



6 April 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students of The Ladies' College

As we come to the end of another busy term, where Covid continues to change our routines, I write to you as Principal for the final time. It has been a privilege to be part of The Ladies' College, where the children are amazing, the staff are professional, reflective, and generous with their time, and the parents and guardians are engaged and supportive: all with the aim that our students are the best that they can be.

I have taught in several schools and have visited or been in contact with many others, so I am confident when I say we should be proud of our provision for every young person as they grow from child to adult in an environment where they are valued as unique, and encouraged to be shaped by their skills, talents, ambitions, and experiences. When the time comes, we want our students to leave us ready to put into action the values enshrined in our motto - *Fais ce que dois advienne que pourra* (do what is right, come what may).

### **Staffing update**

#### **Appointments**

Ms Daniele Harford-Fox will start as Principal on Monday 25 April.

Mrs Napasorn Inniss has recently joined our fantastic team in The Core as Catering Assistant.

Mrs Anne-Marie Scheffer will join us in the Trinity term as Wraparound Care Practitioner to support this area of additional provision within Melrose and the Pre-Preparatory Department.

Mrs Kerry Bachelet will join in the Trinity term as HR Manager.

#### **Returns**

We are delighted to welcome back colleagues from maternity leave for our final week of the Lent term:

Mrs Sophie Appelqvist, Teacher of English and Senior School Year Co-ordinator (Lower Four)

Mrs Jessica Clements, Teacher of Science

Mrs Nicola Ingrouille, Head of Learning Support

## Farewells

Mrs Ann Isbister, Teacher of English (maternity cover for Mrs Appelqvist)

Mrs Alice Callewaert, Lunchtime Supervisor at Melrose (fixed-term appointment linked to maternity leave cover arrangements).

## Thanks

Mr David Hershel and Mrs Lian Donnelly have acted as Heads of Learning Support within Senior School and Melrose respectively, during Mrs Ingrouille's maternity leave.

Miss Charlotte Le Maitre, Senior School Year Co-ordinator (Remove), during Mrs Appelqvist's maternity leave.

## Congratulations

Mr James Henderson will marry Lindsay over the Easter Break.

## Ilex

We recently published our latest edition of the College magazine, Ilex. You can access ILEX 2021 here: <https://www.ladiescollege.com/information/ilex-magazine>

## Covid-19

The past week has seen fewer colleagues, pupils and students needing to isolate or being unwell with Covid. We hope this trend will continue next term.

On our return, on Monday, 25 April, please be aware of the following, as we continue to keep everyone as safe as we can:

- All pupils, students and colleagues are asked to take a LFT on Sunday, 24 April and Monday, 25 April, and only attend with a negative result and symptom free. After this testing, there is no advice to continue twice-weekly testing.
- For adults and students in the Senior School and Sixth Form we ask that face coverings are worn in communal areas **and classrooms**. Face coverings should be worn on school transport, during the school day. We hope to move away from wearing face coverings from the week commencing 2 May.
- In Melrose, face coverings are expected in indoor situations where physical distancing between adults is not possible. Face coverings in classrooms are not required.
- Unless advice suggests otherwise, we will continue to have Key Stage assemblies.
- We will continue to keep doors open and use outdoor spaces if feasible for lessons or gatherings of pupils and students outside of Key Stages.
- Pupils and students should plan to change for PE lessons in school.

## Guidance from Public Health

### When should I take an LFT?

If you are symptomatic (if the first test is negative, please stay at home and repeat after 24 hours).

If you are the household contact of a positive case (please LFT for seven days). Non-household contacts do not need to test unless symptomatic

### **Positive LFT results**

Please notify the States of Guernsey via either the clinical helpline (01481 220001 or 01481 220002) or the online form at <https://www.gov.gg/covidnotification>. You will receive a confirmation email. All positive cases will be requested to stay at home for 10 days with early release if they are asymptomatic and LFT negative from day 5 and again 24 hours later. This is not mandated, yet we are asking our community to work together to keep everyone safe. You will be asked to notify your close contacts.

