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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year; one which seems to have flown by. Senior pupils have their end-of-year examinations this week, whilst the juniors had their assessments before the half-term break. The aim of these in both juniors and seniors is to review progress made, set next steps and recognise individual achievements. Results will be included in the reports in July.

Once exams are over there are a number of activities and special events, dates of which are listed at the end of this letter.

Reports will be uploaded onto the portal on Monday 8 July to allow time for you to read and discuss them before the close of the school year.

Moving Up Day Tuesday 25 June

Pupils in the juniors 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 their classmates.

We would like to invite parents of pupils on the junior site 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 current Year 5 pupils who will be moving onto the senior site in September have a Year 6 Induction Day on that site all day. They will be taken back to the junior site for the end of the day.

The Year 7 Induction Day also takes place on Tuesday 25 June. The new Year 7 pupils will spend the whole day in school with the current Year 6 pupils. There will be a special programme of activities for the day including a team building activities.

Our current Year 6 parents and new parents are invited to have coffee in the hall in the morning for a short talk on life in the seniors, as detailed in the letter from Mrs Amey.

Staff News

We have three members of staff relocating and moving on at the end of the school year.

Mrs Kirk and her family are moving back nearer to family in the North. We are very grateful for all Mrs Kirk has contributed to Braeside over the last three years, both in terms of the way she has developed the PE curriculum and in her contribution to the leadership of the school as one of the Assistant Heads. We have appointed Miss Abigail Barrett to the role of PE teacher from September. She has already met some of the girls and taught a lesson.

Miss Salam is moving to Cardiff in the summer holidays following her marriage. I am delighted that we have appointed Miss Jenna Van Bergen to join the junior team from September. She will be the Year 3 class teacher in September and will be in school for the Moving Up Day to meet the children and parents.

Mrs Puchalla, the ICT and Business Studies teacher is stopping teaching at the end of the year. We are pleased to have appointed Mr Hader Masood, an experienced teacher, to lead the teaching of Computing and Business Studies across the school.

Senior Leadership Team from September

We have now finalised the new leadership team following the promotion of Mrs Moon to Headmistress from September.

Headmistress: Mrs Moon

Deputy Head and Head of Juniors: Mrs Copeman

Assistant Head (Seniors): Mrs Jermutus

Assistant Head (Juniors): Miss Wood

EYFS and Junior Class Teachers from September

Class teachers next year are as follows:

Lower Kindergarten: Mrs Toye, Lead Keyworker

Upper Kindergarten: Ms Piper, Lead Keyworker

Reception: Mrs Thompson

Year 1: Mrs Bickford

Year 2: Mrs Doss

Year 3: Miss Van Bergen

Year 4: Mrs Gadd

Year 5: Miss Wood

Summer Holiday Activity Programme

Parents will receive a letter detailing the summer holiday programmes being offered across the four 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 20 June

Mrs Kirk has sent home an information letter to all parents about the arrangements for Sports Day on Thursday 20 June. I look forward to seeing you all at the Lee Valley Athletics Track for this lovely event which take place in the afternoon from 12.00pm.

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. The Early Years Celebration is at 1.30pm, followed by the more formal Speech Day for junior and senior pupils at 4.00pm. Parents are invited to join pupils and staff for this important celebration of the year.

If your daughter is a form or subject prize winner, you will be informed in the week before Speech Day and Prize Giving.

FOBS Summer Festival Sunday 7 July 12.00-2.00pm

The Summer Festival is a new twist on a familiar summer highlight at Braeside. The Parents' Association is already planning a fun-filled family event, so please do earmark the date in your diaries. Older pupils will be asked to help run stalls, we hope to have pupils performing in the talent show as well on what promises to be a lovely afternoon.

Forthcoming Events for the Diary

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| Mon-Fri 3-7 June | Years 6 - 10 Internal Exams |
| Weds 5 June | Year 4 & 5 Trip to V & A Museum |
| Thurs 6 June | Juniors: Marvellous Maths Day |
| Weds 12 June | Class Photographs |
| Weds 12 June | Year 10 Conferences |
| Fri 14 June | Years Reception - 5 Trip to Colchester Zoo |
| Weds 19 June | Years 8 & 9 Europa Centre Visit |
| Weds 19 June | ISA National Athletics Competition |
| Thurs 20 June | Braeside Sports Day (Lee Valley Athletics Centre) |
| Fri 21 June | Non-Uniform Day (Whole School) |
| Fri 21 June | Year 11 Leavers' Dinner (Chigwell Hall) |
| Sat-Sun 22-23 June | Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Weekend |
| Mon-Fri 24-28 June | Year 10 Work Experience Week |
| Tues 25 June | Year 7 Induction Day and Moving Up Day |
| Thurs-Fri 27-28 June | Years 4 & 5 Lambourne End Residential Visit |
| Mon 1 July | Year 3 First Aid Course |
| Fri 5 July | Braeside Early Years Celebration |
| Fri 5 July | Braeside Speech Day |
| Sun 7 July | FOBS Summer Festival |
| Mon 8 July | Years 6-10 London Eye/Thames River Trip |
| Tues 9 July | Years 10 & 9 Art Groups & Year 8 Workshop at National Portrait Gallery |
| Tues 9 July | Senior House Rounders Competition |
| Tues 9 July | Years 3 - 5 "Beauty and the Beast" Production |
| Weds 10 July | End of Summer Term |
| Thurs 22 August | GCSE Results Day |

As always, please do contact the school office, your child's form teacher or a member of the SLT, if there is anything you would like to discuss. I very much look forward to seeing you at our many school events this term.

With my best wishes for the final half-term.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress



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