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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year; one which seems to have flown by. Senior pupils have their end-of-year examinations this week and juniors have their class tests. The aim of these in both juniors and seniors is to review progress made, set next steps and recognise individual achievements. Results will be reported to you in the reports in July.

We have already completed the Junior InCAS tests, and the results show excellent achievement overall, with many of our pupils performing at one year or more above their actual age in age-related tests. I am extremely proud of the progress our pupils have made, and for the work the staff put in day by day to help your children learn effectively. You will receive your child's individual InCAS results in the end-of-year report for Years 1-6.

Once exams are over there are a number of activities and special events, dates of which are listed at the end of this letter.

On the Friday before the final week of term reports will be sent home for all classes up to Year 10. Reports will be uploaded onto the portal on Friday 7 July to allow time for you to read and discuss them before the close of the school year.

Moving Up Day Thursday 29 June

Pupils will spend the whole day in school with their new teacher on Moving Up Day. We are also inviting the new pupils who will be joining us in September so that they can meet their classmates.

We would like to invite parents to drop into the hall from 2.50pm onwards to have a cup of tea and chat with the teachers about the day.

The pupils who will be moving onto the senior site in September have a Year 6 Induction Day on that site and our new Year 7 are in school for their Induction Day. There will be a special programme of activities for the day including team building activities.

Our current Year 5 parents are invited to a coffee morning at the senior site on Wednesday 14 June at 8.45am.

Our current Year 6 parents and new parents are invited to have coffee in the hall in the morning on Thursday 29 June for a short talk on life in the seniors, as detailed in the letter from Mrs Amey.

EYFS and Junior Class Teachers from September

We have three new members of staff joining the juniors in September: Mrs Hannah Brown, Mrs Alice Satwick and Miss Amy Harding.

Class teachers next year are as follows:

Lower Kindergarten: Mrs Toye the Lead Keyworker

Upper Kindergarten: Mrs Brown the Lead Keyworker

Reception:	Mrs Bickford
Year 1:	Mrs Satwick
Year 2:	Miss Waghorne
Year 3:	Mrs Mansour
Year 4:	Miss Harding
Year 5:	Miss Grant

Extra-curricular Activities

The school office is organising the clubs and activities booking sheet for the Autumn Term so that we can plan the programme and ensure that staffing ratios are appropriate. There is a number limit to some of the clubs, which may mean that we have to operate a waiting list. Please would you complete and return your requests to the office as soon as possible. We will then be able to confirm the places before the summer break.

Summer Holiday Activity Programme

Parents have received a letter detailing the summer holiday programmes being offered across the four Oak-Tree Schools for pupils from Early Years up to Year 6. If you would like to sign up for any of the activities on offer, please do so at your earliest convenience, as these are proving extremely popular with Oak-Tree parents.

Sports Day Wednesday 21 June

Mrs Kirk has sent home an information letter to all parents about the arrangements for Sports Day on Wednesday 21 June. I look forward to seeing you all at the Lee Valley Athletics Track for this lovely event.

Senior Prefect Team

The time in the school year has come when the Leadership Team and the staff consider which pupils will be the next Head Girl and House Captains and Senior Prefect team. The new Heads of School will be announced at Speech Day.

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.

If your daughter is a form or subject prize winner, you will be informed in the week before Speech Day and Prize Giving.

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.

Senior Staff News

There are two changes to staffing in the seniors from September. We have an additional Science teacher joining the Science team: Miss Elizabe Leeuwner, who is an experienced science teacher with over eight years' experience teaching up to GCSE. She will be teaching senior science including the GCSE Physics teaching.

Mrs Misha Burgess leaves us at the end of this year to support her husband in his work as a Church Minister. We are very grateful for her contribution to school over this year. Mr Jahan Malik joins us in September. He is an experienced Maths teacher who has worked in a number of schools and he joins Mrs Alahi in the Maths department.

Forthcoming Events for the Diary

Thurs 8 – Fri 9 June	Year 4 & 5 Residential Visit to Lambourne End
Mon 5 – Fri 9 June	Year 7 – 9 Internal Examinations
Tues 6 – Mon 12 June	Year 6 Internal Examinations
Mon 5 – Tues 13 June	Year 10 Internal Examinations
Tues 13 June	Kindergarten & Lower Kindergarten 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	GCSE Art Exhibition for Parents
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)
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	Junior and Senior End of Year Assemblies
Thurs 13 July	Last Day of Summer Term – 12 noon finish
Thurs 24 August	Year 11 GCSE Results Day (8.30-9.15 am)
Weds 6 September	First Day of Autumn Term (8.40 am start)

As always, please do contact the school office, your child’s form teacher or a member of the SLT, if there is anything you would like to discuss. I very much look forward to seeing you at our many school events this term.

With my best wishes for the final half-term.

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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