



8 September 2015

To Parents of Pupils in Forms 4 & 5

Dear Parent

Welcome back to Strathearn. I hope you all had a pleasant and restful summer and that your daughter has now settled into the new term. Please find below information which I hope you will find helpful.

Examination Results

We are really delighted with the continued success of our pupils in public examinations. At GCSE 62% of grades awarded were at A or A* with one quarter at the top A* grade. This is most rewarding for pupils and staff and we look forward to celebrating the girls' success at Prize Night. At A-level 50% of the grades awarded were at A or A* and a record 18% at the top A* grade. It gives us all great satisfaction to note the high level of attainment of our pupils and we congratulate all the girls on their achievement and celebrate their success.

House Plays

Preparations for the House plays are now beginning in earnest. These provide exciting opportunities for all the participants and great enjoyment for the rest of the school. On **Wednesday 21 October** at 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall at the AGM of the Parents' Association the winning production will be performed for parents and interested friends.

Holidays

I would ask for your full co-operation in adhering to the School term and holiday dates when making holiday arrangements. Due to the necessary pace in order to cover the required work, any absence undoubtedly puts extra pressure on the girls. Therefore, please ensure that any request for holidays outside these dates is made, in writing, directly to the Principal.

Parking

Please note that it is essential there is no parking on the double yellow lines outside the school entrance as this causes a major problem for our buses and we would also be grateful if you could kindly give due consideration to our neighbours when parking beside or nearby driveway entrances

Access to School in the afternoons

For those pupils who come to school by car, there is the morning 'drop-off' facility within the school grounds and also the lay-by on Sydenham Avenue which allows direct access to the school buildings via the entrance at Technology. However, please note that access to the canteen carpark is not permitted.

We would also ask that in the afternoon parents collect within the school grounds only after 3.45pm. Unfortunately collection within the school grounds at 3.30pm is not possible because there is insufficient space for everyone to wait. Now that the first two weeks of the term are over we would ask Form 1 parents to wait outside the school grounds unless after 3.45pm.

Pupils can exit the buildings at any time but, for security, access into the school can be gained only at designated times or at the controlled access doors at Reception, Technology and ICT.

After school - Room G2

Pupils who wish to remain for a time after school may wait on the school premises in Room G2. Pupils who choose to use this facility will be unsupervised and in the interests of safety it is advisable that all pupils are collected in the evening by 5.00 pm at the latest. Our late afternoon minibus run to the Newtownards and Holywood Roads is also available.

Mobile Phones

If your daughter brings a mobile phone to school we would insist that it be kept switched off at all times throughout the school day, with the exception of the lunch-time break. We appreciate your co-operation regarding this matter.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to meeting you during the coming year.

Yours sincerely



D Manning
Principal