

# Key Dates



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6 May 2010	First draft of personal statements to be given to form tutors
14 May 2010	Last day for L6 - study leave commences
May—June 2010	Public Examinations
19 August 2010	AS results issued
27 August 2010	Office bearers and early Applicants attend school for assistance with UCAS forms (1.30pm—3.00pm)
30 August 2010	First day of Autumn term (Pupils must remember to bring all work done on personal statements in ICT format)

## People to Contact

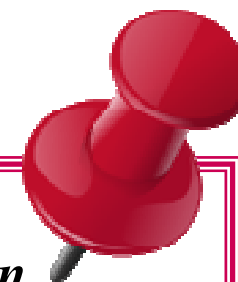
- ◆ Your daughter's Form Tutor
- ◆ Mrs L Myers (Head of Sixth Form)
- ◆ Mrs N Connery (Vice Principal - Teaching and learning and subject choice)
- ◆ Mrs C Norris (School services co-ordinator, examination entries including remarks and resits)
- ◆ Mrs H Graham (Vice Principal Pastoral and Director of Careers)
- ◆ Mrs A Hearst (Careers Adviser)
- ◆ Mrs Wright (School Secretary)
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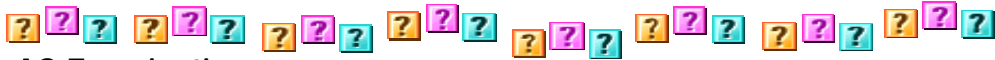
Dear Parents

We trust that you and your daughters have found the past year to be a rewarding and enjoyable one so far and that you feel well prepared for the busy examination season that is almost upon us. This bulletin aims to provide information which will help you to support your daughters in the best way during the weeks ahead. As usual, all this information has already been communicated to the girls.

I hope you find the bulletin helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have concerns or questions about any other issues (see contact details on the back cover).

Finally, please accept the best wishes of the Principal and staff for the challenging weeks ahead. We are confident that the girls will be able to replicate the exemplary standards achieved last year!

Mrs L Myers  
Head of Sixth Form



## AS Examinations

Each pupil received her personal examination timetable during the first week of March. This is obviously a very important document; it should ideally be displayed where your daughter does her studying. If anyone loses her timetable, she should ask Mrs Connery urgently for a replacement.

It hardly needs to be stated that every pupil should be fully engaged in thorough, detailed revision from now until her examinations are over. If your daughter does that, then she should receive results which are worthy of her ability. The results will be posted to arrive at your home on **Thursday 19 August**. If you would like them to be sent to any other address, your daughter should let Mrs Wright know. Results may be accessed electronically; more information will follow on this. Girls should speak to Mrs Connery directly if there are any queries about examinations.



## Practical Arrangements

It is essential that pupils maintain in full attendance right up to **14 May**. Even when courses are completed, the revision provided by teachers is invaluable for exam preparation.

### Lockers

Girls must return any locker keys to their Form Tutors by **Friday 30 April** in order to avoid incurring a £10 replacement fee. The locker area must be completely cleared before the commencement of study leave on that day. Anything remaining after this date will be discarded.



### Text Books

Text book returns should be managed under the direction of subject teachers. Again it will be necessary to administer a fee if books are not returned.



# Careers

## Planned Talks and Visits

**Social Work and Personal Statements** (15th April) and **Photography** (22nd April).  
**Stranmillis Open Day** on 5th May

## Personal Statements and Choices

At the moment the girls are working on a list of between six and ten possible courses at Further or Higher Education Institutions and a first draft of their personal statements. Copies of these initial drafts of personal statements should be given to Form Tutors by Thursday **6th May** and should be saved on memory sticks for refinement next year. In June all Lower Sixth students will be emailed instructions on how to complete an UCAS application.

## Summer Research and UCAS Applications

During the summer holidays we encourage students to discuss thoroughly with their parents the various options available to them and the implications, financial or otherwise, of their choices. We also advise students to visit university campuses where there are courses of interest to them. The current Lower Sixth will be able to attend Open Days at Queen's and the University of Ulster in early September. Girls will be expected to work on course choices and personal statements over the summer holidays. They should be ready to carry out further work on their personal statements on the **first day** of the Autumn term in tutorial classes, so all girls must remember to bring their saved work to date.

## Early Applicants

Applicants for medical, veterinary and dentistry courses and those applying to Oxford or Cambridge have a much earlier UCAS deadline than other applicants. This means that those girls must spend significant time refining their personal statements before returning to school.

**All Office Bearers and Early Applicants** are invited to come into school prior to the start of term for assistance with their UCAS forms. The *provisional* date for this is **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August** from 1.30 – 3.00p.m. The date will be confirmed by email in June.

Finally we invite you to visit the UCAS website at your leisure over the summer. Applications are now completed online and the website will clarify the process.