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HEADMISTRESS

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Dear Parents

Re: **January 2019 Headmistress's Letter**

May I wish you all a very Happy New Year. I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday and that you are looking forward to the new term.

Thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts you and the girls gave me at the end of term. I really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

I am looking forward to the new term, this is always a busy term with parents' evenings, drop-in mornings, mock GCSE exams, 11+ and 13+ entrance exams, and Year 9 options evening. We have a large number of applicants for the 11+ exam in January and I am looking forward to meeting and interviewing all of the prospective pupils this term.

Staff News

A new Oak-Tree Group ICT Manager

Mr Mo Molaei joins the Oak-Tree group as the ICT Manager. He will be working across the four schools with the two ICT technicians to ensure our systems and technology continue to serve our needs and provide an excellent service to our parents.

Safer Internet Training Day

As you know from my December letter, we have organised an E-Safety Day on 15 January with workshops for all pupils from Year 3 upwards. Staff will also be trained after school. The training will be run by John Woodley and John Staines (also known as the 'Two Johns'), who are both qualified Police Trainers and CEOP Ambassador trainers who trained every Youth Officer within Essex Police. They deliver training within schools and specialise in pupil, parent and teacher events.

The day will finish with a session for parents from 6pm in the school hall to raise awareness about E-Safety and so that you are aware of the content of the earlier pupils' session. Parents will have received an email from the school office inviting you to text back and indicate if you will be able to attend the session.

Snow and Wintry Weather

Our aim is always to stay open even in snowy weather, unless there is a health and safety concern in doing so. The maintenance team arrive on site early to clear paths and to make the site safe, and an update will be posted on the website by 7am so that parents are informed about arrangements for the day.

During the winter months, please ensure your daughters wear the appropriate plain hats, scarves and gloves, according to the uniform list. If boots are worn to school in snowy weather, shoes should be brought to change into on arrival.

Speech Day and Prize Giving 2019

An advance date for your diaries: the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving will take place on Friday 5 July on the senior site. As last year, there will be Foundation Stage celebration in the early afternoon, followed by the Speech Day and Prize Giving for pupils from Year 1 to Year 11. Please do add this special date to your diaries.

Parents' Evenings this Term

I look forward to seeing you at the parents' evenings this term, when you will be able to discuss your daughter's progress and achievements so far this year with their teachers. As previously, we will use the online booking system for the meeting slots and parents will receive a notification form the school office when these are available to book.

Forthcoming Events

Tues 8 January	First Day of Spring Term
Tues 8 January	Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams start
Tues 15 January	Safer Internet Day (training sessions for pupils and staff plus workshop for parents)
Weds 16 January	Meeting for parents/pupils re Austria Ski Trip
Weds 16 January	FOBS Committee Meeting
Weds 16 January	Last written GCSE Mock Exams
Thurs 17 January	Year 6 & Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thurs 17 January	Art GCSE Mock Exam
Fri 18 January	Art GCSE Mock Exam
Tues 22 January	Braeside 11+ Entrance Examination
Tues 22 January	Year 11 Mock Exam results sent home
Weds 23 January	Year 3 Science Museum Trip (joint with Normanhurst)
Thurs 24 January	Years 4 & 5 Thames Explorer Trip
Thurs 24 January	Year 10 Forest Careers Fair Visit
Thurs 24 January	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Fri 25 January	Junior Dance Assembly
Sat 26 January	Loughton Young Artists Exhibition
Mon 28 January	Teenage Cancer Trust Assembly (senior site)
Mon 28 January	Year 9 DTP & Meningitis Vaccinations
Weds 30 January	National Citizenship Service Assembly
Fri 1 February	Year 10 RS Conference Visit
Fri 1 February	Year 11 Full Reports published to parents
Tues 5 February	Young Voices Event at the O ₂
Weds 6 February	U11 & U13 ISA Regional Netball Rally at Redbridge Sports Centre
Thurs 7 February	Year 11 Parents Evening
Fri 8 February	Year 11 Science Live! Trip (Apollo Victoria)
Weds 13 February	Coopersale Hall Cross Country Competition
Thurs 14 February	Year 9 Visit to Holocaust Memorial

Sunday 17 February – Saturday 23 February Joint Braeside/Normanhurst Ski Trip to Austria

Monday 18 – Friday 22 February

HALF TERM

Thurs 28 February Years 8, 9 & 10 BFI French Workshop
Thurs 28 February Year 9 Options Meeting
Tues 5 March Braeside Seniors Open Morning
Weds 6 March Braeside Juniors Open Morning
Weds 6 March Year 6, 10 & 11 Visit to Romeo & Juliet (Globe Theatre)

I look forward to seeing you at the parents' evenings and various school events this term. With my very best wishes for the coming term and for 2019.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress



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