



5 September 2014

To Parents of Pupils in Form U6

Dear Parent

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

U6 UCAS Evening

We were pleased at the good turnout at our UCAS evening and materials distributed on the evening are now available on the School website.

Examination Results

We are really delighted with the continued success of our pupils in public examinations. At GCSE a record 70% of grades awarded were at A or A* and this is most rewarding for pupils and staff. 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 30% of girls achieved 3 grade As or better. 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.

AS Examinations

As you are well aware, your daughter was involved in AS examinations, the results of which are excellent. Following on from their success at GCSE last year, 71% of the grades awarded were at A or B and thirty girls achieved at least 3 straight As. Your daughter has now started her **A2** modules - the second half of the A level course - although they will also contain an element of work from both years. These are more demanding than the AS modules but I trust the girls will respond accordingly. I know they are rightly very pleased with their achievements to date and are now better able to focus their career aspirations for this final year at Strathearn.

Careers and Higher Education Convention, QUB Open Day (Reminder)

You will have already received details that on Friday 12 September, there will be no classes for U6 pupils so that they can attend these two very important events. The Careers Convention (Options 10) at Methodist College is also held on 12 September. With over 100 exhibitors, this gives students an opportunity to speak to representatives from universities all over Great Britain and Ireland, as well as to members of professional organisations.

New Build

We are in the last stages of our building programme and are delighted to be into the main block with easy access to specialist accommodation including the ICT Learning Centre and Library. It is great to have our new assembly hall and we now have seated assembly which is a great bonus. Our new Gymnasium is well underway and the last of the old buildings have been demolished and the site cleared for a play-ground and two more tennis courts. The completion date is November 2014 and we look forward to having use of all the extensive facilities.

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.

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 22 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.

School Formal

This event is being held on **Friday 21 November** at the Clandeboye Lodge Hotel and we look forward to a good evening for all who wish to attend. I must explain that this is the **only** Formal organised by the school and we are not, in any way, associated with any 'After Formal' or 'Pre-Formal' events. These are not organised or encouraged by the school and we take no responsibility for such occasions.

U6 Mock Interview Evening

Please note interviews will be held on Monday 24 November from 7.00 pm in school.

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

Yours sincerely



D Manning
Principal