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Dear Parents

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas break and that you are looking forward to all that lies ahead. Health and happiness is at the forefront of everyone's minds, but keeping to those New Year resolutions is also important!

This is a short, but rather intense term. Year 11 pupils are currently taking their mock GCSE examinations and are continuing to apply to the Sixth Form courses of their choice. Those wishing to apply to independent schools completed that process by Christmas and I am pleased to let you know of their success with places offered at St Edmunds, Forest and Bancroft's.

Entrance Examinations to join the school at 11+ and 13+ are taking place on Tuesday 19 January and Thursday 3 March. It is clear, and gratifying, that Braeside continues to be a popular choice of school for applications from families looking for an appropriate setting for their daughters.

Coffee Mornings with Mr Hagger and Mrs Haddon

We enjoyed our first coffee morning with parents of children in our EYFS setting on Wednesday last week and will be looking forward to meeting with other parents as the term progresses. The meetings are on the dates schedule in this letter and, depending on your daughter's age group, will be in the Junior Hall or the Senior Hall.

Friends of Braeside School

Our new Chair and Secretary have linked up with many of you already, but they are holding a Coffee and Pastries Morning on Wednesday 3 February at 8.40 am in the Junior Hall to generate further support and discuss fresh new ideas about future plans.

I know that they will want to share with you the arrangements for the Oak-tree Ball taking place in May this year.

Safeguarding Children

Keeping children safe in school is our utmost priority and the Safeguarding Policy is available for all parents to read on the school website. In school we have two "Designated People" trained to deal specifically with these issues. I am the designated person on the Senior site and on the Junior site it is Mrs Copeman, Head of Juniors. All of the Braeside staff were trained to Level 1 in Safeguarding Training on Monday 11 January.

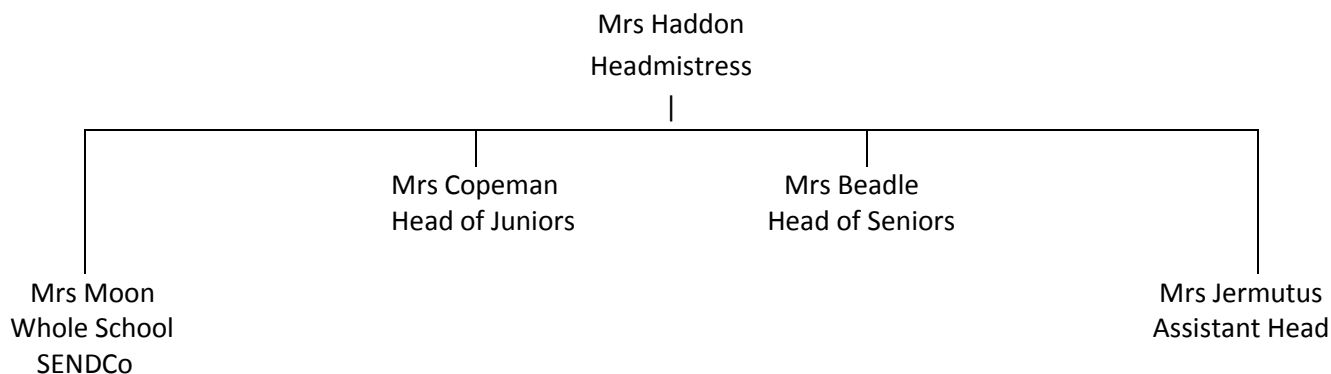
In line with good practice, all members of staff and pupils are regularly reminded to whom they should take concerns and about how we deal with issues of this nature.

The staff have also been advised about the Government's "Prevent" duty for schools and the PHSCEE curriculum is reflecting the latest guidance.

Staff News

Mrs Chloe Moon has joined Braeside as our SENDCo. She is a very experienced colleague and is also joining our Senior Leadership Team. She is already getting to know our pupils and is currently setting up appointments to meet the parents of pupils who have additional learning needs. We all wish her every happiness here at Braeside.

Mr Andrew Royall has also joined our Science Department. He is delivering to some of our Key Stage 3 classes and also offering revision advice to our Key Stage 4 pupils. Mr Royall taught for many years at Forest Girls School and has already fitted in well. The Science Department needed support because of the successful application of Mrs Vicki Jermutus in becoming an Assistant Head at Braeside. Our Leadership team has now grown to five and this will allow us to develop the school more rapidly. The Leadership Team structure is shown below.



