

September 2011

Dear Parents of girls in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11

I do hope that the arrangements for your summer break went according to plan and that your daughters are looking forward to the start of the Autumn Term which is on **Tuesday 6 September**. Our doors will be open as usual from 8.00am.



It has been a very busy holiday for work taking place on the site with the **erection of lights for the astro** and the beginning of the construction of the **performing arts building** next to the Junior School. The latter has started well with the foundations almost in place. The building works will be continuing until approximately the end of May by which time we will have a new theatre seating 120, a specialist dance studio and further teaching areas. This is a very exciting project and in our planning we will ensure that all age groups within the School will have an opportunity to benefit from these new facilities.

**Monday 5 September** The Park Avenue Car Park will be closed on Monday. Please use Brueton Avenue.

We have been celebrating with the girls some very pleasing examination results for both our Upper and Lower Sixth, and at the end of last week with Year 11 and Year 10. Our **Year 10** took on average 6 modules toward their GCSEs next year and 67% of these grades were at A\* and A.

In **Year 11** the girls are to be congratulated on their GCSE results. In English and mathematics 69% of passes were at A\* and A, with 95% at grade B and above. In all subjects 59% of all grades were awarded at A\* and A with 86% of all grades at grade B and above.



The **Lower Sixth** gained some outstanding results after one year of their A level courses with 58% of grades at B and above; results which bode well for next year.

At **A Level** with 100% pass rate, the **Upper Sixth** have done extremely well with 89% of grades C and above, a superb 82% of grades at B and above, with 34 % of grades at A\* and A. Their hard work and commitment was evident in this challenging year when the competition for university places was higher than ever before. The girls have chosen to study a wide range of courses such as English, History, Biology, Occupational Therapy and Business Management and we wish them success in the future.

### Heritage Open Day, Saturday 10 September 2011



We will be opening the doors of Malvern Hall as part of the Heritage Open Days on Saturday 10 September, from 10am to 4pm.

Diane James will be presenting *An Eccentric's Vision - The Improvement of Malvern Hall and its Landscape* at 11am and 2pm.

Diane is an independent consultant and author, living and working in Warwickshire. She has a Master's Degree in Garden History, and lectures on the county's historic gardens and landscapes. Diane has co-authored, with Timothy Mowl, *Historic Gardens of Warwickshire*, being published in September 2011. All are very welcome to attend.

As we start another academic year we will be continuing to work with you as we seek to stretch your daughter as an individual with fresh challenges both in and out of the classroom.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our information sessions and wish your daughter a very successful year in 2011/12.

Mrs J Carwithen  
Head