Autumn Term in Pictures For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

December 2017

Dear families,

This is my last letter to you for 2017. We have come to the end of our first term for this academic year and, I am sure you will agree, it has gone very quickly. It has been a term filled with excitement and positives from day one. In September we returned to some excellent examination results from our Year 11 and 6th Form students.

We made a historic change to the school uniform and I am delighted in the way in which our girls have worn this uniform with confidence and respect. I have had many positive comments from families and the community who feel that this has 'lifted' our students and given them a greater sense of pride. They have been a credit to you and our school.

Students also returned to a newly refurbished 'Dining Plaza' which they have loved, and this has provided a more mature and high quality dining experience. Most importantly, students are working hard in lessons, and we are very pleased with the progress they are making.

We are proud of our 300 hundred year heritage and that next year we will have been located in our current position in Silwood House, Tulse Hill, for 90 years. To celebrate this and to celebrate 319 years of educating girls, we will be having a special service in May.

On 23 May 1928 Her Royal Highness the Queen Mother, came to St Martin's to officially open the school. We will be having a service at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, Trafalgar Square on the same date, 90 years later. We are really excited that we can do this and this is thanks to the Worshipful Company of Farriers who have funded the cost of the coaches.

During the month of May we will be celebrating our 90 years in lots of different ways. I hope that you will join us and take part in some of the special events that will take place. More information will come your way in the new year.

I very much look forward to seeing you in the new year at some of our events. In the meantime please put Tuesday, 23 January 2018 into your diary. This is the date for the next Parent Partnership meeting from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. As always, I thank you very much for your ongoing support. I am thrilled that the changes we are making to the school are having such a positive impact and your support is very important to us as we continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.

From me, and from all of us at St Martin's, we wish you joy this Christmas and peace in the year to come.

Many Blessings

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