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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

GCSE Examinations

The staff and I are proud of how our Year 11 have approached their final weeks before the GCSE exams start. We have seen determination, commitment and sheer hard work from so many of the year group. This year sees the first of the new GCSE exams in almost all subjects. Grades will be awarded from 9 – 1, with 9 being the highest grade.

The new exams are harder, with more content, no coursework and a greater number of written final papers. There is a considerable amount all students have to do in order to achieve well.

I hope our pupils feel well-prepared and positive as their exams start. The staff and I wish them well and I look forward to sharing the good news of their results in August.

Year 11 Prefect Team

Pupils in Year 10 will be invited to apply for a position on the Year 11 prefect team by writing a letter of application to me by the end of the half-term holiday. Ms Moon and I will hold interviews after the summer exams. We will be announcing the new Prefect Team, which includes Head Girl, House Captains and Senior Prefects, on Speech Day.

ISA Regional Athletics Friday 11 May

The ISA regional athletics competition took place on Friday 11 May. Mrs Jemal took a selection of junior and senior pupils to represent the school in Bedford. It was an exciting event, with hundreds of competitors. There are nearly 100 ISA schools in our region, in fact we are the largest region nationally, so this gave pupils the opportunity to compete in a large venue with pupils from many other independent schools.

Winners in each category then take part in the national athletics finals in Birmingham on Tuesday 19 June at the Alexander Stadium. Over the years the Oak-Tree Group has had many pupils selected for Nationals, which is an excellent achievement. Congratulations to the Braeside pupils who won their events on Friday and who will be representing the region at the event in Birmingham.

Sports Day Thursday 21 June

Please add the Sports day date to your diary. All parents are welcome to join us for the event at Lee Valley from 12.00pm. The Sports Day runs through the afternoon and involves all the children from Kindergarten upwards this year.

Clubs from September

We have reviewed the clubs offered this year and the updated clubs list for the autumn term will be issued to parents after half term.

Early Years Timings from September

From September the Kindergarten and Reception start times will fall in line with the rest of the classes on the junior site. Children should be taken to the classroom at 8.30am for the start of the day.

The back gate will be opened as previously at 8.20am, but please take the children in Kindergarten and Reception to their classroom at 8.30am, rather than dropping them off in the playground.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 14 May	Year 11 Study Leave commences
Tues 15 May	GCSE written examinations commence
Fri 18 May	Year 1 Class Assembly
Mon 21 – Fri 25 May	Juniors Exam Week
Thurs 24 May	LK – Year 5 Parents' Drop-In Session
Thurs 24 May	Years Upper & Lower K Hey Diddle Diddle Music Workshop
Mon 28 May – Fri 1 June	Half Term
Mon 4 – Fri 8 June	Years 6 – 10 Internal Exam Week
Fri 8 June	Year 4 & 5 Visit to British Museum
Weds 13 June	School Photographs (Juniors followed by Seniors)
Thurs 14 – Fri 15 June	Year 4 & 5 Residential Visit to Lambourne End
Fri 15 June	Year 2 Class Assembly
Sat 16 - Sun 17 June	D of E Qualifying Bronze Expedition
Tues 19 June	ISA National Athletics Competition
Weds 20 June	Year 8 & 9 HPV 2 Vaccinations
Weds 20 June	Final GCSE written examination
Weds 20 June	Normanhurst Summer Concert (incl. Braeside Year 10 GCSE music pupils)
Thurs 21 June	Braeside Sports Day
Tues 26 June	Summit Rocks Year 3 Adventure Camp Parents Meeting
Thurs 28 June	Reception – Year 6 Moving Up Day/Lower K –K New Pupil Morning and Year 7 Induction Day
Fri 29 June	Non-Uniform Day (for Summer Fete Spa Tombola)
Fri 29 June	Years 3, 4 & 5 Production for Parents
Fri 29 June	Year 11 Leavers' Dinner (Marriott Hotel, Waltham Abbey)
Mon 2 July	Year 10 & 11 Visit to Operating Theatre (joint visit with Normanhurst)
Weds 4 July	GCSE Art Moderator visit
Fri 6 July	EYFS End of Year Celebration
Fri 6 July	Braeside Speech Day
Sat 7 July	Juniors End of Year Party
Sun 8 July	FOBS Summer Fete
Mon 9 July	LK – Year 10 Full Reports Published
Mon 9 July	Rec – Year 5 Visit to Southend-on-Sea (Sea Life Centre)
Weds 11 July	End of Term: Break for Summer Holiday

With my best wishes for the rest of the half-term.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress

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