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Dear Parents & Guardians of The Ladies' College

I hope you are well and enjoying the glimmers of Spring.

As I conclude my second year at the College, I wanted to say thank you to all the parents, students and staff who have made my first stint at Ladies' such a joy. When you look at last year's Ilex (<https://www.ladiescollege.com/information/ilex-magazine>) it shows the immense amount that this community achieves.

Our recent International Women's Day events encapsulated so much of what I love about our school and Guernsey. The Removes led a live assembly with Cheltenham Ladies' College sharing information about a chosen female role model (alumna Shelaine Green). The student leadership team met with girls from Cheltenham and a partner school in South Africa to look at how we take the next steps to foster women's voices. Local supportive organisations ran a range of events that different girls were involved with from a women in law workshop at St. Pierre Park to a talk by one of our parents (Jill Clark) at the Soroptimist's morning. And then I had tea with our previous presidents of the Guild, one of whom was here during the war and many of whom have multiple generations of Ladies' College students in their families. There aren't many places where the ability to connect both to our community and to our past are so pronounced.

There are many stand out moments from this term and so many activities, trips (Icelandic volcanos, Jersey sports competitions and the Ski trip to name just a few), passion projects and opportunities that the girls seize. I'm so immensely grateful for all the staff do provide our girls with the opportunities which both underpin our core values and challenge our students to build skills for the future. Next term's Co-Curricular timetable for the Trinity term is hot off the press and can be found at: <https://www.ladiescollege.com/our-school/senior-school/co-curricular-activities>.

Today, looking far beyond our 150th year, we continue to build and innovate, with our exciting Pathways programme now just a term away. This strengthening of our offering is something which we are pleased to have achieved, whilst also meeting our intention this year of keeping our 2024-2025 fees (applicable from September 2024) in line with estimated RPIX. Full details can be found at: <https://www.ladiescollege.com/admissions/fees>.

Finally, after consultation with students, staff and parents, I am delighted to share our updated values and aims.

Our Values: Integrity, bravery and kindness

Our Vision: Shaped by our values, we empower our community to do what is right come what may

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Our Aims: To enable girls to

- Access an ambitious environment and curriculum that prepares them for a rapidly changing world
- Realise the power and value of their voice
- Value inclusion, authenticity and kindness
- Contribute to a culture of joy, play and exploration in which they can experiment, connect and learn

As we draw to the end of term, I am reminded of the line ‘I love my life!’ from *Chicago* which is still ringing in my ears from just last week, and the (rightly) beaming smiles from the cast of our fantastic *Matilda* performances this week. Already carving out their individual pathways and with every opportunity for the taking - I wish our girls and you all a wonderful Easter Holiday.

Yours sincerely



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Principal