



# Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School

*Educating Women of the Future*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all.

This week has got off to a great start despite the cold snap we have all been experiencing and heating issues in one building, which we have been managing with appropriate localised solutions. Thankfully today we have not had snow.

Our students have returned to their studies with good humour and purposeful engagement, and everyone is looking forward to events of the spring term. Society meetings and extra-curricular activities and the Duke of Edinburgh Award continue. There are planned sports fixtures and educational visits to look forward to, arranged by the RS, Social Science and Music departments to name a few. I am pleased to share with you that the Drama and Music Departments have started joint planning in earnest, for our summer musical production; it will be announced in due course, as soon as the School has secured the legal rights to stage the production. I am also personally excited to continue working with Year 7 students on the Lean In Girls' Leadership programme. We are able to access the programme through our membership of the International Coalition of Girls' Schools.

You may have seen the term dates for the academic year 2026/27 on our website. I wrote to you at the end of last term with a survey to gauge views on trialling a two week half term break in October 2026. We surveyed Parents and Carers, Students and Staff and all stakeholders were generally positive. Outcomes were consistent across all three surveys as follows:

Parents & Carers	Positive 82.3%
Students	Positive 89.7%
Staff	Positive 85.7%

Concerns raised were those we had pre-empted and we will be working with local schools who have already adopted such an arrangement to understand how those concerns can be minimised if not alleviated. We will be going ahead with the trial in October and there will be a review ahead of deciding term dates for the academic year 2027/28.

In closing I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and restful weekend with family and friends.

Yours faithfully,

Violet Walker  
Headteacher