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## HEADMISTRESS

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Dear Parents

### Re: Headmistress's Letter

I hope you and your families are looking forward to the holidays after a busy and productive term; we break up on Wednesday at 12 noon. We return to school for the summer term on Wednesday 24 April. There is much to look forward to in the summer term, with its special events including Sports Day on Thursday 20 June, our Speech Day and Prize Giving on Friday 5 July and the FOBS Summer Festival event on Sunday 7 July.

### 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 knee length socks or white ankle socks. Shoes should be plain black leather and polishable; canvas shoes should not be worn.

Girls should not wear jewellery or wristbands other than a simple pair of plain stud earrings and a small religious symbol. No other jewellery is allowed. I have noticed a number of girls wearing wristbands and decorative earrings this term. Please would you ensure these are not worn after Easter.

### Moving Up Day in the Juniors Tuesday 25 June

The annual 'Moving Up Day' will take place on Tuesday 25 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 3pm 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 Tuesday 25 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 25 June, meeting their new forms and following the normal timetable for the day.

### **Year 11 and GCSEs**

The Year 11 have an Easter Academy programme again this year with members of staff providing revision activities in school. Year 11 pupils are in lessons until Friday 10 May, which is when Year 11 have their final assembly. Year 11 Study Leave begins on Monday 13 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 21 June. The dinner is being held at Chigwell Hall and I hope that all of Year 11 will be able to attend. Every year FOBS contributes to the cost of the event, for which we are very grateful. 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, by Friday 21 June.

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.

### **Summer Ball Saturday 18 May**

There are still some tickets left for the Oak-Tree Summer Ball on Saturday 18 May. This promises to be an excellent evening's entertainment so please do book your tickets. Forms and letters are downloadable from the website.

### **Sports Day Thursday 20 June**

The annual Sports Day will be held at the Lee Valley Athletics inside track on Thursday 20 June for all classes up to and including Year 10. The pupils will compete in their Houses and prizes will be presented. Pupils will be 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 5 July**

The annual Speech Day and Prize Giving takes place on Friday 5 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 4pm. Parents are invited to join pupils and staff for this important celebration of the year. More details will be sent out to parents in the summer term.

### **FOBS Summer Festival Sunday 7 July**

This year FOBS are hosting a summer festival, with a number of exciting new additions to the usual summer celebration. It will be a fun-filled family event, so please do earmark the date in your diaries. Older pupils will have the opportunity to volunteer to support and we hope to have pupils performing in the afternoon as well. It promises to be a lovely afternoon.

## Forthcoming Events

Weds 24 April	First Day of Summer Term
Thurs 25 April	Kindergarten Paradise Wildlife Park In-house Workshop
Mon 29 April	<a href="#">Year 10</a> GCSE RS Group visit to St John's Church, Buckhurst Hill
Tues 30 April	Junior Maths Challenge
Weds 1 May	<a href="#">Year 2</a> Visit to London Transport Museum
Thurs 2 May	<a href="#">Year 8</a> HPV Second Vaccinations
Thurs 2 May	GCSE Spanish Speaking Exam
Fri 3 May	<a href="#">LK – Year 5</a> Assembly on Summer Safety
Fri 3 May	<a href="#">Year 3</a> Fire Safety Awareness Workshop
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
Tues 7 May	GCSE French Speaking Exam
Tues 7 May	<a href="#">Years 7 &amp; 8</a> KS3 STEM Workshop
Weds-Thurs 8-9 May	GCSE Art Practical Exam
Fri 10 May	<a href="#">Year 11</a> Last Day before Study Leave
Sat/Sun 11/12 May	<a href="#">Year 10</a> D of E Practice Weekend
Mon 13 May	<a href="#">Year 11</a> Study Leave Commences
Tues 14 May	ISA London North Regional Athletics Competition
Weds 15 May	<a href="#">Year 10</a> Morrisby Careers Guidance Testing
Sat 18 May	Oak-Tree Summer Ball
Mon-Fri 20-24 May	Juniors Exams and InCAS Testing
Mon 20 May	FOBS Committee Meeting
Fri 24 May	Senior Instrumental Performers' Assembly
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half Term
Mon-Fri 3-7 June	<a href="#">Years 6-10</a> Internal Exams
Weds 5 June	<a href="#">Years 4 &amp; 5</a> Trip to V & A Museum
Thurs 6 June	Juniors: Marvellous Maths Day
Weds 12 June	Class Photographs
Fri 14 June	<a href="#">Years 1 - 5</a> Trip to Colchester Zoo
Weds 19 June	<a href="#">Years 8 &amp; 9</a> Europa Centre Visit
Thurs 20 June	Braeside Sports Day (Lee Valley Athletics Centre)
Fri 21 June	<a href="#">Year 11</a> Leavers' Dinner (Chigwell Hall)

I wish you all a lovely Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday 24 April. 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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