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HEADMISTRESS

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Dear Parents

This is the last Headmistress's letter of the academic year; a year that seems to have passed very quickly! 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 who had some taster senior lessons and got 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.

The heatwave is predicted to continue over the next week, with temperatures in the high twenties all week. Please continue to apply sun cream before school and to send your children in with water bottles. The gazebos in the junior playground will remain in place until the end of term to provide shade and the senior girls are enjoying the shade provided by the trees in the garden.

Early Years Celebration on Friday 6 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 senior site and the Early Years staff will be bringing the children to the marquee in the school minibuses.

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

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 6 July at 4pm

The Speech Day begins at 4pm in the marquee. The pupils on the junior site will be walked up to the senior site by the staff at about 3.30pm, ready to be seated. Parents should come directly to the senior site at 3.45pm.

All of the pupils in Year 1 to Year 5 are performing some songs, and there will also be some LAMDA performances as well as musical performances from senior pupils and the new trumpet ensemble.

Speech Day and Prize Giving is for all pupils from Year 1 upwards to attend. We obviously hope that all prize-winners will be there to collect their prizes and to be photographed. You will be able to purchase photographs on the afternoon from DE Photos, or online afterwards.

Pupils who are collecting prizes or performing will have a rehearsal on Thursday and Friday morning in the marquee.

Junior Disco Saturday 8 July 5 – 7pm

The junior disco takes place once again in the marquee on Saturday. Mrs Copeman has organised the party and the entertainer. The event is for Reception children up to Year 6.

Wednesday 11 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 or donated to FOBS.

End of Term Reports

Reports are being sent to parents on Monday 9 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 23 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 need to be collected from the School Hall and parents are welcome to come through to the garden.

Staff News

In a new curriculum development, the Year 9 girls will be following a three-year Maths GCSE course from September.

Mrs Jermutus will be joined by a new Science teacher from September. Mrs Razzak is an experienced Science teacher, who has been teaching at Normanhurst over the last year. She has already been into school to meet with Mrs Jermutus and to begin to plan for September.

There are three further staffing developments: Mrs Merrington, the history teacher, is moving to teach Sixth Form students at George Monoux College in Waltham Forest from September. Ms Moon, an experienced Humanities teacher, will be taking over the History GCSE classes. Mrs Revoir, who has been part-time on the senior site, teaching mainly Year 6, is going to Heathcote School in September. As you already know, Mrs Willemse is the Year 6 core teacher from September. Mrs Callomon, who has taught piano on both sites, is leaving to take on new pupils under the Redbridge Music Centre. Her pupils' lessons will be taught by Ms Symonds.

Senior Form Groups from September

Year 6	Mrs Willemse
Year 7	Ms Coleman
Year 8	Mrs Alahi
Year 9	Mrs Hucbourg
Year 10	Mrs Wroblewski
Year 11	Mrs Jermutus

Junior Form Tutors from September

Kindergarten	Lower K Keyworker	Mrs Toye
	Upper Kindergarten Keyworker	Miss Piper
	Kindergarten Assistants	Mrs Fiori Ms Parrott
Reception	Teacher	Mrs Bickford
	Teaching Assistant	Ms Matthews
Year 1	Teacher	Mrs Satwick
	Teaching Assistants	Mrs Celentano Mrs Bovingdon
		Teacher
Year 2	Teaching Assistant	Mrs Spencer
Year 3	Teacher	Miss Salam
Year 4	Teacher	Miss Harding
Year 5	Teacher	Miss Wood
	Teaching Assistant for Y3-5	Mrs Vale

School Panoramic Whole School Photograph Wednesday 19 September

We will be having a whole school panoramic photograph on Wednesday 19 September.

Please would all pupils on the junior site wear **summer uniform** on that day and ensure they have their blazers with them.

All senior pupils should be in full uniform, including blazers. Girls in Years 10 and 11 should wear opaque brown tights, girls in Years 6-9 may wear tights or brown knee length socks.

Key Dates through to the End of Term

Mon 2 July	Year 9 & 10 Visit to Operating Theatre (joint in-house workshop with Normanhurst)
Weds 4 July	GCSE Art Moderator visit
Weds 4 July	GCSE Art Exhibition for parents
Fri 6 July	EYFS End of Year Celebration 13:30 – 14:30 (Marquee at Seniors)
Fri 6 July	Braeside Speech Day 16:00 – 18:00 (Marquee at Seniors)
Sat 7 July	Juniors End of Year Party 17:00 – 19:00 (Marquee at Seniors)
Mon 9 July	LK – Year 10 Full Reports Published
Mon 9 July	Rec – Year 5 Visit to Southend-on-Sea (Sea Life Centre)
Mon 9 July	Year 6 End of Year Afternoon Tea 14:30 – 15:30 (Marquee at Seniors)
Weds 11 July	Seniors End of Year Assembly
Weds 11 July	Juniors End of Year Assembly
Weds 11 July	End of Term: Break for Summer Holiday
Weds 5 September	First day of Autumn Term school starts at 08:40 am

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.

I wish all our families a restful summer break and I hope you 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.

I am always happy to meet parents to discuss concerns or complaints. This year all concerns were resolved, with one at the informal stage of our process.

The New Term in September

I look forward to seeing the pupils return for the new term on Wednesday 5 September at the normal times for an 8.40am start.

With my very best wishes for a happy holiday

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress



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