



30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians

### **KS3 Curriculum Presentations**

Our Key Stage 3 Curriculum presentations are designed to help inform you with regards to the topics studied and that rationale behind them. We also provide updates on key changes and information that we hope you find useful regarding your daughter's future studies. In the last two years we have run these virtually and have taken the decision to do so again this year. We hope that this helps you to access the presentations at a time that is most suitable to you. We will be recording the presentations next Wednesday and complete the editing and send out a link subsequently. Past presentations can be found on our website <https://www.ladiescollege.com/our-school/senior-school/curriculum-evening> and we aim to rotate the subject presentations, so we hope that you still find it informative, even if you have seen previous ones. A questionnaire will also be sent out with the link to give feedback and suggestions for future

The presentations will include:

- Mr Barnes will discuss The Ladies' College priorities and Curriculum including our Future Ready course.
- Mr Beasley (Head of IT and eSafety Officer) will give a presentation on e-safety.
- Mrs Gribbens (Head of Mathematics) will explain how the Mathematics department structure their curriculum and the skills developed.
- Miss Johnson (Head of PSHCE) will discuss the topics that are covered in our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) programme and how they are delivered.
- Mrs Ingrouille (Head of Learning Support) will provide information on Learning Support and exams access arrangements.
- Mr Barnes will conclude by discussing our communications with parents and the reporting and assessment structure.

### **Lower Four and Upper Four November exams**

We have been reviewing the assessment and reporting that supports your daughters learning. One of the changes that we have decided to implement is the removal of the November examinations for Lower Four and Upper Four (Remove do not sit examinations at this time). Students will get practice at sitting examinations in formal conditions in their end of year examinations. We continue to monitor changes, such as onscreen testing, that is currently being implemented in some subjects and by some examination boards. The November examinations will be replaced by a teacher grade that is awarded based on

assessments over the term. This ensures we still have the information for tracking progress, without the loss of subject teaching time, allowing further opportunities for building greater progression and developing knowledge and skills. I will discuss this further in the curriculum presentations.

Yours sincerely

*Howard Barnes.*

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**Director of Studies**