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Dear Parents and Guardians of The Ladies' College

I hope you are well.

As you know we are currently halfway through our 150th year and the College is abuzz with events and projects. We have already had some wonderful Alumni contributions, from writing our new school song and designing a new piece of art to commemorate the 150th, to those brave souls who took part in the races at our 'Ladies at La Vallette' event in September last year.

This term, in addition to our Jubilee Ball, there are two more events we'd like to make you aware of.

On the 13th of February, we will be hosting our 150th Celebration **Big Debate**, chaired by renowned journalist, Michael Buerk. We will be debating the motion 'This House Believes That Sexism Is Worse Today Than 30 Years Ago', with myself proposing against Deputy Heidi Soulsby MBE in opposition, supported by two of our Sixth Form students. Tickets are limited to two per booking and available on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/514790962627>.

In addition, on the 7th of March, we will be hosting our annual networking event for **International Women's Day**. A panel, chaired by the Lieutenant Governor, will be discussing the issues around technology and equality, with Eve Jardine-Young, the current Principal of Cheltenham Ladies' College, Amy Richards, who leads on Business & Workforce Transformation for Mercer and Sarah Roper-Crane, the previous Director of USA.Gov alongside other key speakers. The event will start with drinks at 18:30, with the panel discussion beginning at 19.00. All alumni and guests are very welcome to attend, with details on how to register for the event to be released closer to the time.

We look forward to welcoming you to the College soon.

Best wishes

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Principal