

January 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians

Year 9 Parents' Evening: Tuesday, 24 January 2012 5.00 - 7.30 pm
New Hall – with daughters

Happy New Year!

It is wonderful to welcome Year 9 back to school to a very busy and exciting term ahead. This term your daughters will be choosing their GCSE options. They will receive an information booklet and you will have the opportunity to discuss choices with subject teachers, form tutors, myself, Mrs Thonemann (Director of Studies) and Mrs Bhamra-Burgess at the forthcoming parents' evening on **Tuesday 24th January 2012 between 5.00 - 7.30 pm in the New Hall. The deadline for GCSE options is Tuesday 31st January.**

This is an important Parents' Evening that usually takes approximately two hours so I do hope you will be able to allocate sufficient time to meet with all your daughters' teachers. Please collect your name labels at the entrance to the New Hall when you arrive. The teachers will be seated around the hall in **alphabetical order** by name. I shall address parents at 6.00 p.m. You will know that we run a strict appointments system in order to facilitate 5-minute interviews for everyone. The girls will negotiate appointment times with their subject teachers. Please note that the following teachers will not be able to make appointments to see all the girls they teach as they teach the whole year group, but will be available throughout the evening: Miss Fung (Physics), Mr Holmes (ICT) and Miss Howarth, Ms Johnson, Ms Mort and Mrs Sharma-Yun (PE). We would be grateful if you would **notify the School in writing if you are unable** to attend the evening. Mrs Bhamra-Burgess and I will circulate and hope to see as many of you as possible.

Please make sure that you see your daughter's form tutor so that any queries about choices for GCSE courses can be raised. Mrs Thonemann (Director of Studies) will also be available throughout the evening to discuss GCSE subject choices in more detail.

In addition to the Parents' Evening and the information booklet, during this term your daughters will receive further assistance and guidance to help make the right choice for them. Ms Ogidan (Head of Year 10 and Careers) will be giving a short presentation to Year 9 girls about subjects and combinations. Year 9 will also have the opportunity to speak to Year 10 girls about their experience of the various subject options at GCSE level, and to Mrs Atkinson (Head of Upper School). In addition, the theme of Careers is covered in the girls' PSHE lessons this half term.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely



Headmistress

Independent Day School for Girls Aged 4-18
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