### **(I)GCSE and A-level examinations**

Students will not be required to test prior to each exam. However, students should continue to have access to LFTs in case they become symptomatic. If a student has symptoms but feels well enough to take an exam, they should take a lateral flow test. If negative they can sit their exam. If they have only had one negative result, rather than two 24 hours apart, they should be allocated a desk with wider social distancing, and in a well-ventilated area of the exam hall. They should come in a mask but do not need to wear one throughout their exam. **Students testing positive will not be allowed to attend.** This is considered a proportionate approach to ensure that students are not disadvantaged during the examination period.

### **ISI Inspection**

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaires for the inspection. We have been advised that the draft report will arrive during the Easter break. We hope to share the final report with our College community in May, and trust that the process of rigorous self-reflection, followed by ISI quality assurance, will be a strong endorsement of the care and education that we provide.

### **International Women's Day Networking event**

Thank you to those who attended our International Women's Day networking event last month. We were delighted to host this event and to welcome our incoming Principal as the guest speaker. The presentations were filmed and may be accessed using the link: <https://vimeo.com/688421499/4f787e080c>

### **New Community Website**

I would like to share the link to our new Community website which has been created for alumni and friends of the College: this is where stories relating to our Guild and alumni are posted and reunions are advertised, creating opportunities for connecting with former classmates, career networking and events planning. We will be using this much more as we begin the College's 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations later this year. We invite you to sign up and help us grow our Ladies' College community using the link: <https://community.ladiescollege.com/>

### **PTA**

Thank you to the Senior School PTA for their continued support. Unfortunately, their quiz had to be cancelled due to Covid guidance and they will publicise a rescheduled date next term. This term they held a second-hand uniform sale, with another one scheduled for Wednesday, 27 April. They can be contacted anytime with uniform requests via [pta@ladiescollege.ac.gg](mailto:pta@ladiescollege.ac.gg). Other events will be publicised next term via Parent Hub and Facebook.

### **The Ladies' College Guild (TLCG)**

The Guild hosted their jigsaw evening earlier this month which was a fun event - photos can be seen on the College Facebook page. These activities are important to the College as they encourage old school

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friends to stay in touch with each other and with the College. The Guild will be very much involved in the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations later this year - if you wish to be involved, please contact them via [guild@ladiescollege.ac.gg](mailto:guild@ladiescollege.ac.gg)

### **Car Park, drop off and pick up**

Thank you for following guidance for students in the Senior School and Sixth Form. This helps ensure safe drop-offs of our younger pupils at Melrose.

- Parents/Guardians of Senior School and Sixth Form students should not drive onto the College site from **Monday to Thursday** between the hours of **08:00 - 09:00 and 14:30 – 16:15** and on **Friday 08:00 - 09:00 and 14:30 – 15.45**.
- Please avoid obstructing driveways on **Rocquettes Lane** or **Brock Road**, which form entrance/exit points to College. This allows students on bicycles or mopeds (from Rocquettes Lane) to pull out safely while you are dropping off and makes pedestrian access safer for all. Our neighbours may ask you to move your vehicle if it blocks access to their property, and we trust students and adults will respond kindly. Equally, we ask that you do not park on yellow lines in the surrounding area when waiting for your daughter/s.

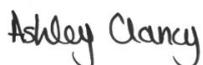
### **Denplan**

To date, all pupils and students have been enrolled in the “Denplan for Schools Accident and Emergency Insurance” which provides cover for dental emergencies. Denplan is withdrawing this cover, effective from 31 August 2022. We have been unable to identify an alternative provider and suggest parents wishing to have such cover discuss it with their dentist.

May I close by thanking you for all your encouragement, support and engagement during my time here. I have been in education for thirty-nine years, in five different schools and in fifteen roles. I would like to reiterate that working closely with our young people themselves, alongside parents and guardians, has always brought the best outcomes and please continue to do this going forwards.

In many ways, I had not intended on being a head, but I can say with absolute conviction that our pupils and students at The Ladies’ College are a joy, our staff are the most committed and hard-working that anyone could wish for, and the opportunity to provide an education to girls on the island, encouraging growth mindsets, resilience, teamwork, communication, and kindness is priceless. This is a gem of a school and I send my best wishes to you and to Daniele Harford-Fox for next term and all that lies beyond.

Yours sincerely



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