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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

The last three weeks have been very busy. The juniors have enjoyed a wonderful 'Book Week' with a number of lovely book-themed events, and last Friday it was delightful to see the pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite book character for the day. With the Easter break only three school weeks away we still have a number of activities to look forward to, including the FOBS Easter Egg hunts on both the junior and senior sites at the end of term.

School in Action Open Mornings

We had two busy Open Mornings last week and it was lovely to welcome many new families to have a look around the junior and senior sites. I'm grateful to the guides who showed our visitors around the school so well on the day.

Parents' Meetings this term

This term has been busy with parents' meetings; for most year groups these have already taken place with the remainder happening before the Easter holidays. I hope you have found it both informative and helpful to meet with your daughters' teachers and to hear about their progress and achievements so far this year. If you do wish to discuss any particular aspects in more detail, you are welcome to call the school office to arrange a follow-up appointment or to contact the teacher directly by email.

Staff News

Mrs Guest is unwell at the moment and Miss Hatice Jemal, an experienced PE teacher, has been covering PE lessons while she is out of school. The girls are enjoying working with her and I know that a number of parents have already had the opportunity to meet Miss Jemal at parents' evenings.

Safeguarding Update

All the girls have been reminded in assemblies about how important it is to talk to a teacher or someone in school they trust, if they have any concerns or worries. The girls know that I am the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' in school and that Mrs Copeman and Mrs Jermutus are the deputies.

The school Safeguarding Policy is on the website for all parents to read and all our members of staff have regular safeguarding training to ensure we put the children's wellbeing at the centre of all we do. All new members of staff receive safeguarding training as part of their induction when they join the school.

Year 11 and GCSES

We are offering the Easter Academy revision programme again this year during the holidays. I cannot emphasise enough how helpful it is for your children to attend the relevant revision sessions and to have an effective revision plan in place at home, so that they are well prepared for the summer papers. The dates have been finalised and published, so there shouldn't be any difficulties with encouraging your child to attend.

I am very grateful to the senior teachers who give their time voluntarily to provide the revision support.

Senior Site Reminders

I have recently reminded the girls about the school rules concerning mobile phones. No pupils are allowed to be on their phones at any time on the school site. Phones should be turned off throughout the day. The girls know that staff will confiscate phones if they are used, or if they go off in class. I would be grateful for your support in reinforcing these expectations.

Forthcoming Events

Mon 12 March	Year 10 GCSE Art Group plus Years 8 & 9 G&T pupils National Portrait Gallery visit
Weds 14 March	13+ Entrance Exam (and second 11+ Entrance Exam)
Weds 14 March	Senior pupils LAMDA Exams (re-scheduled from 28.2.18)
Thurs 15 March	Coopersale Cross Country Competition (re-scheduled)
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	Years LK – K & Yr 1 – 5 Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 March	Years LK to 5 Parents' Evening (with Specialist Staff)
Mon 26 March	Years 6 – 11 Short Reports published to parents
Weds 28 March	FOBS Easter Egg Hunt (Juniors & Seniors)
Weds 28 March	Last day of term – school closes at 12:00 noon
Thur 29 Mar - Wed 18 April	Easter Holiday
Thurs 19 April	First Day of Summer Term
Weds 25 April	Year 11 GCSE French Speaking Exam
Thurs 26 April	Lambourne End Residential Visit Parents' Meeting
Weds 09 & Thurs 10 May	Year 11 Art GCSE Examination
Tues 1 May	Years 3 & 4 Fire Safety talk (Essex Fire & Rescue Service)
Fri 11 May	Years 3 – 5 Basic First Aid Course
Sat 12 & Sun 13 May	D of E Training Weekend Expedition
Mon 14 May	Year 11 Study Leave commences
Fri 18 May	FOBS Quiz Night
Mon 28 May – Fri 1 June	Half Term Holiday

I have appreciated meeting and talking to many parents this term at parents' evenings. If you do have any matters you would like to discuss, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment with me or with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

With my very best wishes

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress



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