



8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to you all. It is my great pleasure to be now in my new role as Headmaster of Eaton House Girls' School, and I am very much looking forward to meeting you and your daughters in the near future. I do hope you have had a happy and healthy summer break whether you have been travelling, cheering on our Olympic athletes or simply enjoying the fine weather.

This Autumn Term promises to be a busy and exciting time for all the girls both in and out of the classroom. If your daughter is new to Eaton House, I wish her all the very best for the journey ahead. If your daughter is returning, we shall be encouraging her to continue to make the most of the opportunities that are presented to her and to challenge herself to be the best she can be. A new academic year is the perfect time for a fresh start with renewed vigour.

### **Communication**

Regular and open communication between the School and you is, of course, essential in ensuring your daughter has the best experience possible. Thus, if you do have any questions or concerns, do please contact your daughter's form teacher in the first instance; your daughter should have a welcome letter from their form teacher today with their email address on it.

If it is not appropriate to communicate with the form teacher, please contact either Miss Kirsten (Senior Mistress) [kbond@eatonhouseschools.com](mailto:kbond@eatonhouseschools.com) or Miss Nicola (Deputy Head) [nborthwick@eatonhouseschools.com](mailto:nborthwick@eatonhouseschools.com)

If you would like to contact me please email me at [osnowball@eatonhouseschools.com](mailto:osnowball@eatonhouseschools.com) or phone the School (0207 9246000). If you would like to arrange a time to come in and meet with me please email my PA, Miss Kate Bullock, [girls.pa@eatonhouseschools.com](mailto:girls.pa@eatonhouseschools.com)

### **Monitors**

For my first group of monitors, I am delighted to announce the following girls have been elected for the coming academic year:

Head Girl:	Emma Phillipson
Deputy Head Girl:	Honor Jones
Arundel House Captain:	Tilly Borthwick
Arundel Vice Captain:	Athena Darling
Balmoral House Captain:	Daisy Bannister
Balmoral Vice Captain:	Bea Allison
Stirling House Captain:	Phoebe McCambridge
Stirling Vice Captain:	Emily Young

Windsor House Captain:	Lulu Price
Windsor Vice Captain:	Emily Gates
Head Chorister & Music Monitor:	Lois Prickett
Sports Captain:	Phoebe Jancic
Art Captain:	Beatrice Hickman

I have no doubt that these girls will be wonderful role models for both their peers and the younger girls. Holding a position of responsibility is a chance to demonstrate maturity, leadership and commitment; I hope these girls will relish every moment.

### **New Girls**

With thirty three girls coming into our two Kindergarten forms this term and three girls joining other year groups, I am delighted to say that Eaton House Girls' School continues to grow. The number of pupils on roll is now 190.

### **Staff News**

As many of you know, as well as welcoming some new members of staff this term we are also being joined by people who may be familiar to you: Miss Annabelle (F3 Teacher) joins us from the Pre-Prep, and both Miss Charlotte and Miss Shaughah are returning to Eaton House to be the Form 2 Assistants. We also have three new Assistants joining us: Miss Megan (KG1), Miss Emily (KG2) and Miss Philippa (F1B).

It also gives me great pleasure to let you know that both Miss Catherine and Miss Nicki are pregnant and due to begin their maternity leave at the end of this term. I shall, therefore, be recruiting a Form 1 teacher and a PE teacher to provide the necessary cover in the near future and will provide you with more details once these appointments have been confirmed.

### **Parents' Information Evenings**

There will be a Parents' Information Evening (marked in your calendar as a Welcome Evening) on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a drinks party for parents with daughters in Kindergarten. The evening will provide an excellent opportunity for you to get to know your daughter's new form teacher and to gain a good understanding of the expectations and routines within that year group. Parents of girls in KG and Forms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 should make their way directly to their daughter's form room. Please could I ask parents of girls in Form 6 to make their way to the Theatre at 6.30pm for a short talk from me before moving on to Form 6E's classroom at 6.45pm.

Our **Senior Schools Information Evening** will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm. The evening will start with an information session for **Form 4** parents about the process of applying to senior schools, and Mrs Sally-Anne Huang, Headmistress of JAGS, will follow with a talk open to all interested parents in Forms 3-6. More details will follow nearer the time.

### **Early Morning Room and Homework Class**

Early Morning Room will continue to run every day between 8.00 and 8.30am for all year groups, and Homework Class will run from 4.00-5.00pm on Monday to Friday for girls in Forms 4, 5 and 6. If your daughter requires a place in either of these sessions, please email Miss Nicola ([nborthwick@eatonhouseschools.com](mailto:nborthwick@eatonhouseschools.com)) giving your daughter's name and the days required. There is no charge for these sessions but places are, I am afraid, limited.

All girls attending the Early Morning Room should go straight to the basement with all their belongings and register with our Gap Assistant, Miss Lucy.

When collecting your daughter at the end of the school day, please could I remind you that once your daughter has met you outside her classroom she should remain with you until you have exited the main gates on the forecourt.

### **Calendar**

Your daughter will have been given a calendar to bring home today with all term dates and activities. There are clearly many exciting activities and events planned, and I have listed a few key dates for your diary below.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Exam week

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening – no clubs

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Fair (evening)

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Junior Play (F1 & 2) at 2pm

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Play at 2.30pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Ballet Presentation

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service at 2pm

**Correction: please could I draw your attention to the fact that although the calendar has the final day of the Summer Term as Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 it will, in fact, be Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Many apologies for any confusion caused.**

It, therefore, just leaves me to say that I hope you all have a wonderful term.

With best wishes



Oliver Snowball