



# Braeside School

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## HEADMISTRESS

MRS CHLOE MOON B.A. (HONS), M.A., PGCE

November 2019

Dear Parents

### Re: Headmistress's Letter

I hope you and your families enjoyed the mid-term break and that you are looking forward to the forthcoming half-term, which has a number of special events as Christmas approaches. Please make a note of the dates at the end of this letter, on the app calendar and on the website.

### Senior House Drama Competition

The Senior House Drama competition takes place on Friday 22 November at Lopping Hall in Loughton. Pupils have been rehearsing hard and I hope they are looking forward to the evening. Parents have recently been sent information about how to order tickets. Please do come and join us for the evening. It has become our tradition to use Lopping Hall as the venue, and it would be lovely for the pupils to perform to a full house.

### Mock Exams Year 11

Pupils in Year 11 have been busy preparing for their mock exams. They received a timetable of the exams before the half term break and have planned their revision ready to sit these exams in November. The organisation will mirror as closely as possible the JCQ regulations in preparation for the summer GCSE exam season. Pupils will be given in-class feedback and parents and pupils will be discussing their performance and progress at Parents Evening on 19 November.

### Year 6 and 7 Settling-in Evening

Parents of pupils in Year 6 and 7 have a settling in evening on Tuesday 12 November. This is a chance for your daughter to introduce you to her teachers. It is an informal, drop-in evening where parents can 'put a face to the name'. Please be aware that parents evening will be later in the year and this will be the appropriate time to discuss progress.

### Christmas Events

#### Junior Pantomime Trip

All the pupils on the junior site have their annual trip to the pantomime at the Harlow Playhouse on Wednesday 4 December. Mrs Copeman sent details home to parents before half term.

#### Christmas Lunch and Junior Christmas Party

The whole school will have Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11 December. The Chartwells team are putting together a lovely Christmas menu for us.

#### Infant Nativity Play

The infant Christmas performance takes place in St James' URC hall on Friday 6 December at 2pm. Kindergarten, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 are all involved in this special Christmas event and parents are invited to come and see the performance.

### Christmas Carol Service

The Carol Service takes place again this year on Monday 9 December at 2.15pm at St James URC Church. Pupils from Reception to Year 11 are involved in the event. All families are welcome to join us for the service and there is no need to reserve tickets in advance. We expect the event to be over by the end of the school day and pupils can go home from the venue if their parents are attending.

### Chewing Gum in School

Chewing gum is not permitted anywhere on the school site. We had an unfortunate incident last term of gum being left on one of the school lunch trays, which was most unpleasant for the catering staff to deal with. Please ensure your daughters do not have chewing gum with them in school.

### Coffee Mornings

Once again, we are offering parents the opportunity to come in to school for an informal chat with Mr Hagger and I about life at Braeside. We do hope you can join us. Parents of EYFS pupils will note that the date of their coffee morning has been changed and we do apologise for this. The dates for each year group are listed below:

Friday 22 November:	Years 1 and 2 Parents Coffee Morning
Friday 29 November:	Years 3, 4 and 5 Parents Coffee Morning
Wednesday 8 January:	Years 6, 7 and 8 Parents Coffee Morning
Wednesday 15 January:	Years 9, 10 and 11 Parents Coffee Morning
Friday 17 January:	Early Years Parents Coffee Morning

### Forthcoming Events

Mon 4/Tues 12 Nov	Year 11 Mock GCSE exams
Weds 6 November	Junior House Netball Competition
Fri 8 November	Years 9 & 10 Science trip to The Royal Institution
Sun 10 November	Oak-Tree Fireworks Event
Tues 12 November	Year 6 & 7 Parents' Settling In Meeting
Tues 12 November	FOBS AGM 6.30-7.30 pm
Weds 13 November	Years 7 & 8 Stratford Vue Cinema "Mamma Mia" INTO Film Festival
Thurs 14 November	Year 4 visit to Saatchi Gallery
Fri 15 November	Year 5 visit to Colchester Castle
Fri 15 November	Epping Forest Parliamentary Debating Competition
Tues 19 November	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Fri 22 November	Years 1 & 2 Parents' Coffee Morning
Fri 22 November	Non-Uniform Day (Sen & Jun) for FOBS Christmas Fayre
Fri 22 November	House Drama Competition (Lopping Hall)
Mon-Fri 25-29 Nov	Juniors: Christmas Around the World Week
Tues 26 November	Reception – Year 6 visit to Waltham Abbey Church
Tues 26 November	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Weds 27 November	Years 1 & 2 visit to the Gunpowder Mills (Victorian Christmas)
Thurs 28 November	Years LK – 5 Junior Drop in Morning
Fri 29 November	Years 3, 4 & 5 Parents' Coffee Morning
Fri 29 November	Year 11 Poetry Live! Trip
Fri 29 November	FOBS Christmas Fayre
Mon/Tues 2-3 Dec	Year 11 Art GCSE Mock Exam (Extra Time on Weds 4.12.19)
Mon 2 December	Juniors Nativity Rehearsal (Years LK – 3)
Weds 4 December	Years LK–5 Visit to Harlow Playhouse: "Jack and the Beanstalk"
Fri 6 December	Juniors Nativity Performance to Parents YrsLK-3 (St James' URC Hall)
Mon 9 December	Braeside Carol Service (St James URC Church) 2.15 – 3.30
Thurs 12 December	Seniors End of Term Assembly

Thurs 12 December	Senior House Netball Competition
Thurs 12 December	Juniors End of Term Assembly
Thurs 12 December	End of Term: Break for Christmas holiday

Tues 7 January 2020	First day of Spring Term
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With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Chloe Moon  
Headmistress



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