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## HEADMISTRESS

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### Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

I hope you and your families have enjoyed the Easter holidays. As you know, term begins on Thursday 19 April; I am looking forward to the summer term, with its special events including our Speech Day and Prize Giving in July, as well as the junior party and Summer Fete.

As always, you are welcome to join us for Speech Day as well as a number of other special events this term when we celebrate our pupils' efforts and achievements, including Sports Day. Dates and times can be found on the school website, app and at end of this letter.

### Summer Uniform

#### Juniors

When Junior pupils, from Kindergarten up to Year 5, return after the holidays they should wear the summer uniform, as set out in the uniform list on the school website:

School blue check dress, school brown jumper and brown blazer with school badge, plain white ankle or knee-length socks (or white tights if the weather is cooler), plain black leather shoes (not lace up). No trainers, 'Kickers' or lights on heels.

#### 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. Girls in Year 9 or above should wear brown tights (cool sensor styles are available), pupils in Years 6 to 8 may wear brown tights or white knee or ankle length socks.

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

### Moving Up Day in the Juniors Thursday 28 June

The annual 'Moving Up Day' will take place on Thursday 28 June. 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. Current Year 5 pupils will be taken up to the senior site to spend the whole day on the top site. There will also be time to meet the teachers on the junior site in the hall from 3.00pm in the afternoon. We will provide more information about the format of the day before the half-term break.

### Year 7 and New Pupil Induction Day

The Year 7 Induction Day will also be held on Thursday 28 June. Our current Year 6 pupils will join the new senior starters and they will spend time with their form tutor, have some taster lessons and have a team building afternoon. More details of the programme will be sent before half-term.

Pupils joining either Year 8 or Year 9 following 13+ exams will also have an induction day on 28 June, meeting their new forms and following the normal timetable for the day.

## **Year 11 and GCSEs**

The Year 11 had an Easter Academy programme again this year with members of staff providing revision activities in school. Year 11 pupils are in lessons until Friday 11 May, which is when Year 11 have their final assembly. Year 11 Study Leave begins on Monday 14 May. The examination timetable has been prepared by Mrs Sheffield and has been given to pupils and parents. 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' Dinner takes place on Friday 29 June. The dinner is being held at the Marriott Hotel, Waltham Abbey and I hope that all of Year 11 will be able to attend. I would like to thank FOBS for contributing to the cost of the event. I ask pupils to return all text books they have from their GCSE courses, and any books from earlier on in their school life that have not yet been returned by this date.

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. 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 6 July, when a number of them will receive subject prizes and the Head Girl will give a speech. Please do not book holidays over this time, if at all possible, and do join us for this special event.

## **Sports Day Thursday 21 June**

The annual Sports Day will be held at the Lee Valley Athletics inside track on Thursday 21 June for all classes up to and including Year 10. The pupils will compete in their Houses and prizes will be presented. Pupils are practising the field and track events in their Games lessons.

All pupils up to Year 10 come to school in their sports kit on the day. Parents of junior aged pupils may take their children home directly from the track at the end of the afternoon, but not before; alternatively, any pupils who cannot be collected by parents may 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 I hope will be a highlight for everyone. Your support is much appreciated by the children; lots of cheering and clapping is a real encouragement for them! FOBS will be providing refreshments for the pupils on the day, so they only need to bring a water bottle with them.

## **Speech Day and Prize Giving Friday 6 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 7 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 8 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.

## Staff News

Mr Paul Murphy, an experienced teacher who joined us before the Easter break, will be teaching Maths on the senior site until the end of the summer term. He has taken over the classes previously taught by Mr Nouchin.

Miss Lucy Piper joins the Early Years team as Kindergarten Key Worker this term. She has already met the pupils and spent time in school. There will be an opportunity for Kindergarten parents to meet her informally on Wednesday 2 May in the morning after drop-off time.

Miss Michelle Wainwright joins us as a Midday Assistant working on the junior site.

Unfortunately, Mrs Lesley Garantzotis, the senior English teacher, had a mini stroke over Easter and she is not able to come back to school at the moment.

## Forthcoming Events

### Important Dates for Summer Term 2018 (including sports events)

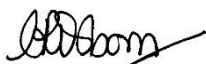
Thurs 19 April	First Day of Summer Term
Weds 25 April	Year 11 GCSE French Speaking Exam
Thurs 26 April	Lambourne Residential Visit Parents' Meeting
Tues 1 May	Years 3 & 4 Fire Safety talk (Essex Fire & Rescue Service)
Tues 1 May	FOBS Committee Meeting (Senior Hall)
Weds 2 May	Kindergarten Parents Informal meeting with Miss Piper
Weds 09 – Thurs 10 May	Year 11 Art GCSE Examination
Thurs 10 May	Junior Individual Instrument Students' Music Concert
Fri 11 May	Year 11 last day before Study Leave/Leavers' Assembly
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
Tues 15 May	GCSE written Examinations commence
Fri 18 May	Year 1 Class Assembly
Fri 18 May	FOBS Quiz Night
Mon 21 – Fri 25 May	Juniors Exam Week
Thurs 24 May	K – Year 5 Parents' Drop In Session
Thurs 24 May	Years K & LK Hey Diddle Diddle Music Workshop
Mon 4 – Fri 8 June	Years 6 – 10 Internal Exam Week
Fri 8 June	Year 4 & 5 Visit to British Museum
Weds 13 June	School Photographs
Thurs 14 – Fri 15 June	Year 4 & 5 Residential Visit to Lambourne End
Fri 15 June	Year 2 Class Assembly
Sat 16 – Sun 17 June	D of E Qualifying Bronze Expedition
Weds 20 June	Year 8 & 9 HPV 2 Vaccinations
Weds 20 June	Final GCSE written examination
Thurs 21 June	Braeside Sports Day
Fri 22 June	Years 3, 4 & 5 Production for Parents
Thurs 28 June	Reception – Year 6 Moving Up Day/Lower K – K New Pupil Morning and Year 7 Induction Day
Fri 29 June	Year 11 Leavers' Dinner
Mon 2 July	Year 10 & 11 Visit to Operating Theatre (joint with Normanhurst)

Fri 6 July	EYFS End of Year Celebration and Braeside Speech Day
Sat 7 July	Juniors End of Year Party
Mon 9 July	LK – Year 10 Full Reports Published
Mon 9 July	Rec – Year 5 Visit to Southend-on-Sea (Sea Life Centre)
Weds 11 July	End of Term: Break for Summer Holiday

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 my best wishes



Claire Osborn  
Headmistress



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