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HEADMISTRESS

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Dear Parents

Re: February 2020 Headmistress's Letter

Braeside's Future Plans

Thank you for reading the letter that Mr Hagger sent to you on Wednesday 29 January. We have had some very positive feedback from parents and pupils, and the staff are also excited by the news. I will be speaking to the pupils this week about their thoughts and asking them to think of any questions that may have arisen.

As you will be aware, there is a meeting scheduled on Wednesday 5 February at 6pm for those parents who would like to discuss any of our future plans. Please let the School Office know if you are not able to attend and we will try to schedule a separate meeting for you. I will also be sending a letter to all Year 1 and 2 parents early this week regarding the teaching of these two classes from September 2020.

We will be offering tours of the main site at 11am on Monday 10 February and at 2pm on Thursday 13 February so that you are able to see the facilities that we have to offer and also the ample space in which all pupils will be able to play and learn. I will be happy to accommodate you on a separate tour if you cannot make either of the dates above. The School Office will send a text in due course about the tours.

Oak-Tree Art Exhibition and Loughton Young Artist 2020

Thank you for your support coming to the Oak-Tree Art Exhibition last month. I really enjoyed chatting with our families about the amazing work on display and how much your daughters are enjoying art at Braeside. We are also pleased to announce that we had two winners and a runner up in the Loughton Young Artist competition that was running in the gallery in Loughton this month. More details can be found in the newsletter.

Year 11 Mock 'Light touch'

Year 11 pupils have assessments starting on Monday 24 February. They have been given a timetable for these and they have also been uploaded to the portal. These exams will focus on areas where we identified a requirement for pupil improvement in the mock exams in the autumn term. They will have three weeks of revision to prepare and they will be doing revision instead of the scheduled homework. These exams will take place in lesson time and in the usual classroom.

Easter Academy

A reminder that Year 11 pupils have 'Easter Academy' starting on 26 March. These dates were published to the portal a few weeks ago and are a great opportunity for Year 11 to ask any questions before they start the bulk of their revision for the 'real' GCSEs. Pupils do not have to be in uniform during these days. They must sign in and out as they enter and leave the building. I hope Year 11 take this opportunity to support their revision!

Senior Clubs

You will have already had communication about two new exciting opportunities for pupils on the senior site. These are Musical Theatre Club on Monday (which is open to all pupils from Year 6 to 11) and Surrealist Art Club on Wednesday (for Years 7, 8 and 9 students). As pupils will be working towards a performance and a piece of art, I am asking pupils to sign up and commit to regular attendance.

Swimming Hats

During swimming lessons on Mondays, please ensure that your daughter wears a swimming hat. Children must only wear a hat in their House colour Fry - White, Nightingale - Yellow, Bronte - Red and Mason - blue. This makes it easier for groupings in swimming lessons and also is essential for House and Oak-Tree events.

Hats, Scarves and Gloves

It would be very helpful if you could check that your daughter's name is clearly labelled on her hat, scarf and gloves. These should also be blue in colour and are sold by the school outfitters Forest Casualwear. Please also make sure your daughter has neutral colour ear muffs if you would like her to wear these.

Anti-idling Posters

The local council have supplied schools in the local area with some information posters for parents on the issue of idling in cars. They have sent this information to make you aware of the impact of idling on air quality in the local area. The Eco Committee and Green Team have asked me to tell you to look at the notices and switch off your engines where possible when dropping and collecting your child from school.

FOBS news

I am so grateful for all those parents that have offered to help with future FOBS events. If you would still like to help out, please do let me know. Mrs Copeman and I have organised some events for the Summer Term. These will be a movie-themed after school event on 24 April (the first week of the summer term) and the Junior Disco on Saturday 4 July. Please make a note of the dates and if you could offer any support at these events, please let us know.

Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of any of the events listed below that relate to yourself or your daughter.

Tues 4 February	Year 6 Parents' Evening
Weds 5 February	U11 & U13 ISA Netball Tournament (Redbridge Sports Centre)
Thurs 6 February	Year 9 DTP & Meningitis Vaccination
Fri 7 February	Year 1 Class Assembly
Fri 7 February	Year 11 Science Live! Trip
Mon 10 February	Tours of the senior site (11.00 am)
Tues 11 February	GCSE Music Trip to Royal Festival Hall
Weds 12 February	Years K – 5 Dance Assembly
Weds 12 February	Coopersale Hall Annual X Country Relay (Years 3,4,5 &6)
Thurs 13 February	Tours of the senior site (2.00 pm)
Thurs 13 February	Years 10 & 11 GCSE Drama Group trip to "Blood Brothers"
Fri 14 February	Years 10 (RS Grp) & 9 visit to SWE Reform Synagogue re Holocaust Memorial Day
Mon 17- Fri 21 February	– Spring Half Term Holiday
Mon 24 Feb–Thurs 5 March	Year 11 "Light" Mock Exams
Mon 24 February	Years 5 & 6 Oak-Tree Tag Rugby Tournament (tbc)

Tues 25 February	Oak-Tree Maths Challenge (juniors)
Fri 28 February	NSPCC Workshops for Years 5 & 6
Tues 3 March	ISA Cross Country Finals (Bedford)
Thurs 5 March	Braeside Seniors Open Morning
Fri 6 March	World Book Day
Tues 10 March	Years 1 & 2 Trip to the Tower of London
Tues 10 March	Year 10 & 11 GCSE Geography Group visit to Whitechapel
Tues 10 March	Years 7, 8 & 9 Visit to Globe Theatre to see "Macbeth"
Tues 10 March	Year 9 Parents/Options Evening
Weds 11 March	13+ and second 11+ Entrance Examination
Weds 11 March	NSPCC collection at juniors
Thurs 12 March	Junior LAMDA Exams (not year 2)
Thurs 12 March	Years 10 & 11 Drama Groups AQA Drama Devising Workshop
Fri 13 March	Year 4 Visit to RAF Museum
Mon 16 March	Junior Peri-Music Concert (tbc)
Mon 16 March	Epping Forest Youth Council Elections
Weds 18 March	Senior and Year 2 LAMDA Exams
Fri 20 March	Year 5 Visit to Science Museum
Fri 20 March	Years 10 & 11 Astronomy Workshop (joint with Normanhurst)
Fri 20 March	Oak-Tree Year 3 & 4 Netball and Football Tournament
Mon 23 March	Seniors Musical Theatre Club Performance of "Annie" (short version)
Tues 24 March	Junior Parents Evening (with specialist subject teaching staff)
Weds 25 March	Junior Parents Evening
Thurs 26 March	Last day of Spring Term (pupils finish at 12.00 noon)

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Chloe Moon
Headmistress



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