



# Braeside School

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## HEADMISTRESS

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### Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

The summer term begins on Tuesday 25 April, for what I hope will be a busy and productive term, which culminates in our Speech Day and Prize Giving in July, the junior party and the Braeside Summer Fete.

#### Summer Term Reflections

There have been a great many changes at Braeside School since it joined the Oak-Tree Group in Summer 2015. There has been investment in the fabric and facilities, there are more opportunities for parents to be involved in school life, school lunches have been introduced, a new curriculum, more clubs and a new assessment system implemented, and many new members of staff have joined the team.

In the midst of much change, I think it is easy to lose sight of the aspects that have remained constant and central to life at Braeside because they are core values on which the school has always been built. A concern for the individual, a nurturing environment in which all pupils are cared for, an emphasis on the quality of relationships between staff and pupils, a commitment to enabling all pupils to achieve their potential and developing our pupils' character and confidence remain very much at the heart of what we aim to do.

As I begin my third term leading the school, my experience so far indicates to me that those values are demonstrable and evident in the daily life of the school. My hope is that this is your ongoing experience too.

#### Building Proposals for the Junior Site

All parents received a letter from Matthew Hagger on Thursday 13 April announcing the latest building project on the Braeside Junior site, which will greatly enhance the facilities for the future. This is another exciting development as you will see from the plans.

#### Parent Volunteers

If you would like to be a parent volunteer and offer to help accompany trips or activities, you are welcome to become involved. We follow safer recruitment practice as a school and all of our volunteers undergo an enhanced DBS check. If you would like to volunteer or to find out more about what is involved, please contact the school office.

#### School Parental Forms

Please be aware that all of the up-to-date parental forms are on the website for parents to download, complete and return to the school. These include: requests for absence, booking forms, consent forms and medical forms.

## **Staff News**

### **Mrs Debbie Collins**

We are delighted that Mrs Collins is now fit and able to return to work this term. We are looking forward to seeing her back in the office.

### **Mrs Suzanne Rosen**

Mrs Rosen will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. She has been a Junior teacher at Braeside since September 2014. We are very grateful for her contribution over the last three years and we wish her all the best for the future. I am pleased that Miss Amy Harding, who has been teaching at Woodlands Preparatory School in Brentwood since 2014 and previously at Elm Park Primary School, will be joining us in September.

## **Summer Uniform**

### **Juniors**

When junior pupils from Kindergarten up to Year 5 return to school for the summer term they should wear the summer uniform as described in the uniform lists in the parents' section of the school website. The details are on the school website:

<http://www.braesideschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/BS-2016-2017-Uniform-December-16.pdf>

### **Seniors**

Even in the summer term pupils should *always* wear their blazers for school; a jumper should not be worn in place of the blazer. Girls should not come to school with bare legs or with skirts shorter than the knee.

Shoes should be plain black leather and polishable; canvas shoes should not be worn.

### **Moving Up Day in the Juniors Thursday 29 June**

The annual 'Moving Up Day' will take place on Thursday 29. Pupils from the Foundation Stage up to Year 5 will spend all day with their new class teachers and parents will have the opportunity to come into the class in the morning to drop off the children and meet the teachers. Next year's Year 6 will spend the day on the senior site. We will provide more information about the format of the day before the half-term break.

### **Coffee Morning at the Seniors for Current Year 5 Parents Wednesday 14 June**

We would like to invite the Year 5 parents for a coffee morning on the senior site on Wednesday 14 June, to provide an opportunity for you to meet Ms Chloe Moon, the Head of Seniors, and to have a tour of the senior site with some of the pupils. We hope this will help to facilitate a smooth transition for both pupils and parents.

### **Year 7 and New Pupil Induction Day**

The Year 7 Induction Day will also be held on Thursday 29 June. Our current Year 6 pupils will join the new senior starters and they will spend time with their form tutors, have some taster lessons and have a team building afternoon led by the PE department. More details of the programme will be sent before half-term.

### **Year 11 and GCSEs**

Friday 12 May will be Year 11's last day in lessons, with the traditional Leavers' Assembly. Year 11 Study Leave begins on Monday 15 May. Teachers will continue to be available throughout the examination period for revision help and support. Pupils may revise in school if they would prefer, ensuring that they sign in at the school office on arrival and sign out when they leave.

The Leavers' Prom takes place at Chigwell Hall on Friday 30 June. I would like to thank FOBS for contributing to the cost of the event. May I take this opportunity to wish each and every member of Year 11 the very best for their final examinations; all of them plan to move onto further education and many hold a number of offers from highly competitive independent and state schools. I hope they return to school this week with confidence, determination and a firm sense of purpose. Our students have considerable potential and I look forward to seeing all that they will go on to achieve in these public examinations and beyond.