Vocal Ensemble

We are again entering the Stratford Festival and are hoping to retain the cup we won last year. Please ensure that, if your daughter is part of the Ensemble, she attends all of the rehearsals in conjunction with this competition.

After School Activities and Clubs

The new after school offer is now in place and there are a range of activities that are available to pupils. In some cases timings have been amended to take account of numbers booked onto different sessions. Sadly, two of the activities that were originally part of the schedule have been withdrawn due to factors beyond the school's control. The updated schedule is attached and we are still happy to take additional bookings for the second half of the term.

Keeping up-to-date with News and Events

If you have not yet downloaded the free Braeside App, please do. Over one hundred people connected with the school have done so and it features news and events which are updated on a daily basis by our marketing team at Headquarters.

Future Dates and Events for your Diary

Monday 18 January	Netball Match v West Hatch (U14)
Tuesday 19 January	11+ Entrance Examination
Wednesday 20 January	Year 1 & 2 Parents' Coffee Morning with Mr Hagger and Mrs Haddon (Junior Hall)
Monday 25 January	Netball Match v Davenant (U14 & U16)
Thursday 28 January	LAMDA Examinations for Senior students
Thursday 28 January	Year 5 Visit to Royal Gunpowder Mills, Waltham Abbey
Thursday 28 January	Year 10 Parents' Meeting
Monday 1 February	Year 3, 4 & 5 Parents' Coffee Morning with Mr Hagger and Mrs Haddon (Junior Hall)
Wednesday 3 February	FOBS Coffee and Pastries Morning (Junior Hall)
Monday 8 February	Senior Vocal Ensemble compete in Stratford Festival
Tuesday 9 February	ISA Regional Cross Country Competition at Bedford
Wednesday 10 February	Year 6 theatre visit "Goodnight Mr Tom" at Duke of York Theatre
Thursday 11 February	Year 11 Parents' Meeting

As always I look forward to meeting with you personally at many of our events or dealing with your personal concerns regarding your daughters in a variety of ways.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Gillian Haddon
Headmistress

Extra Curricular Clubs Programme : Spring Term 2016

	Kindergarten & Reception		Years 1 & 2		Years 3 to 5		Years 6 - 11	
Monday	7.30-8.20 am 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club After School Club	7.30-8.20 am 3.30-4.30 pm 3.30-4.30 pm 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club Kiddifit Drama/French After School Club	7.30-8.20 am 3.30-4.30 pm 4.00-5.00 pm 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club Kiddifit Mad Science After School Club	4.00-5.00 pm 3.45-4.45 pm 3.45-4.45 pm 3.45-4.45 pm	Mad Science Netball Debating Homework Club
Tuesday	7.30-8.20 am 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club After School Club	7.30-8.20 am 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club After School Club	7.30-8.20 am 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club After School Club	Lunch 3.45-4.45 pm 3.45-4.45 pm	Chess Club Drama Homework Club
Wednesday	7.30-8.20 am 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club After School Club	7.30-8.20 am 3.30-4.20 pm 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club Multi-Sports* After School Club	7.30-8.20 am 3.30-4.20 pm 3.30-4.30 pm 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club Multi-Sports* Drama After School Club	4.30-5.20 pm 3.45-4.45 pm 3.45-4.45 pm 3.45-4.45 pm	Multi-Sports* Vocal Ensemble Art Club (Yrs10&11) Homework Club
Thursday	7.30-8.20 am 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club After School Club	7.30-8.20 am 3.30-4.10 pm 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club Dance After School Club	7.30-8.20 am 1.15-1.45 pm 3.30-4.10 pm 4.10-4.50 pm 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club Choir Dance (Yr 3) Dance(Yrs4/5) After School Club	4.10-4.50 pm 3.45-4.45 pm	Dance Homework Club
Friday	7.30-8.20 am 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club After School Club	7.30-8.20 am 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club After School Club	7.30-8.20 am 3.30-4.15 pm 3.20-6.00 pm	Breakfast Club Karate After School Club	4.20-5.20 pm 3.45-4.45 pm	Karate Homework Club

***Multi-Sports sessions commence 24 February**



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