



## Reading Girls' School

Principal: Marika Farrugia

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new Principal for Reading Girls' School and look forward to meeting and working with you and your children. I am thrilled to be here. From my experience of being a member of a Senior Leadership Team and a Vice Principal in London Schools for a number of years, I know that a happy and successful school depends on the whole school community all working together.

Reading Girls' School has already established itself as an exceptional school. It is among the top 1% of all schools nationally due to the commitment of all of you, your children, the staff and my predecessor. I am privileged to be joining this success story.

I firmly believe that education is transformational. It can change and shape the lives of young people and their families. It provides a plethora of opportunities. I am committed to excellence and creating a nurturing environment. Reading Girls' School is ambitious in striving to provide the very best education for all its girls. We shall continue to pursue excellence in every aspect of school life and through the positive relationships I am eager to build with your children. I look forward to learning about what inspires them and their hopes for their future.

In order for this to be achieved we will continue to have high expectations in regard to the quality of education, your child's personal development as well as the opportunities available to them. Students will be expected to consistently strive for their very best, collaborating with the staff, in order for them to achieve the outcomes they deserve.

When I visited the school, it was evident to me that there is a culture rooted in building and sustaining strong relationships, which is very important to me. In my own experiences I know how important such relationships have been in developing and sustaining me.

My main focus for the first few months in this role is to listen, to learn and to discover the wealth of talent and experiences that exists. I will endeavour to work with all members of the wider community, in order to establish ways we can further build on the excellence already established. Your opinions are important to me, and I will be seeking your views regularly in how we can make a difference to the school. I shall be holding a number of events over the next term, including drop-in sessions as well as Parents' Evenings, which will provide an opportunity to meet you and discuss the building of a successful partnership.

A school this good must never stand still. An important part of my vision is establishing an environment where creativity and innovation continue to flourish. We need to 'think outside the box' and push the boundaries of what is possible for our girls, opening up our thinking and considering how we can broaden our students' educational experiences.

I am united with you in one goal, that your child has the very best possible education experience. Together with the leadership team and the staffing body, I hope to continue the exceptional work at Readings Girls' School and lead it in its next phase of development.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Farrugia', written in a cursive style.

**Ms Marika Farrugia**  
**Principal**