



## CAMDEN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you as your daughter completes the last week in Year Ten in order to make sure that you know what to expect during Year Eleven. I would like to reassure you that we will do everything possible in school to make sure that your daughter's experience with us is as happy and productive as possible. The partnership between school and home is vitally important for young people and perhaps most crucial now as they face their first public examinations. We will provide very strong support for your daughter during Year Eleven, and we are very keen to maintain our strong links with you at this time.

I hope your daughter has enjoyed the year and is feeling confident and happy about her GCSE courses. I also hope that you feel that you have clear information about how the school works, and the opportunities that are available for your daughter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

### **Summer Term in Year Ten**

Teachers are starting the process of writing Year Ten Profiles, and you will receive these before the end of term. You will have detailed information about how your daughter is progressing in all her subjects, and what she needs to do in order to improve. We will be running a **Year Eleven Target Review Day on 6 September 2017**, when you will be invited into school to meet your daughter's form tutor to discuss her progress. This is an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about GCSEs and Year Eleven, and for the school to discuss with you any concerns about your daughter's progress when there is still plenty of time to address any difficulties. Please put the date in your diary; the school will contact you shortly with the meeting time.

### **Work Experience**

I hope your daughter is enjoying her Work Experience placement. We value the opportunity this provides to find out what a workplace is really like, and we often find that students return feeling more motivated about their schoolwork, as they begin to see how it connects with life after education.

### **Year Eleven at Camden School for Girls**

Year Eleven is a challenging but enjoyable time for students. As your daughter continues studying for her GCSE courses, she will need to be increasingly committed and well-organised in school. You will be aware that a feature of GCSE courses now is the requirement for work called 'Controlled Assessment'. This is work that students are prepared for by teachers in their normal lessons, but which they complete in class in exam conditions. Don't hesitate to contact us if your daughter is struggling with this, or with any aspect of her work, so that we can help.

Your daughter may be asked to attend SLT Catch-up on a Tuesday after school or Headteacher's Silent Study on Wednesday after school if she falls behind with work.

Departments run homework clubs and after-school sessions regularly for Year Eleven students. If your daughter has fallen behind or missed some work, please encourage her to attend these. Please help her to maintain a regular work routine at home, and to use the school library, which is open daily until 4.30 pm, and provides access to computers. We will run Mock GCSE Examinations in December to provide a clear assessment of your daughter's standard of work and to identify any areas of difficulty.

For more detail on the GCSE curriculum, please visit our school website at [www.camdengirls.camden.sch.uk](http://www.camdengirls.camden.sch.uk).

## **Autumn and Spring Revision**

Teachers run a series of Autumn and Spring Revision sessions in the Autumn and Spring Terms, and during the Easter holidays. These cover work already taught in lessons, and they are an excellent source of additional help. We will contact you shortly with further information.

## **Extra-curricular activities**

We encourage Year Eleven students to continue following their extra-curricular activities during Year Eleven. We know that these assist relaxation and help develop self-confidence, teamwork and individual talents. We will support students in developing a 'work/life balance' and in recognising that meeting deadlines and studying regularly frees up time for relaxation and prevents last minute panic. Please support us by encouraging healthy eating, regular and sufficient sleep and excellent attendance and punctuality in school.

This can also be a year in which students start to find the pressure to be well-organised and to meet deadlines difficult. This is to be expected, but if you are at all worried about your daughter, please contact her form tutor to discuss any issues you may have.

## **Careers and post-16 pathways**

We will continue to talk to your daughter about Careers during PHSCE lessons, and we run a conference in the Autumn Term to provide information about a wide range of post-16 courses. It is important that your daughter continues thinking about her learning in relation to her future aspirations. Please encourage her to be ambitious and to think broadly about this.

## **Summer Holiday consolidation of GCSE study**

Please encourage your daughter to read over the summer and to re-visit her Year Ten notes. The library is well-stocked with books that are relevant to all the GCSEs on offer in school, and your daughter is very welcome to borrow these over the summer.

## **Clubs and extra-curricular activities**

Information about clubs and extra-curricular activities will be provided in September. For school policies, the latest Friday News and general information please go to the school website at [www.camdengirls.camden.sch.uk](http://www.camdengirls.camden.sch.uk). For information about Year Eleven, please see the Year Eleven Handbook on the school website.

I look forward to seeing you at future events this term or next year.

## **Contact us**

I do hope that your daughter enjoys the remainder of Year Ten. Please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's form tutor, her Head of Year, Ms Brown at [kbrown@csg.school](mailto:kbrown@csg.school), Assistant Headteacher, Ms Toman at [dtoman@csg.school](mailto:dtoman@csg.school), Deputy Headteacher, Ms Derrar at [kderrar@csg.school](mailto:kderrar@csg.school) or myself at [csg@csg.school](mailto:csg@csg.school) if you have any concerns or queries.

Yours sincerely



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