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## HEADMISTRESS

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### Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

As you will have seen from the newsletter which went out last week, although this has been a short half term, it has certainly been a busy one. I hope your children have enjoyed their learning and the other events that have taken place since we returned in January.

### Feedback from Parents

Thank you to all those families who completed the recent online parental survey. Every three years or so we send out a questionnaire to help us see what our parents think about the education we are offering. This then feeds into our strategic development plan for the school. Your views are very important to us. We will now analyse the questionnaire responses and Mr Hagger and I will be writing to parents to share the feedback with you.

### Staff News

Unfortunately one of our Science teachers, Miss Leeuwner, has had to return to South Africa immediately to be with her family due to a medical emergency. We are very sorry to see her go, and our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family at this difficult time. I am pleased that Miss Rebecca Sheikh, an experienced science teacher, will be taking over Miss Leeuwner's teaching after half-term. She will be in school for the day on Thursday for a handover.

### FOBS Committee

The Friends of Braeside School, our Parents' Association, exists to support the school and to provide opportunities for pupils and families. As you will have read in the newsletter, three members of the Committee are stepping down at the end of the school year. They are keen to encourage new parents to join them. Do consider whether you could volunteer to be a part of this important team. The time commitment is not huge. Please think about it: your FOBS committee needs you!

### 11+ Exams for Senior Entry

We had a very pleasing number of applicants for places in the seniors at Braeside this year. The admission process finishes before half-time and offers and scholarships are sent out. Our own Year 6 pupils were excellent ambassadors on the examination day. They approached the exam papers with determination and focus. I was very proud of them.

### Year 11 Easter Academy

Year 11 should now be committed to working towards their GCSE exams in May. They have received their mock examination results and full reports as well as the parents' meeting this week. We are providing as many opportunities as we can for our pupils to make progress and succeed, but as I am sure you appreciate, there is no substitute for hard work and persistence.

This year we will be offering revision days as part of an Easter academy programme. I urge all parents to make every effort to ensure that their children attend the revision classes on offer. Teachers voluntarily give up part of their holiday to provide opportunities to support the students in revision and it is essential that as many pupils as possible attend.

The programme is being finalised and will be released after the half-term break.

### Dates for the Forthcoming Half Term

	HALF TERM
Mon 12 – Fri 16 February	
Tues 20 February	Years 8 & 9 Visit to BFI re Spanish Workshop
Weds 21 February	U14 Netball Match v Roding Valley High School (home)
Thurs 22 February	Year 2 London Transport Museum Visit
Thurs 22 February	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 February	Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance at Redbridge Drama Centre
Fri 23 February	Year 11 Poetry Live! Visit
Weds 28 February	Senior pupils LAMDA examinations
Thurs 1 March	ISA U13 Netball Rally (Redbridge Sports Centre)
Thurs 1 March	Years 3,4,5&6 Coopersale Cross Country Competition
Thurs 1 March	Year 11 Drama Group "The Woman in Black" theatre visit (joint with Normanhurst)
Tues 6 March	Seniors Open Day: Headmistress' talk at 9.30
Weds 7 March	Juniors Open Day: Headmistress' talk at 9.30
Thurs 8 March	Years 6 & 7 Parents' Evening
Sat 10 March	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Training Session
Mon 12 March	Year 10 plus Years 8 & 9 G & T pupils National Portrait Gallery visit
Weds 14 March	13+ Entrance Exam (and second 11+ entrance exam)
Thurs 15 March	Year 9 Options Meeting
Fri 16 March	Rec/K/LK Class Assembly for Parents
Tues 20 March	Junior pupils LAMDA examinations
Weds 21 March	Hustings for EYFC Elections (tbc)
Weds 21 March	Years LK to 5 Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 March	EYFC Elections (tbc)
Thurs 22 March	Years LK to 5 Parents' Evening (with specialist subject staff)
Mon 26 March	Years 6 – 11 Short Reports published to parents
Tues 27 March	FOBS Easter Eggs Hunt (Juniors & Seniors)
Weds 28 March	Last day of term – school closes at 12:00 noon
Summer Term commences 08:40 on Thursday 19 April 2018	

Form tutors, members of the leadership team and I are always happy to meet parents, so do ask for an appointment if there are any issues you would like to discuss with us.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn  
Headmistress



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