarily, to update fee-paying parents on the outcome of a review of costs related to the recent lockdown, and to provide details of fees from September 2021.

As you will be aware, the College aims to use its income to cover three main costs: its annual operating expenses (mostly salaries); the maintenance or replacement of buildings and equipment etc.; and investment in facilities and resources for immediate use, or for the future enhancement of provision, for our pupils and students.

Those operating and maintenance costs have continued to be incurred during Lockdown 2 and, as you might expect, some of those costs have increased, such as for additional cleaning and related products (in line with Public Health requirements); whilst some of our income sources have reduced, such as from The Core. As a result, there have been no net cost savings realised during the latest lockdown.

Any extras which had been invoiced and paid, but which were not provided because of Lockdown 2 (typically for Melrose pupils), will be credited against fees for Trinity 2021.

Careful consideration has been given to fees for the next academic year, and the Board continues to balance the current and future needs of the College. As in previous years, the Board has applied the principle that the College's fees should be as accessible as possible, whilst providing an excellent all-round education, with the well-being of your child/ren at its core.

The Board also recognises the likelihood that each family will be continuing to look carefully at their commitments against a backdrop of general uncertainty.

As such, details of the fees and extras from September 2021 are below:

Pre-Preparatory Department

Full day (including lunch)	£56
Morning only	£33.50
Educational visits	£75 per annum

Melrose

Per term	£4,025
Educational visits	£75 per annum
Swimming	£85 per term
(Preparatory Department)	
Lunches (optional)	£330 per term

Please see our website for details of charges for our early morning and after-school provision.

Senior School and Sixth Form

Per term	£3,855
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An increase in fees will be used to continue to develop and enhance the educational experience and resources at the College from the Pre-Preparatory Department to Sixth Form. By way of example, over the past year or so, there have been developments in the curriculum, including increasing options with the introduction of Physical Education GCSE, increasing the number of staff and developing the site. We are delighted that the restored building next to the Guild Field is now in use, offering Food Technology as a further addition to the curriculum, along with dedicated photography dark room facilities.

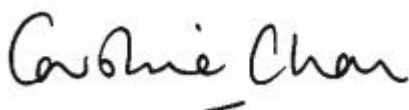
We do appreciate that you may be experiencing immediate issues relating to your own commitments, which might impact your arrangements with College. Please do feel able to take the opportunity to discuss your position with the Bursar, Miss Elizabeth Bridge, who may be contacted on bursar@ladiescollege.ac.gg, in the first instance.

I would like to extend the Board's thanks to all of The Ladies' College team for their work supporting key workers, pupils, students, parents and each other over the last few months.

Thank you again for your continued support and understanding.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely



Advocate Caroline Chan
Chair of The Ladies' College Board of Governors