Year 11 are expected to take part in Speech Day on Friday 7 July at school, when a number of them will receive subject prizes. Please do not book holidays over this time, if at all possible, and do join us for this special event.

### **Sports Day Wednesday 21 June**

The annual Sports Day will be held at the Lee Valley Athletics track on Wednesday 21 June for classes up and including Year 10. As usual the sports day will be in the afternoon. The pupils will compete in their Houses and the junior and senior sports shields will be presented.

All pupils up to Year 10 come to school in their sports kit on the day and should bring sun block with them; juniors should wear their school caps. Parents of junior aged pupils may take their children home directly from the track at the end of the afternoon; alternatively all pupils will return to school by coach to be collected from school or from After School Club.

All parents, families and friends are most welcome to join us for the event, which is a real highlight in the school calendar. Your support is much appreciated by the children; lots of cheering and clapping is a real encouragement for them!

### **Speech Day and Prize Giving Friday 7 July**

The annual Speech Day and Prize Giving takes place on Friday 7 July in a marquee on the senior site, as usual. This year we are having an Early Years Prize Giving at 1.30pm, followed by the more formal Speech Day for junior and senior pupils at 4.00pm. Parents are invited to join pupils and staff for this important celebration of the year. More details will be sent out to parents later in the term.

### **Junior Summer Party Saturday 8 July**

The annual junior summer party will take place in the marquee at 4.30pm on the day after Speech Day. Mrs Copeman will be sending out more details to parents once the summer term is underway.

### **FOBS Summer Fete Sunday 9 July**

The Summer Fete is a definite summer highlight at Braeside. The Parents' Association is already planning a fun-filled family event, so please do earmark the date in your diaries. Older pupils will be asked to help run stalls, we hope to have pupils performing in the afternoon as well and it promises to be a lovely afternoon.

### **Forthcoming Events**

Tues 25 April	Start of Spring Term: school begins at normal time 8.40am
Tues 2 May	Lambourne End Residential Visit Parents' Meeting
Weds 10 May	FOBS Meeting
Weds 10 & Thurs 11 May	GCSE Art Practical Exam
Fri 12 May	ISA Regional Athletics U9 upwards (Bedford Athletics Stadium)
Fri 12 May	Year 11 last day on normal timetable before study leave
Mon 15 May	First Written GCSE Summer Examination
Thurs 18 May	Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations & Year 9 HPV 2 Vaccinations

Fri 19 May	Year 5 Class Assembly
Sat 20 & Sun 21 May	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Mon 22 – Fri 26 May	Year 1 - 5 End of Year Assessments
Tues 23 May	Year 1 - 5 Incas Testing
Wed 24 May	Year 6 & 7 visit to Science Museum
Thurs 25 May	Junior Drop-In Morning
Fri 26 May	Year 4 Class Assembly
<b>29 May – 2 June</b>	<b>Half Term holiday</b>
Mon 5 June	Year 6 Visit to the Barbican Centre (BBC “Firebird” Concert)
Thurs 8 – Fri 9 June	Year 4 & 5 Residential Visit to Lambourne End
Mon 5 – Fri 9 June	Year 6 – 9 Internal Examinations
Mon 5 – Tues 13 June	Year 10 Internal Examinations
Tues 13 June	Juniors visit to Barleylands Farm Park
Weds 14 June	Year 5 Parents Coffee Morning (Seniors)
Fri 16 June	Year 3 Class Assembly
Fri 16 June	GCSE Art Moderation
Fri 16 June	FOBS “School Dinner” Event
Sat 17 & Sun 18 June	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Weds 21 June	Whole School Sports Afternoon Lee Valley Athletics Track
Fri 23 June	Year 2 Class Assembly
Fri 23 June	Final Written GCSE Summer Examination
Fri 23 June	Non-Uniform Day (Juniors & Seniors)
Weds 28 June	Braeside Kindergarten New Pupils/Moving Up Morning
Thurs 29 June	Year 7 Induction Day and whole school Moving Up Day
Fri 30 June	Year 1 Class Assembly
Fri 30 June	Year 11 Leavers’ Dinner
Fri 7 July	Full Reports Published to Parents
Fri 7 July	Braeside EYFS Prize Giving
Fri 7 July	Braeside Speech Day
Sat 8 July	Juniors End of Year Party
Sun 9 July	FOBS Summer Fete
Thurs 13 July	Last Day of Summer Term – 12 noon finish

I am looking forward to seeing you at the school events or class assemblies this term. As always, please contact the school office, or email, if you would like to talk to a member of staff about your daughter’s progress or to share information with us.

Thank you, as ever, for your continuing support.

With best wishes



Claire Osborn  
Headmistress



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