



# Walderslade Girls' School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As of September, your daughter will be entering the Upper School at Walderslade Girls' and we wanted to write to you outlining some changes that you may see as your daughter moves into Year 11.

First of all we would like to introduce ourselves as the Head of Year 11 and the Head of Upper School. Together, we will be responsible for the oversight of your daughter's welfare and academic progress and we look forward to working with your daughter and you in supporting your daughter through this challenging year.

As new Year 11s, we recognise that our students are now young adults and as such we have certain expectations of them. This includes their behaviour, uniform, attendance and punctuality. A number of interventions and revision sessions will be offered by teaching staff to support your daughter's progress and attainment. It will be expected that pupils take full opportunity of this and attend revision sessions and complete coursework to the deadlines set.

We hope that by getting the basics right, our pupils will be in the best position and correct mind-set to work to the best of their ability. To support this in September we will be asking all our year 11 pupils and yourselves to agree to a year 11 code of conduct. This is aimed at preparing them for the expectations set in the world of work. In addition to this, we will be looking to reward our pupils in various areas of excellence, to recognise their successes and celebrate their achievements.

Your daughter has already started to experience the pressure and expectations that year 11 brings having sat mock exams for many of their subjects this term. The results of these have been shared with pupils. We will be holding another set of mock exams during the next academic year and staff will use this information for many subjects to ensure that pupils are entered for the right exam due to some subjects having various tiers of entry.

All of our pupils have been set summer work for almost all of their subjects. This work has been placed on the school website and we would like to make you aware that it is an expectation that the work is completed. We would ask for your support in trying to ensure that this is completed for our return in September to enable teachers to fully support your daughter right from the start of term.

To further support your daughter's learning, the school has joined two new and exciting services:



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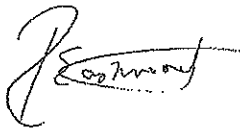
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- GCSEPod: This is best described as an on-line knowledge bank for many of the subjects your daughter is taking in year 11 and should support her learning throughout the year.
- Class Charts: This will be the main platform through which the school will set and monitor homework and in time will also be the main platform that the school will use to monitor behaviour.

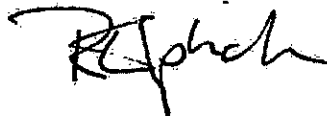
We will be contacting you in September to advise you on how to access these.

Finally, we will be inviting you to our Year 11 Information Evening in September. This will be an opportunity for you to hear some key information about year 11, meet key members of staff and become further informed on how you can support and extend the learning taking place at home as well.

Wishing you a very good summer break



Miss R. Eastwood  
Head of Year 11



Mr R. Elphick  
Head of Upper School