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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that your daughters have had a very positive first full term at The Ladies' College. I have been very impressed with how they have settled in and taken to their new classes and teachers. We recognise that moving into any secondary school is a big event in a young person's life, and they have all done remarkably well at adapting to a new school environment.

We're delighted to see the girls enthusiastically participating in our extensive extracurricular programme and engaging in House events, which are integral to our calendar. The House system promotes unity, support, and inclusion, enabling active community involvement. Some Remove students have joined Action Teams, guided by our exceptional sixth-form students, contributing positively to college life. The Deputy Dozen, a student voice forum supporting girls' voices to be heard and driving positive change, has been widely accepted by Remove. We eagerly anticipate witnessing their impact and amplifying their voices throughout the year. Our Pastoral Coordinator, Mrs. Ingrouille and I are thoroughly impressed by the girls' resilience, determination, and kind, caring, and inclusive nature.

As part of our pastoral programme, each Remove will be assigned a 'Big Sister' from Lower Five or Sixth Form – someone from the student body who will have experienced many of the uncertainties and challenges of starting a new school and who can offer support in terms of being a nurturing peer mentor; we hope that your daughter will find this to be helpful to them. The Lower Five and Sixth Form students have embraced this opportunity and will be in contact with the Remove students on a regular basis, please do encourage your daughter to contact her 'big sister' at any point as one more member of the college community who is there to support your daughter's wellbeing while at school.

Our primary aim is to ensure that our girls not only excel academically but also thrive emotionally while challenging themselves to achieve their utmost potential. In addition to our comprehensive curriculum, we provide an outstanding PSHCE programme and a dedicated tutor programme. The Wellbeing Hub, a fabulous resource accessible to the entire college community, is available to support our students. We encourage both you and your daughter to register on this hub as part of the college's offerings. We trust you will find it beneficial.

REMOVE PARENTS' EVENING

Academically, you will have received your daughter's first set of interim reports and, looking ahead to the New Year, I would like to advise you that the **Remove parents' evening** is held in the college hall from **17:00-19:00 on 10th January**. This is an ideal opportunity to talk through any subject-specific concerns you may have regarding your daughter's work so far. To confirm, though we do invite older students to attend parents' meetings, it is not expected for Removes to attend. In addition to subject staff, your daughter's pastoral team – their tutors and myself – will also be there should you wish to discuss any pastoral matters. We ask that appointments are kept to 5 minutes for all staff and if you feel that you may



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need a longer appointment, please do make a separate appointment to come and see that member of staff at another time for a more detailed discussion.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to look to the festive season which is now upon us. I hope that, as well as your daughters re-charging their batteries from a busy term, there will be time for fun and family whether you intend to stay on island or go on holiday. Whatever you do and wherever you choose to spend Christmas, from everyone at The Ladies' College, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming your daughters back to college in the new year.

Best wishes,

Belinda Smith

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