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## HEADMISTRESS

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### Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year. Senior pupils have their end-of-year examinations this week and juniors began their end-of-year assessments before the half-term break. The aim of these in both juniors and seniors is to review progress made, set targets and recognise individual achievements.

Full school reports are written following the exams. The reports will include exam results and will be published to parents on Monday 9 July. This will allow time for you to read and discuss the reports before the close of the school year.

Once exams are over there are several activities and special events. The dates are listed at the end of this letter.

#### Junior Moving Up Day Thursday 28 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 the class.

We would like to invite parents to drop into the junior 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 Year 7 pupils will also be in school for their Induction Day. There will be a special programme of activities for the day including a team building activity.

Our current Year 6 parents and new parents are invited to have coffee in the hall in the morning on Thursday 19 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

As many of you know, Mrs Doss is taking maternity leave in the Autumn term.

Class teachers next year are as follows:

Lower Kindergarten:	Mrs Toye the Lead Keyworker
Upper Kindergarten:	Miss Piper the Lead Keyworker
Reception:	Mrs Bickford
Year 1:	Mrs Satwick
Year 2:	Mrs Thompson (maternity cover for Mrs Doss)
Year 3:	Miss Salam
Year 4:	Miss Harding
Year 5:	Miss Wood

#### Extra-curricular Activities

The school office will shortly publish details of the clubs and activities 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 inform the office if you would like your daughter to participate in one of the clubs.

### **Summer Activity Programme**

Parents have received a letter detailing the summer holiday programmes being offered across the 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 Thursday 21 June**

Preparations are well underway for Sports Day which takes place once again at the Lee Valley Athletics centre in the inside track. Races commence at 12.30pm. Parents and families are warmly invited to join us for the event, which will finish at about 3pm. Parents will be able to take their children home directly from the venue at the end of the event, if they would like to do so. Please note that all pupils stay until the presentations are made at the end of the afternoon.

If parents are unable to attend Sports Day, their children will be returned to school at the end of the afternoon for pick up in the usual way.

### **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. After the end-of-year exams, Year 10 pupils will be invited to write a letter of application to me and there will be interviews with me and Ms Moon towards the end of June.

### **Speech Day and Prize Giving Friday 6 July**

The annual Speech Day and Prize Giving takes place on Friday 6 July in a marquee on the senior site. Again 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 4pm. Parents are invited to join pupils and staff for this important celebration of the year. More details will be sent out to parents nearer the time.

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 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**

Unfortunately, the Parents Association, Mr Hagger and I have taken the decision to cancel the Summer Fete which had been scheduled for Sunday 8 July. Plans were already underway for the event, but there has been insufficient support from parents to make the event viable this year.

I will be looking with FOBS at how we can re-launch a summer event next year, but unfortunately there will be no summer fete this school year.

### **Staff News**

Ms Moon returns from her maternity leave this term and will be back in school from Monday 11 June. Mrs Kirk returns from her maternity leave on Monday 2 July.

Miss Morgan, the Junior music teacher, is retiring from school-based teaching in July. Miss Morgan has inspired a love for music in the juniors in her time with us, and we wish her the very best as she begins an exciting new chapter in September. I am pleased that Mrs Lloyd-Morris will be joining us, teaching music throughout the school. Mrs Lloyd-Morris has over twenty years teaching experience in both junior and senior settings ranging from Beal High School and Snaresbrook Primary to, most recently, Daiglen School.

In the Spring term we appointed a Head of English for Braeside from September. Miss Danielle Krist, an English graduate with experience at King David High School, the Sydney Russell School and most recently at the Palmer Catholic Academy, is looking forward to joining us and will be in school on Monday 4 June.

Miss Grant, who came across to Braeside from Normanhurst two years ago, is returning to the Wirral in September. We have appointed Miss Wood to join the team as Year 5 teacher in September. Miss Wood is an experienced teacher and is currently a phase leader at Staples Road Primary School. Miss Wood will be joining us for the Moving Up Day to spend time with the pupils and to meet parents.

Mrs Doss begins her maternity leave in the summer and I am pleased that Mrs Thompson, a teacher we know well from Coopersale Hall School, will be teaching Year 2 during this time. She will also be at the Moving Up Day to meet pupils and parents.

Lastly, we are adding to the PE department from September. Mrs Kenneally, whom some of the girls already know from joint PE events with Normanhurst, will be coming across to work with Mrs Kirk at Braeside for two days a week. She will be teaching on both the junior and senior sites and she will also be offering extra-curricular opportunities for the girls.

### Dates for the Diary

Fri 8 June	Year 4 & 5 Visit to British Museum
Weds 13 June	School Photographs (Juniors followed by Seniors)
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
Tues 19 June	ISA National Athletics Competition
Weds 20 June	Year 8 & 9 HPV 2 Vaccinations
Weds 20 June	Normanhurst Summer Concert (incl. Braeside Year 10 GCSE music pupils)
Thurs 21 June	Braeside Sports Day
Tues 26 June	Summit Rocks Year 3 Adventure Camp Parents Meeting
Thurs 28 June	Reception – Year 6 Moving Up Day/Lower K – Upper K New Pupil Morning and Year 7 Induction Day
Fri 29 June	Years 3, 4 & 5 Production for Parents
Fri 29 June	Year 11 Leavers' Dinner (Marriott Hotel, Waltham Abbey)
Mon 2 July	Year 10 & 11 Visit to Operating Theatre (joint visit with Normanhurst)
Weds 4 July	GCSE Art Moderator visit
Fri 6 July	EYFS End of Year Celebration
Fri 6 July	Braeside Speech Day and Prize Giving
Sat 7 July	Juniors End of Year Party
Mon 9 July	Lower K – Year 10 Full Reports Published
Mon 9 July	Reception – Year 5 Visit to Southend-on-Sea (Sea Life Centre)
Weds 11 July	End of Term: Break for Summer Holiday

With my best wishes for the rest of the half-term.

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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