



Devonport High School for Girls

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8th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your families had good summer break. I am pleased to have welcomed back students after the break, this week and to see familiar faces. It also gives me great pleasure to welcome new year 7 students and families to the school, along with our new Sixth Formers in Year 12. For updated news please keep an eye on our Social Media accounts and our website. I will also continue this year with my termly newsletter, which comes out in the last week of each term.

Exam Successes

The staff and I are delighted to celebrate the achievements of last year's Year 13 and Year 11 students. Congratulations to them all on their outstanding results. Their success is the result of two years of hard work, commitment, and resilience, and they should be immensely proud of what they have accomplished. The progress and achievements of our leavers are a true reflection of their determination as well as the dedication and support of their teachers throughout their A Levels and GCSEs. I am deeply proud of our DHSG students and wish them every success as they move forward into the next chapter of their lives.

Staffing updates

I can confirm again that we are again fully staffed, with subject specialists. New staff starting at DHSG this September are:

Hannah Fry	Teaching Assistant
Nicky Luxton	Teacher of Maths (Maternity Cover)
Karen Mules	Catering Assistant
Joanne Oats	Catering Assistant
Gemma Parkinson	Attendance Officer
Hannah Potter	Science Technician

Miss Revell will also be acting Head of House for Flete, whilst Ms Scott is on maternity leave.

School Events/Calendar

The school calendar of events is published on our website and is updated when there are any changes. Please do keep an eye on this. We have some exciting events coming up, such as the Community Breakfast (for new Year 7 Parents) and annual Carol Concert, to name but a few.

Attendance Really Matters

Even relatively small amounts of absence soon add up. Missing just 10% of school time—around two days a month—can have a noticeable impact on progress and achievement. That's why keeping attendance at 96% or above makes such a positive difference to your child's learning.



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Of course, we know that children sometimes fall ill, appointments are unavoidable, and family challenges can arise. We will work in partnership with you to help your child stay above 96% attendance wherever possible. If you have concerns—whether linked to health, transport, or other circumstances—please let us know. We are here to listen and to find solutions together.

For day-to-day practicalities, please remember to call us by 9:00 a.m. on the first day of any absence. For safeguarding reasons, we ask that children are always collected by a parent or carer for pre-planned appointments (this does not apply to students in our Sixth Form), and that you let us know in advance. Should you have any queries about attendance, you can contact your child's Head of House or our Attendance Officer, Ms Gemma Parkinson.

Term Dates

Please note, the term dates for this year are on our website and next year's will be there soon.

My very best wishes,

Lee Sargeant
Head Teacher