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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

E Safety Day

Thank you to all those families who were able to attend the E-safety workshop with the two Johns last week. I know the girls found the sessions they had in school very useful. The feedback we have had from parents is that you, too, found it informative and helpful.

Mr Hagger sent out a letter to all parents this week which summarises the key points from the session and provides useful links and information about how to help keep our children safe online. I recommend that all parents read it.

Oak-Tree Summer Ball Saturday 18 May

The FOBS Committee is helping to organise the Oak-Tree Summer Ball which takes place at Chigwell Hall. It promises to be a special event, with a James Bond theme, music, dancing, auctions and more magic besides. We hope that lots of parents will want to come along. Details of how to buy your tickets will be sent out shortly. Some people come with friends or family, some with their partner. It is a fun, enjoyable evening, and one which I think all parents will enjoy.

11+ Exams for Senior Entry

We had a very pleasing number of applicants for places in the seniors at Braeside this year. The admission process finishes before half-time and offers and scholarships are sent out. Our own Year 6 pupils were excellent ambassadors on the examination day. They approached the exam papers with determination and focus. I was very proud of them.

Year 11 Easter Academy

Year 11 are working hard towards their GCSE exams in May. They have received their mock examination results and full reports as well as the parents' meeting this coming week. We are providing as many opportunities as we can for our pupils to make progress and succeed, but as I am sure you appreciate, there is no substitute for hard work and persistence.

This year we will be offering revision days again as part of an Easter holiday revision programme. I urge all parents to make every effort to ensure that their children attend the revision classes on offer. Teachers voluntarily give up part of their holiday to provide opportunities to support the students in revision and it is essential that as many pupils as possible attend.

The programme is being finalised and all parents and pupils will be given a copy of it.

Dates for the Forthcoming Term

Tues 5 February Young Voices Event at the O₂ (Years 5 & 6)

Weds 6 February U11 & U13 ISA Regional Netball Rally at Redbridge Sports Centre

Thurs 7 February Intermediate Maths Challenge
Thurs 7 February Year 11 Parents' Evening

Fri 8 February Year 11 Science Live! Trip (Apollo Victoria)

Weds 13 February GCSE Drama Practical examination

Weds 13 February Coopersale Hall Cross Country Competition

Thurs 14 February Year 9 Visit to Holocaust Memorial

Thurs 14 February U14 & U16 Netball Match v King Harold School (away)

Fri 15 February Senior House Netball Competition

Sun 17 February – Sat 23 February Joint Braeside/Normanhurst Ski Trip to Austria

Mon 18 – Fri 22 Feb HALF TERM

Thurs 28 February Years 8, 9 & 10 BFI French Workshop
Thurs 28 February Year 9 Options Parents' 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)

Thurs 7 March Year 7 Parents' Evening
Mon 11 March Year 10 PSHE AIM Workshop

Weds 13 March 11+ Second Entrance Examination/13+ Entrance Examination
Weds 13 March Year 9 and Year 10 GCSE Art Group visit to National Portrait Gallery

Weds 13 March Senior LAMDA Examinations
Thurs 14 March Year 9 Parents' Evening

Weds 20 March Years 10 & 11 AIM PSHE Employability Workshop

Weds 20 March LK to Year 5 Parents' Evening Thurs 21 March Junior LAMDA Examinations

Thurs 21 March LK to Year 5 Parents' Evening (with specialist staff)
Fri 22 March Rec & Year 1 Visit to Museum of Childhood (tbc)

Fri 22 March Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Award Training Day (Lambourne End)

Mon 25 March FOBS Committee Meeting

Mon 1 April Year 6 – 11 Reports published to parents

Tues 2 April FOBS Easter Egg Hunt Weds 3 April End of Term Assemblies

Weds 3 April Spring Term ends at 12:00 noon Weds 24 April First Day of the Summer Term

Form tutors, members of the leadership team and I are always happy to meet parents, so do ask for an appointment if there are any issues you would like to discuss with us.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Claire Osborn Headmistress

