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HEADMISTRESS

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Dear Parents

Re: March 2020 Headmistress's Letter

This week has a 'Book Week' focus in school, with the delights of the World Book Day dress-up day on Friday on the Junior site. This year the theme is an Alice in Wonderland theme focussing on the Mad Hatter's Tea Party and there are lots of fun activities planned. The senior pupils will also be holding a special assembly to mark the day.

School in Action Open Mornings

We have our March open morning this week. I am grateful to all the girls who will be helping by guiding our visitors around the sites. The event will take place on the Main Site on Thursday 5 March. We are looking forward to welcoming a number of families to school on those days. Please do come if you haven't had a chance to look around the Main Site on a tour.

Orientation events

As mentioned in the parents meeting about the exciting plans for Braeside, there are a number of days planned for Junior pupils to visit and work on the Main Site before the move in September. Year 4 and 5 will be working on the Main Site on Thursday 5 March and Year 5 will stay for lunch too. On 10 March, Junior pupils will be visiting the Main Site for lunchtime followed by playtime in the gardens. On 23 March, Junior pupils will visit to watch a 'Showcase of Annie'. This is the production that Year 6-11 are taking part in.

Year 11 Information

Year 11 have had exams since they returned from half term. These are 'Mocks Light' exams where teachers and pupils identified areas that pupils needed to work on following the mocks exams in November. They will be receiving their targeted feedback from teaching staff in lessons and also getting their results. The results of these exams will also be shown on the Short Reports at the end of the Spring Term. I must also remind you that Year 11 are invited to Easter Academy and dates for these revision sessions were published to the portal earlier in the term. It would be very beneficial for pupils to attend all the sessions relevant to them. A letter regarding Year 11 Leavers will be sent nearer the end of term.

Trips and visits

There have been many sporting and educational trips so far this term. Some pupils have been selected from across the school for the annual ISA Cross Country event in Bedford this week and I wish them the very best of luck! Next week there are a number of trips for many year groups. On 10 March, Year 1 and 2 are at the Tower of London; Year 10 and 11 Geographers are on a field trip in Whitechapel and Year 7, 8 and 9 are visiting The Globe for a Shakespeare workshop. There are many other trips planned for the term.

Art Exhibitions

Following the recent successes at the ISA Art Competition, the parish council competition and also the Loughton Young Artist competition, Ms Coleman has recommended some exhibitions and events for pupils to attend with parents in the holidays. She has put these links on Show My Homework for Year 6 to 11. However, if you would like to explore these exhibitions further, please contact Ms Coleman on the Main Site.

May Bank Holiday

Although a little way off, please note that the early May Bank Holiday has moved this year from its usual position on a Monday to Friday 8 May. This means that the long weekend will coincide with the extended 75th anniversary celebrations of VE Day.

PE Uniform

Please ensure that your daughter has the correct uniform for PE. Many of our activities and competitions are held off-site for PE and it is helpful to staff and pupils if they are dressed correctly for their activities. Any earrings, religious symbols and watches must be left at school and not taken off at the venue. Mobile phones should be left at school (seniors only) and will only be allowed to be carried by senior pupils when they are at a fixture.

Dates for your Diary

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

Tues 3 March	ISA Cross Country Finals (Bedford)
Thurs 5 March	Braeside 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
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	Year 7 Visit to Rollerbow
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)
Tues 21 April	First Day of Summer Term
Fri 24 April	Movies and Munch evening
Tues 28 April	Year 7 Parents Evening
Thurs 30 April	Year 6 & 7 Visit to Hertford Theatre
Fri 1 May	Year 4 Trip to Kew Gardens

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Chloe Moon
Headmistress



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