



# TORQUAY GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I hope you are well. It was fantastic to see your daughters again last week and lovely to welcome the new Year 7 and Year 12 girls to our school. I hope that by now they have met all their teachers, deciphered their timetables, caught up on the summer gossip and are ready for action.

## Examination Performance 2015

The girls continued the school's tradition of outstanding exam results. At GCSE over half the year group achieved 8 or more A or A\* grades. We had students who gained 11A\* grades and those who, despite challenging circumstances, still fulfilled their potential.

At A Level 73% of grades were awarded at A\* - B; with 26 students achieving three or more A grades.

More importantly all the students who applied were able to gain places at top Universities following a wide range of courses. These fantastic results are a just reward for all the effort put in by our students and staff.

The future also looks bright as those who took exams in Year 9, 10 and 12 achieved some of our best results ever.

## Centenary Aftermath

We had a wonderfully invigorating year, celebrating our Centenary. During the summer the Vestibule was refurbished and it now looks cleaner, grander and more professional. After the construction of our amphitheatre and archive corridor, it completes our Centenary building legacy. Please feel free to view these next time you visit.

Aside from the physical legacy we have also created a school development office which will be nurturing alumnae, raising funds and promoting the school. Mrs Harrison-Bayes is taking on the role as School Development Officer and has her office in the Vestibule.

## Well Beings

We have spent much of last year developing our pastoral programme. The result is a coherent, co-ordinated and sequential approach to developing our girls. We aim to nurture them so that they become physically and mentally fit, as well as able to take on the rigours of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Details will be on the website shortly.

## New roles

We have created two new leadership roles:

Mr Charlwood is the **Head of Lower School** (Years 7, 8 and 9) and his brief is;

*'To nurture our girls through the transition from Primary School. To deliver them to the Upper school having developed the appropriate learning skills, strong relationships and a desire to learn.'*

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Mrs Colombini is the **Head of Upper School** (Years 10, 11, 12 & 13) and her brief is;

*'To lead our girls through 4 years of Upper School enabling them to reach their preferred course/career having achieved academically, developed high level learning skills and become both mentally & physically fit.'*

We believe this arrangement will further improve the experience of our girls as they pass through the school.

**Flotsam and Jetsam**

- At the start and end of the day some 2500 staff and students use the Grammar school entrances. Please can you avoid parking in the school grounds or in the bus circle (the Council are still actively fining offenders) as this causes dangerous congestion.
- A copy of key dates and events can be found on the school website ([click here.](#))

I wish you and your daughter a happy and successful year.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Nicholas Smith**  
**Headteacher**

