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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Now that the first week has been completed by our new Remove students I wanted to touch base with you and say how impressed I have been with them as a year group. It has been a joy to watch them enthusiastically getting stuck into lessons and clubs and even volunteering to help at our College Open morning on Saturday.

Homework Timetable

I am enclosing a copy of the Remove's homework timetable with this letter. Each homework task should take no longer than 20 minutes (40 minutes for English) and we really want to encourage the girls to stick to this as a <u>maximum</u>. Your support with monitoring this would be helpful. We appreciate that the girls will be exhausted from their school day and need to balance their extra-curricular and family time too.

Girls on Board

We take the wellbeing of our students very seriously and as such, recognise that starting at a new school can cause some anxiety, particularly in the area of friendships. At The Ladies' College we aim to work proactively with our girls, giving them the tools and strategies to deal with the almost inevitable challenges they will face as they progress through adolescence. We want to reduce any potential friendship issues by empowering girls with the skills to develop and maintain their own friendships. We encourage girls to settle their own disputes and be happy and confident in their own skin.

With this in mind, I want to inform you that The Ladies' College is a 'Girls on Board' School and using this approach with our Remove students to support their transition into College. 'Girls on Board' is an approach to help girls between the ages of 8 and 18 navigate the often-troubled waters of friendship problems. This approach helps girls, their parents and their teachers to understand the complexities and dynamics of girl friendships. The language, methods and ideas empower girls to solve their own friendship problems and recognises that they are usually the only ones who can. By empowering girls to find their own solutions, parents need worry less, schools can focus more on the curriculum and the girls learn more effectively – because they are happier. I have attached a parent guide for your information but please visit the Girls on Board website:

https://www.girlsonboard.co.uk/about/

Co-curricular timetable

The co-curricular schedule for the term is being finalised and will shortly be available for parents. These clubs not only provide opportunities to learn and to have some fun, but are also a good way for students to make new friends.

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Please do get in touch via tutors or myself if you have any questions in the meantime.

Yours sincerely,

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