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# **HEADMISTRESS**MRS CLAIRE OSBORN MSc., B.A. (HONS), PGCE

10 July 2019

**Dear Parents** 

#### Re: Headmistress's Letter

We have come to the close of another successful year at Braeside, and I hope, like me, you have enjoyed the many events in which we have shared the pupils' achievements over the course of this year.

Sports Day just over three weeks ago was excellent. Our pupils showcased their sporting talents, their team spirit and their support for each other. It was lovely to see the older pupils helping the younger ones. And to have so many parents there to watch the races.

The Early Years Celebration of the Year last Friday was lovely, as was the Speech Day and Prize Giving that followed. We celebrated the progress and achievements of all the children in Kindergarten and Reception. We heard about their highlights of the year and we presented each child with a certificate to acknowledge their particular progress this year. They entertained us beautifully with songs, with some lovely props and actions.

As I said that afternoon, I am very proud of the pupils: their service to the school, their positive attitudes to learning, their community spirit and the respect they show each other and the staff. I feel privileged to see their development and progress year on year. Of course, it was lovely to award prizes, but my hope is that each and every pupil knows they are valued and understands that we recognise the progress they are making.

### **Lost Property and Lockers**

Any items left in school after the end of term will be collected up by the caretakers. 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. All seniors have been asked to empty their lockers and take home the padlocks, as we will be reassigning lockers in September.

# **End of Term Reports**

Reports have now been published and all parents can download them from the portal. 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 Friday 12 July.

#### **GCSE Examination Results**

GCSE results are published on Thursday 22 August. Mrs Sheffield and Mrs Moon will be in school in the morning for pupils to come into school to collect their results from 8.30 - 10am. They need to be collected from the School Hall. Pupils should sign in at the office when they arrive.

# **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.

As another school year draws to its close, I hope you all have a restful summer break and are able to enjoy time with family and friends. Thank you for all your support this year, and for the positive comments, letters and emails I have received. I look forward to seeing all the girls go on to achieve in the future.

## The New Term in September

The Autumn term begins on Wednesday 4 September at the normal times for an 8.40am start.

# **Forthcoming Events**

Weds 4 September First Day of Summer Term

Mon 9 September Read Write Inc Meeting for EYFS Parents
Tues 17 September Year 10 GCSE Evening (Parents/Pupils)

Tues 17 September Individual School Photographs

Tues 17 September Head Girl Conference at Forest School

Fri 14 September Year 10 GCSE Parents' Meeting

Thurs 19 September Oak-Tree Year 3 Summit Rocks Overnight Camp
Fri 20 September Oak-Tree Year 3 Summit Rocks Overnight Camp

Fri 20 September Jeans for Genes Day

Tues 24 September Year 11 Transition to 6<sup>th</sup> Form Meeting (Parents/Pupils)

Thurs 26 September Year 8 HPV Vaccination

Weds 2 October

Thurs 3 October

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Braeside Seniors Open Evening

Braeside Juniors Open Morning

National Poetry Day (Juniors)

Juniors Flu Vaccinations

Weds 9 October Years 1 & 2 Visit to Waltham Abbey Gardens

Thurs 10 October Harvest Festival rehearsal (Juniors)

Fri 11 October Juniors Harvest Festival

Fri 11-Sun 13 October PGL Netball Weekend (joint trip with Normanhurst)

Tues 15 October Years 5, 6, & 7 Visit to Lee Valley Mosque

Tues 15 October Junior Parents Evening Weds 16 October Junior Parents Evening

Fri 18 October Years 8, 9 & Year 10 GCSE Geography Group Field Study Trip (tbc)

Mon 21/Fri 25 October Madrid Sports/Cultural Trip (joint with Normanhurst)

Mon 21 October – Fri 1 November HALF TERM

With my very best wishes for a happy holiday

Yours sincerely

Claire Osborn Headmistress

