Dear Parents,

Two terms are complete and the third is under way. It too will pass all too quickly and before we know it, the temperature will be 50 degrees and IGCSE and A level exams will be under way. Before this happens, there is still plenty of work to be done.

- **Parents Meeting:**
  Reports were sent home at the end of last term and ALL parents are invited to attend school on Thursday 24th April (from 8:00am till 2:30pm) to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss their progress and what comes next. There will be no school for students on this day. We often find that the younger children’s parents have a good attendance rate but the older the child the less parents think they need to attend. You may think that you have heard it all before but this is the time to meet with the teacher discuss the work that has been done and find out how and why your child can improve. Teachers have been asked to prepare for this meeting with evidence of your child’s work so that you can see why the report reflects the grades your son or daughter received.

I would also like some feedback on the new style reports we provided you with this term. There will be a small questionnaire we would like you to complete for us.

- **Yr.11 Graduation:**
  Yr. 11 students have their formal graduation on 27th April. This is a grand affair and is long remembered by students, parents and other family members. All students have had the protocols of the evening explained to them and what the school's expectations are regarding dress code and behaviour. Please ensure that your son or daughter understands these. I am looking forward to a wonderful evening celebrating the completion of this stage of their education and inviting them to continue with the next stage. Yes, they are all grown up now but we still expect them to continue with their education.

- **End of year exams:**
  There is approximately 8 weeks of the school year left. While Yr. 11 and 12s will be busy with exams from early May the rest of the school will be involved in assessment activities formally from 25th May until 5th June.

Final year reports will be issued on 17th June (last day of school), these will only be issued to students who have paid their full year’s fees.

- **School Rules:**
  - We have had several incidences of students having mobiles confiscated at school. In accord with the school policies we reserve the right to confiscate these and other electrical items. We have been lenient throughout the year. During the last term students abused this leniency resulting in the “get tough” approach. Please do not let your child bring these items to school, they will be confiscated, there are no excuses or exceptions.
  - Girls who do not wear Hijab are asked to be respectful and wear their hair neat and tidy, this means restrained and tied up in some form. I am constantly asking girls to "put their hair up and remove nail polish". Break time detentions will be handed out this term to those who continue to flaunt the school
rules this includes 1 pair of ear rings only. Gold, silver or pearl studs only, others will be removed and confiscated by the Deans.

- **Inspection:**
  We have received our report from the Cambridge Education Group who carried out their inspection in March. They rated us satisfactory. There are plenty of areas that we are working on to improve. Student choices for activities and after school learning experiences are high on the agenda, as are increased activity opportunities for girls. We have strengthened our A level teaching group with recruits from around the world and continue to work on improving our overall educational experience.

  For next year we have a number of initiatives underway. These include: A Student Representative Council, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Learning Support teams, Increased opportunities for those students who appear to grasp things that much faster and a revamped and restructured Yr. 12/13 system.

- **Parents’ Visiting:**
  While we welcome parents visiting the school and encourage you to do so, please note we have over 1000 sets of parents in the school. Please ring and make an appointment to speak to whomever you wish, please give a reason for your appointment and the secretaries will make sure you get to speak to the appropriate person to assist you. We have Head Teachers, Deans and Form Teachers who should be able to assist you in each part of the school. Please contact the appropriate personnel.

  As we have 1600 children to look after we are very conscious of their safety. We do not encourage and will actively discourage parents wandering around the school. Please do not wander around the school you will be questioned as to your presence in the school. All students should now be capable of going to class with either a maid or on their own. People will be asked to leave the school grounds. The Head Teachers and I are extremely busy and cannot always be available to meet parents without an appointment. Please do not expect to be seen if you turn up without an appointment. You need to make an appointment when you see other professional people, it is the same here.

- **Registration**
  Finally, registrations are under way for the 2014/2015 academic year. Places are filling fast with year levels restricted. We give preference to currently enrolled students and those with brothers or sisters here however from April 31st it will be first in takes the places.

  I wish our senior students the best for their exams and hope they fulfill their dreams and to the rest of us, I hope we can have a smooth and happy term through to the summer vacations.

  Best Regards

  David Conway

  Principal