



Dear Parents,

Where did the summer go? It's August already! While early summer offers a nice change of pace here on campus, by August we are really missing the girls and are excited for their return. Soon we will welcome you and your daughters to campus. This is a big step for her, and also for you. Rest assured our office is hard at work reviewing roommate questionnaires, making dorm assignments, finishing orientation materials, and working with student leaders to ensure we are ready for your daughter's arrival and that she feels welcomed and supported in her new community.

We understand that as her arrival date grows nearer and the big step of starting high school as a boarding student living away from home, likely for the first time, starts to feel more real, your daughter may be experiencing a variety of emotions. She may be excited or apprehensive, worried or impatient, or perhaps some combination of all of these. You may also be experiencing similar emotions. Even though it was five years ago that I was preparing to take my own son to boarding school, I remember this time well. I was incredibly excited for him, and also really anxious about his transition.

We are excited to get to know your daughter, and ask you to share a bit about her to give us a head start. For your convenience we have created a [survey](#). Feel free to answer any or all of these questions; just share what is important to you that we know about your daughter. We will share your responses with the dorm parents who are assigned to her dorm team and her advisor. Each girl also has a dorm parent who is her point person in the dorm, a complement to her advisor. They will be reaching out to you throughout the year, so please know you will have ongoing opportunities to communicate with us.

The transformation that you will see in your daughter over her time at Madeira is profound and important. The skills and capacities she will develop here, particularly as a boarding student, lay a solid foundation for a successful transition to college and her life beyond.

Please complete the survey by August 17<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to hearing from you and to a fantastic school year!

Sincerely,  
Kim Newsome  
Dean of Students  
The Madeira School