

September 2011

Dear Year 9 Parents and Guardians

I am writing to introduce myself as your daughter's new Head of Year and would like to welcome the girls back to school. I hope that you and your daughter have had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and are feeling refreshed and energised as we start a new academic year.

It is hard to believe that your daughters are now leading the Middle School; it seems only yesterday they were starting Year 7! This year there will be plenty of opportunities for your daughters to acquire leadership skills, including the possibility of gaining a place on the prestigious Common Purpose leadership course.

Your daughters will also be guides at our Open Evening. This will take place on **Thursday, 22nd September from 5.00pm**. I am confident that they will prove to be very capable guides and wonderful ambassadors for the school. Prospective parents and pupils really appreciate the chance to talk about the school with someone not too much older than themselves. These evenings are important to us and we find girls usually do more to impress visiting parents with their friendliness and general maturity than anything we could say! Visitors will arrive from 5.00 p.m. and the girls will be needed until about 6.00 p.m. We will provide a snack and drink for them after school. I do hope this will not cause you too much inconvenience, and we would be grateful if you would kindly return the reply slip below to confirm that your daughter will be there.

I would also like to inform you of various forthcoming events that might be of interest to you this term:

- Highgate Fun Run - Sunday 25th September
- Channing Association AGM and Visiting Speaker - Wednesday 5th October 7pm (New Hall)
- Non-uniform day in aid of Jeans for Genes - Friday 7th October
- Autumn concert - Wednesday 12th October
- **Half term - Monday 17th-Friday 28th October**
- Channing Association Fireworks - Saturday 5th November 6pm (Stanhope Road)
- Year 9 Battlefields Trip - Saturday 19th - Monday 21st November
- School Production - The Sound of Music - Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th November
- Christmas Carol Concert - Wednesday 14th December - St Michael's Church, Highgate(attendance required for all girls)
- **Autumn Term ends Friday 16th December at 3pm**
- **Spring Term starts Monday 9th January at 8.20am**

I hope that you find this list helpful and that you will be able to attend as many events as possible. Please continue to support your daughters in school through reading and signing their diaries and encouraging them to join in with one or two extra-curricular clubs during the school day. The website has all the latest information about forthcoming events but do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, queries or concerns about your daughters.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bhamra-Burgess (Head of Year 9)



Reply Slip - Year 9 Guides for Open Evenings 2011

Name of Daughter: Form:

My daughter can/cannot act as a guide for the school Open Evening on Thursday 22 September (please delete as appropriate)

Signature of Parent / Guardian: Date

Please return this form to your daughter's form tutor by Wednesday 14 September.