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Dear Parents

This is the last Headmistress's letter of the academic year. Last week we have had an excellent Moving Up Day when pupils enjoyed spending time with their teachers for next year. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their 'taster day' as Year 6 pupils, as did the new Year 7 senior pupils, meeting teachers, having some taster senior lessons and getting to know each other in team building activities. It was a super day and lovely to meet our new pupils on the junior and senior sites.

Early Years Celebration on Friday 7 July at 1.30pm

The Kindergarten and Reception children have been preparing for their End of Year Celebration, which takes place on Friday at 1.30pm in the marquee on the senior site. Parents should go straight to the seniors and the Early Years staff will be bringing the children to the marquee.

I am looking forward to presenting the children with their certificates of achievement after another very successful year for our youngest pupils.

Every pupil in Reception is either exceeding or has met every one of the areas of learning in the Early Years framework. This is a wonderful achievement for all of the children.

I am sure we will have a lovely afternoon. I anticipate it will last for about thirty minutes and will be followed by a cup of tea in the marquee. Parents may then take their children home directly from the senior site. There is no after school care on Friday.

Speech Day and Prize Giving for Year 1 to Year 11 on Friday 7 July at 4.00pm

The Speech Day begins at 4.00pm in the marquee. The pupils on the junior site will be walked up to the senior site by the staff and will arrive by about 3.30pm, ready to be seated. Parents should come directly to the senior site at 3.45pm.

Parents will have received a letter informing if your daughter is collecting a prize this year. All of the pupils in Year 1 to Year 5 are performing some songs, as well as some LAMDA performances and some music form pupils in the seniors.

All parents are welcome to join us and have been emailed information from the office about requesting seats. Speech Day and Prize Giving is for all pupils from Year 1 upwards to attend. We obviously hope that all prizewinners will be there to collect their prizes and to be photographed. You will be able to purchase photographs on the evening from DE Photos, or online afterwards.

Our Guest of Honour this year is Diane Butler, the Youth Engagement Officer with Epping Forest District Council. Diane organises the Epping Forest Youth Council, a democratically elected body of young people who convene monthly to discuss key issues that relate to young people in our area. Braeside always has a school member on the council; this year Suzannah Halcrow in Year 11 and Jessica Adams in Year 8 are our two representatives.

Pupils who are collecting prizes or performing will have a rehearsal on Friday morning in the marquee. Members of staff will escort the juniors to and from the venue.

Junior Disco Saturday 8 July 5.00 – 7.00pm

The junior disco takes place once again in the marquee on Saturday. Mrs Copeman has organised the party and the entertainer. This event is for children in Reception up to Year 5.

Summer Fete Sunday 9 July 12.00 – 3.00pm

Congratulations to Amaarah Afzal who is this year's winner of the 'design a programme' competition. Amaarah was presented with her prize in senior assembly.

Thank you for all the bottles you have donated and for the filled pink cups. Thank you in advance for the 'cake plates' that you will be bringing on the day for afternoon tea.

FOBS have reminded me that there is a £20 iTunes voucher for the pupils who sells the most raffle tickets. There will be a host of exciting stalls, delicious food and fun activities at the fete, please do come and support. I look forward to seeing you there.

Year 8 Drama Showcase Monday 10 July 5.00pm

Year 8 will be sharing their Drama work this term with their parents at 5.00pm on Monday 10 July. They have been looking at Comedia del Arte and will be sharing their work so far, weather permitting, with an informal performance in the garden. Parents are welcome to bring picnic rugs to sit on.

Thursday 13 July – Last Day of Term

As usual at the end of a full term, school will close at 12 noon for all pupils on the last day. The morning will include a final assembly on each site.

Pupils need to take home all their belongings on or before the end of term. This includes seniors emptying their lockers and taking home all bags and PE kits.

Lost Property

Any items left in school after the end of term will be collected up by the caretakers and put into black sacks. We will attempt to return named items to pupils in September but if items are not reclaimed at the start of term, they will be recycled.

End of Term Reports

Reports are going home for all pupils on Friday 7 July. We hope you find them informative and helpful. All pupils have progress targets on which to build next year. If your child is leaving Braeside this summer, please ensure you have downloaded the reports and any other information from the portal you would like to keep by the end of term.

GCSE Examination Results

GCSE results are published on Thursday 24 August. Staff will be in school in the morning for pupils to come into school to collect their results from 8.30 – 9.15am. They should be collected from the School Hall.

Staff from September

New teachers on the senior site from September are Mr Jahan Malik, joining the Maths department, and Miss Elizabe Leeuwner joining the Science department.

Mrs Tracey Glasgow returns to Oaklands in September. We are very grateful for her help over the last year at Braeside.

Miss Waghorne is getting married in the summer and she will be known as Mrs Doss from September. We wish her a wonderful wedding day.

The junior site classes and teachers from September are:

Kindergarten	Lower K Keyworker	Mrs Hannah Brown	
	Kindergarten Keyworker	Mrs Pauline Toye	
	Kindergarten Assistant	Mrs Nicki Fiori	
Reception	Teacher	Mrs Sue Bickford	
	Teaching Assistant	Mrs Zarkar Akhtar	
Year 1	Teacher	Mrs Alice Satwick	

	Teaching Assistants	Mrs Andrea Celentano Mrs Anita Bovingdon
Year 2	Teacher	Miss Waghorne (Mrs Doss from September)
	Teaching Assistant	Mrs Nicky Spencer
Year 3	Teacher	Mrs Sally Mansour
Year 4	Teacher	Miss Amy Harding
Year 5	Teacher	Miss Debbie Grant
	Teaching Assistant for Y3-5	Mrs Ann Vale

Key Dates through to the End of Term

Thurs 24 August	8:30-9:15 am	Year 11 GCSE Results Day
Weds 6 September	8:40 am	First Day of Autumn Term
Thurs 14 September	8:30am-3:00pm	Year 10 Visit to Dickens House
Thurs 28 September	5:00–6:00 pm	Spanish Trip Information Meeting for parents/pupils booked on trip
Weds 4 October	9:00–11:30 am	Juniors Open Morning
Weds 4 October	6:00-8:00 pm	Seniors Open Evening
Thurs 12 October	8:30am-2:00pm	Year 10 Chemistry at Work Event at Tilbury Cruise Terminal
Fri 13 October	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Lower K – Year 5 Harvest Assembly, St James United Reform Church
Thurs 19 October	6:30-7:30 pm	Current Year 11 Braeside GCSE Presentation Senior hall
Sat 21-Tues 24 October		Joint Braeside/Normanhurst Trip to Seville & Cadiz
Mon 23 October to Fri 3 November		Half Term
Fri 10 November	7:30-8:30 pm	FOBS AGM (Senior hall)
Fri 24 November	3:00-9:00 pm	Senior House Drama Competition Years 6-11 at Lopping Hall

Final Thoughts

To all those parents whose children are leaving Braeside this July, I wish you and your children the very best for the future.

As my first year at Braeside draws to a close, I hope you all have a restful summer break and are able to enjoy time with family and friends. Thank you for all your support this year. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to lead the school and to see the many ways in which your children are developing and achieving.

The New Term in September

I look forward to seeing the pupils return for the new term on Wednesday 6 September at the normal times for an 8.40am start.

Complaints

As you know, we have an open door policy at Braeside and we always hope to resolve concerns at an early stage. Last year at Braeside we had one complaint that was resolved at the informal stage.

With my very best wishes for a happy holiday

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Claire Osborn Headmistress

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