

# Head's Message

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GREAT WOMEN

LE MONDE A BESOIN DE  
FEMMES FORMIDABLES

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Dear Parents,

I am pleased to let you know that our students are thriving and academic learning not only continues at The Study, but reflects the excellence for which the School is known. Whether in-class or at home due to hybrid learning, students are progressing with their enriched curriculum without any gaps in their learning.

The success of our students is the result of the work of our teachers; teachers who are dedicated to their subjects, teach to high expectations and most importantly instill a love of learning in a safe environment. The progress I see every day in your daughter's learning, particularly given today's unique circumstances, reminds us of what matters the most, "the learner and the learning" are always a priority at The Study.

#### **Hybrid learning expanded and extended**

The government's new directives for schools in the 'red zone' have resulted in grade 9 students added to the hybrid learning which has already been in place for grades 10 and 11. Hybrid learning has been extended to November 23rd and whether learning online or at home, the schedule remains the same.

#### **Changes to School's Educational Calendar**

The government has changed the reporting period for students. Students will receive two report cards this year. Parent-teacher interviews will proceed as scheduled on November 25 and 26, as well as the scheduled mid-term holiday on Monday, November 9 and PED Day on Friday, November 27. Term 1 has been extended to January 8. The Term 1 report card will be available as of January 22 and corresponding parent-teacher interviews will take place on January 28 and 29. January 28 is now a half-day and January 29 is a full PED day.

Parent-Teacher Interviews originally scheduled for February 25 and 26 will now be regular school days.

Three additional pedagogical days, as recently mandated by the government for the purpose of teacher wellness and online learning professional development, are to be added to the calendar. Wednesday, November 18th and Wednesday, February 17th will now both be PED days. Students who are regularly members of the after-school programme will be entitled to this service free of charge on these days. There will be a third PED day later in the spring.

#### **Remote learning policy**

This is simply a reminder of our policy, students who need to quarantine due to COVID exposure will have access to remote learning within 24 hours of informing the school. If someone in your household is being tested for COVID you are asked to keep your daughter(s), home and to inform the school.

#### **Happy Hallowe'en to all**

Now to the lighter side of recent life at this bustling school on the hill. I must say what a delight it was to play virtual bingo with so many Study girls last evening and today was especially fun to see students in a variety of fun Hallowe'en costumes. There is no doubt in my mind, enthusiasm and creativity reign at The Study.

Bravo The Study!

Yours truly,

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Head of School