



Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn Term 2015

I am pleased to be writing to you with news of the very positive start to the new academic year. The school Newsletter has a change of style about it and the first edition is available on the website.

The school is settling down well to changes of processes and timings of particular activities. Form time and assembly at the start of the day are supporting students' readiness to learn and providing valuable reflection time, giving them the necessary focus for what is to follow.

We have been upgrading the IT network and installing a new school information and management system. As is helpful with all change, there has been a period of review and revision. We have appreciated the feedback from students, families and staff. We will continue to work towards achieving the best operating systems to enable the school to support and enhance the progress and development of the girls.

Our new students in Year 7 are growing comfortable in their surroundings, having quickly renewed existing, and established new, friendships following the summer break. They have reminded the rest of the school community how much we take for granted in terms of familiarity with the expectations of the school day. There is a lot to remember and many rooms to find. However, the thoughtfulness and generosity of the older students and of the staff has ensured a successful orientation period.

Staff and students have been busy preparing for Open Evening and we are looking forward to welcoming families who are considering the school as the first choice for their daughters. We have a new prospectus. Please take the opportunity to look at it on the school website. I hope you will find that it encapsulates the essence and charm of Queen Elizabeth's; tradition, community and excellence.

I take the opportunity to welcome you as important members of the school community and look forward to meeting you all at events throughout the year. These start with an information evening for Year 11 on 22nd September at 6:30pm.

Other events for your diaries this term are:

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| 23rd September | Y10 Introduction to KS4 Parents meeting 6:30pm |
| 30th September - | Y7 Information Evening 6:30pm |
| 26th - 30 th October | Half term |
| 2nd November | Inset Day |
| 3rd November | Time4Us KS3, Building Confidence, Self-esteem and Resilience 6:00 - 8:00pm |
| 12th November | 6 th Form Open Evening 6:00 - 8:30pm |
| 26th November | Y13 Parents Evening 4:30 - 7:00pm |
| 2nd December | E-Safety Evening 6:30pm |
| 5th December | Christmas Fair |
| 8th December | Y11 Mock Exams |
| 16th December | Seasonal Celebration 7:00 - 9:00pm |
| 17th December | Certificate Evening 7 - 9:00pm |
| 18th December | Term Ends |

Please remember that you are automatically members of QEGSA, the school's association for Parents and Carers. The Association works hard to support the school, from the provision of refreshments at its events to raising funds towards capital items of expenditure. QEGSA also arranges a programme of social events for Parents and Carers, opportunities to meet informally and establish community links. Your active participation is always appreciated.

Perhaps inevitably with the arrival of a new Headteacher, the school has seen a number of changes at the start of this year. Please be reassured that what you hold dear about the school and its principled values will continue to contribute fully towards the future development of the school.

Yours sincerely

Violet Walker
Headteacher