



February 2011

To the Parents of all Form U6 students

Dear Parents

Please find enclosed a copy of your daughter's last school report as she is now into her final months at Strathearn. The A2 examinations are, by definition, harder than the AS, but I am encouraged at the good progress that has been made and how the girls are responding to this challenge. This is now a crucial stage in the run up to the examinations. It is therefore 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.

On **Tuesday 15 February** from 7.00–9.00 pm we are having a L6 consultation evening but it is also open to any in U6 who have particular concerns raised by the report. If that is the case, please do ask your daughter to make an appointment with her teacher in the usual way.

### **Last Day of U6 - 10 May**

Nearer the time I will be reminding the girls of the required standard of behaviour for the final day at school. It is important that any activities do not compromise the Health and Safety of employees and pupils, no matter how innocent they may seem. I ask for your full co-operation in this matter.

We will plan for a special morning and the final documents and instructions for the examinations will be given to the girls. This will be followed by a buffet reception at which staff and pupils can enjoy reminiscing over past years and discussing hopes for the future. We look forward to a lovely morning.

Previously, cars used by Form 6 pupils have been damaged during the last week of U6, either through accidents or misbehaviour. Recently, because of the good efforts of all concerned, this has not been the case but I would ask you to discuss transport arrangements with your daughter, particularly for the last morning.

### **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**

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### **Important Dates (cont'd)**

- Spring Concert on **Tuesday 29 March** at 7.30 pm
- Term finishes on **Friday 15 April at 12 noon**
- Next term begins on **Tuesday 3 May** at 8.45 am

### **What next?**

The examination results will be posted to the pupils to arrive on **Thursday 18 August**. We will also provide further information on the UCAS process at that time. Please note that the school website is also an important source of information in August when A Level results are issued.

### **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](http://www.strathearn.org), 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.

**Thank you** for all your support over the past seven years and I hope your daughter completes her education at Strathearn with many happy memories and makes a successful transition to the next stage of her educational career.

Yours sincerely

D Manning  
Principal