



February 2011

To the Parents of all Form 5 students

Dear Parents

Please find enclosed a copy of your daughter's report from the mock examinations. I hope there is much to give you encouragement as well as very practical suggestions on how improvements can be achieved.

### **Form 5 Parents' Consultation**

Your daughter will have already received the A-Level Subject Information Booklet and some advice on subject choice. Form 5 Consultations will be held on **Wednesday 2 March** from 1.45 to 5.00 pm and appointments should be made with teachers in the normal manner. Mrs Connery and I will be available in the Foyer during this time should you have any queries. Mrs Graham and Mrs Hearst, our Careers Adviser, will also be available in the Careers Suite.

### **Entry into Sixth Form**

The minimum requirement for entry into sixth form will be seven passes at grades A\* to C, with at least four passes at grade B or better. In addition, you will see from the Information Booklet that we strongly recommend that students do not embark upon an A-level course without having achieved the **minimum** of a grade **B** at GCSE in that subject or another appropriate subject.

### **Form 5 Study Leave**

The weeks between now and May are crucial to your daughter's success in the May/June examinations. The **last day of classes for Form 5 is Wednesday 4 May**. It is essential that your daughter attends regularly and that she is punctual to class, because it is during these weeks that final topics are introduced, earlier work is revised and advice is given on good examination technique. It is also most important that any remaining coursework is completed so that the revision can begin unhindered.

### **Important Dates**

- Half Term break – **Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February**
- St Patrick's Day on **Thursday 17 March** – half day (school finishes at 12.50 pm)
- Exceptional Closure – **Friday 18 March**
- Uganda Appeal Dinner Dance – **Saturday 26 March** (Clandeboyne Lodge Hotel)
- Spring Concert on **Tuesday 29 March** at 7.30 pm
- Parents' Association Annual Ball – **Saturday 9 April** (Culloden Hotel)
- Term finishes on **Friday 15 April at 12 noon**
- Next term begins on **Tuesday 3 May** at 8.45 am

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## **Results**

The GCSE examination results will be posted to pupils to arrive on **Thursday 25 August 2010**.

## **Parental Survey (Pupil Behaviour)**

As part of our regular review of policies and procedures we are drawing up a new Pupil Behaviour Policy in line with Department of Education guidance on the Promotion of Positive Behaviour. This involves reviewing current approaches to ensuring and encouraging good behaviour and discipline before a draft policy can be constructed.

Part of this process requires pupils, staff (teaching and non-teaching), parents and governors to be consulted on our existing management of pupil behaviour.

Following this consultation, all interested parties will once again have the opportunity to give their views on the Draft Pupil Behaviour Policy before it is finalised and submitted to the Board of Governors for approval.

The Parent Survey on current Pupil Behaviour Management is now available for you to complete on our website, [www.strathearn.org.uk](http://www.strathearn.org.uk), under 'consultations' and this is our preferred method of gathering views. It is also available in paper form, on request, from Reception.

The deadline for the responses to the Parent Survey is Friday 4 March 2011. We welcome and appreciate your contribution to this important survey.

## **Uganda Appeal Dinner Dance – Saturday 26 March 2011**

In July 2011, staff and 19 pupils are going out to Strathearn Primary School in Uganda to build a nursery school on the same site. As a School we are very excited to be able to make a real difference to the life chances of children in Uganda and we ask for your support in this venture. The cost of the building programme is £15,000 and we have already received donations towards this total for which we are very grateful. Over the next few months there will be a number of fundraisers including Cash for Clobber, Sponsored Marathon runs and a Dinner Dance. We are particularly grateful to the Clandeboye Lodge Hotel for offering to host our Dinner Dance which is to be held on Saturday 26 March 2011 and tickets (priced at £30 each) will be available from the Finance Office.

Thank you for your support and assistance. I know you will encourage your daughter to do the best she can and help her to keep calm, be methodical with her revision and sensible about other activities in which she may be involved. I hope the grades achieved in August will be very rewarding and enable your daughter to pursue the career of her choice.

I wish you all every success.

Yours sincerely

D Manning  
Principal