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Dear Parents & Guardians of The Ladies' College

I hope you are well.

The last few weeks have been packed with activities from sports matches with Jersey, rehearsals for our musical Chicago, MOOT and I'm now hearing the beginnings of carols being practiced in the Hall and know that Melrose and Pre-Preparatory are busy with their Christmas performance practices also.

The girls continue to achieve fantastic things including: organising an event at the Lieutenant Governor's with Melrose and Senior School students advocating to business and political leaders on the issues of climate change; winning the Great Historical Debate and being asked to be key speakers on BBC Radio Guernsey. Our sports teams have been out in force, with our U12, U14 and U18 competing in the UK and a highly competitive House Netball Tournament - with some of the islands finest players competing joyfully with those of our more recreational players. And, of course, we have now launched Pathways, our new parallel curriculum that will work with partner organisations such as Specsavers and University College London, to help prepare our Sixth Formers for the challenges raised by the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

I thought it might also be worth my flagging two dates for your diaries.

- Firstly, we are delighted to be hosting our second **Big Debate** on 4 December 2023 when we will debate '*This house believes that AI is a force for good*'. A separate invitation will follow this letter and we warmly invite you to what we anticipate will be a very lively and topical debate.
- Secondly, relating to our Senior School & Sixth Form students, after a lot of exploration we have decided to move **Speech Day** this year, with the new date returning to the last morning of term, Friday, 5 July 2024. Apologies for this change, but we trust everyone will welcome the opportunity to end what we anticipate will be another busy academic year with the atmosphere of celebration and reflection which this event provides.

As the days shorten, we are now starting to feel the first tinglings of Christmas (my tree is up but I've been firmly told that the College decorations wait for the first of December!). May I wish all of you a wonderful few weeks with the hope to see many of you for the PTA's festive mince pies and mulled wine welcome before the Carol Service at the end of term.

With best wishes



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Principal