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14th January 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

It was lovely to welcome the girls back last week for the start of a new term. In line with my message in assembly, I have asked them to stop and think and reflect on issues as a first response to many situations. So, to look back ourselves, it was, in fact, a great term! The girls have settled well into the routines of College and stepped up to the challenge of the Senior School academic, sporting and social opportunities and challenges. We have been very pleased with their progress and commitment throughout the first term and all have adjusted well to the demands and expectations of Remove.

I am so proud of every one of the girls who have stepped out of their comfort zone and taken part in a wide range of co-curricular and social activities: from the Halloween disco, Remove Music evening, The Little Shop of Horrors, reading in Church to the College Choir. Also, well done to the girls who have represented local teams in competitions here, in Jersey, and in the UK. With each step, their confidence and resilience is growing to build a strong foundation for their future.

## Remove Parents' Evening:

The Parents' Evening for girls in Remove will be held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 from 5pm until 7pm. Discussions with individual teachers should be kept to no more than 5 minutes. Should you need a longer conversation, please note that a follow-up appointment can be made. A bell will be rung to draw the evening to a close.

A number of staff teach the whole of Remove so may be very busy. If you have any specific concerns and you are unable to meet with any particular teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the office so that arrangements can be made for you to speak with the subject teacher, after the evening.

No appointments are made in advance. Your daughter will bring home a list of her teachers this week. It is not expected that parents meet each one of their daughter's teachers and you may perhaps prioritise which subject staff you wish to see. The Form Tutors and I will, of course, be available throughout the evening and look forward to seeing you. Miss Faye Barclay teaches Science to all of Remove as well as having a Form, so is likely to be particularly busy. Miss Coubrough-Barnett, Head of Learning Support, and Mr Herschel, Learning Support Teacher, will also be in attendance, as will Mrs Clancy, Principal and Dr Mitchell, Deputy Head (Pastoral.)

### **Parking**

Please park on the netball court on the left hand side of the driveway as you enter the site, in addition there is parking at the rear of the College. Please ensure that you sign in on arrival at the College and sign out as you leave. Tea and coffee is provided in The Core, courtesy of The Ladies' College PTA.

Please could you complete the form attached and ask your daughter to return it to her Form Tutor as soon as possible.

#### Mobiles and BYOD:

The general approach towards the use of mobile phones from the girls has been one of maturity. However, I would like to mention that it may be beneficial to their wellbeing if the girls were to consider the age restrictions for many of the social media platforms that are out there. Since April 2018, the minimum age for most is now 13 years old, in line with GDPR regulations, with some raising to 16 years old. For further information on the age limits please see: https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/age-restrictions-social-media-services

While in College, the girls should be using our BYOD WiFi network, as opposed to their 3G, as this has security and safeguarding measures in place to restrict access to sites deemed inappropriate.

# Attendance and Punctuality:

On the whole attendance was good last term, but with lots of cold and flu bugs around we did see dips and troughs for some girls. I hope that the girls all had a well-earned rest over the break and have come back refreshed and healthy. Should a student be absent on any day, you must contact College as soon as possible, by e-mail reception@ladiescollege.ac.gg or by telephone 721602, giving a reason for the absence. The College should be informed before morning registration which is at 8.25a.m. This should be repeated for each day of absence. With regards to punctuality, it will always be an issue with regular road closures and traffic hot spots in some areas of the island. On this note, please be reminded that the times of mandatory attendance for Senior School (Remove) are between 8.25am and 3.30pm.

### Contact details reminder:

As always, if you have any concerns about your daughter, please contact your daughter's form tutor in the first instance.

Remove X - iellen@ladiescollege.ac.gg

Remove Y – fbarclay@ladiescollege.ac.gg

Remove Z - clemaitre@ladiescollege.ac.gg

Remove Year Co-ordinator – <u>lcory@ladiescollege.ac.gg</u>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Cory

Remove Year Coordinator



# Dates for your diary for Lent Term 2019

Wednesday 23rd January 2019

5pm - 7pm - Remove Parents' Evening

Friday 15 to Friday 22 February - Half Term

Friday 15th March 2019

All Day - Red Nose Day - Mufti Day

Friday 29th March 2019

Remove Second Interim reports available on Parent Portal

Any queries regarding access, please contact portal@ladiescollege.ac.gg

Friday 5 April - End of Term 12.30 finish for Senior School and Sixth Form (we aim to conclude end of term events as close to 12:30 as is possible.)

Trinity Term 2019
Tuesday 23 April - Staff INSET day

Wednesday 24 April - Start of Term

Monday 6 May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 9 May - Liberation Day

Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 May - Bank Holiday / Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 28 May - Staff INSET day

Thursday 4 July – lunchtime finish for all Senior School students, except for Prize Winners, Musicians and Flower girls, who will be expected to attend the Speech Day Rehearsal at Beau Sejour. Further information will follow in June.

Friday 5 July - End of Term - 12.30 finish for Senior School and Sixth Form. Annual Speech Day and Prize giving at Beau Sejour. For full and updated calendar information, please visit our website <a href="https://www.ladiescollege.com">www.ladiescollege.com</a>

Daughter's Name:	
Form Tutor:	
I / we confirm attendance	
I / we are unable to attend	
Signed:	
Parent/Guardian	