

14 September 2011

To Parents of Girls in Year 10

I would like to welcome you and your daughter to the Upper School. Your daughter is now embarking on her GCSE courses which culminate with examinations in the summer of 2013. This can be a daunting experience but we find that with guidance and support girls always rise to, and even enjoy, the challenges presented to them.

Parents themselves, especially those who have not yet experienced the ups and downs of a child taking GCSEs, can feel at a loss when their children enter Year 10. I would therefore like to invite you to a **GCSE Information Evening**, giving information on what to expect over the next two years, on **Tuesday 20 September at 6.00 p.m.** in Founders' Hall. There will be a short talk giving both information and practical advice on how to support your daughter and help her to manage her GCSEs as well as the opportunity to talk to her Form Tutor and other parents. If you would like to attend, please complete and return the slip below.

Being an all round pupil who is involved in school life is becoming increasingly important and plays a part in helping girls to develop soft skills. We offer a wide choice of extracurricular activities to girls in the Upper School and insist that each girl joins at least one school club in Year 10. The extracurricular timetable will be sent in due course for you to discuss with your daughter.

Please also find as an attachment the homework timetable. It is important that girls adopt a serious approach to homework as it will play an integral part in their GCSE courses.

I am delighted to be your daughter's Assistant Head of Upper School and am looking forward to working with Mrs Atkinson as well as her tutor in guiding her through Year 10. I already know many of you as a Biology teacher but you may not know that I am also Head of Careers with many years of experience advising girls with regard to A level choices, careers and work placements. I arrange our careers conference and specialist talks for Year 10 girls, and later in the year I will be seeking your help with this and our very successful work experience event for Year 10, Take Your daughters to Work day.

I very much hope that your daughter has a successful and happy two years in the Upper School. If you ever have any queries or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jill Ogidan

Assistant Head of Upper School
Head of Careers

GCSE Information Evening – Tuesday 20 September

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Name of Daughter:

Form:

Signature of Parent:

Date:

Please return to Mrs Ogidan asap, thank you.