



# Braeside School

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Dear Parents

### Re: October 2021 Headmistress's Letter

It has been lovely to welcome all of our pupils back and to welcome boys on the site in the new chapter of Braeside's history. We have had a busy and productive start to the term with pupils across the school being elected into positions of responsibility. Hopefully, you will see them around the site and at events helping out.

### School Uniform

In my last Headmistress' letter, I wrote to you about having the correct uniform this term. This means that seniors and Year 6 must wear black tights. This also means no white or brown tights for any other pupil in the school. We have not allowed white or brown tights for some time now. Coats must be regulation for junior pupils and must be plain black or navy for senior pupils. Coats must be long enough to cover the body and MUST be waterproof. The uniform list can be found in the Parents Handbook and also on the website.

A polite reminder also that junior pupils swap to the 'Winter Uniform' after half term and tights are advisable in the colder weather when we return after half term break.

Shoes must be suitable for school and must not be boot or 'Kickers' style and cannot be canvas. Trainers must not be worn for school uniform. Boots are not permitted to be worn in school for health and safety reasons. However, in adverse weather, pupils may wear boots to school and change into shoes on site.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with regard to earrings for pupils from Year 5 to Year 11 only. As aforementioned, this is a decision for the health and safety of pupils on site especially during active play and P.E.

### Parents' Evenings and Meetings

We hope to have Parents' Evenings face-to-face this term. These dates are published on the school website for all years. Please make a note of them.

In addition, there are some information evenings for GCSE pupils. These will take place on Zoom, as requested by a majority of parents, so that they can be accessed at a convenient time and location.

Junior Parents' Evening has been scheduled for the week before half term and appointments will be available to book through the portal. Please do get in touch if are having difficulty accessing the system in advance of Parents Evening. The instructions on how to book were sent to you via an email from the office.

I have added a parents meeting for Year 7 parents on 7 October. This invitation and details have already been sent and I have really appreciated the feedback from the start of term on this meeting. In addition, Year 7 will be making a film to show parents about the start to their Year 7 career at school.

## Coffee Mornings

Mr Matthew Hagger, Mrs Claire Osborn and I will be holding our annual coffee mornings for parents on Wednesday mornings starting on Wednesday 3 November. These give us the opportunity to chat informally about life at school and often prompt some very interesting discussions about ideas for future development.

Please check the table below for your class time:

AUTUMN TERM	
Weds 3 Nov 8.40-9.45am	Reception & Year 1
Weds 10 Nov 8.40-9.45am	Year 3 & Year 4
Weds 17 Nov 8.40-9.45am	Year 5 & Year 6
Weds 1 Dec 8.40-9.45am	Year 7
Weds 8 Dec 8.40-9.45am	Year 8 and Year 9

Coffee mornings for Kindergarten, Year 10 and Year 11 parents will be arranged in the New Year. We will write in advance of each coffee morning with further details.

## Homework

A homework timetable is available on the portal for senior parents and pupils plan their week of homework. Please do use either Show My Homework (Seniors) or Seesaw (Juniors) to access homework. Senior pupils can message their teachers through Show My Homework if they need any further assistance. We encourage pupils to take ownership of their own learning by using this message facility or by seeking the assistance of their teachers in advance of the deadline.

## Senior House Drama

We are hoping to hold this long-awaited event for Year 7 to Year 11 on 26 November at Lopping Hall. Owing to numbers, we can only invite senior parents to this event. Year 11 and their designated team should be regularly rehearsing and meeting to discuss props, lines and stage direction. This event is completely directed and organised by the House members and we are really looking forward to holding the event once more. Please do refer to the letter that was sent at the beginning of term for specific dates and times for props to be ordered.

## Parking around the Site

Thank you for your positive support for the parking around the site. It has been very helpful to us and our neighbours when pupils are walked to the Junior and Senior gate when parking away from Ardmore Lane. This has meant a smooth and safe drop-off and collection at the beginning and end of school. Our neighbours are grateful for your consideration in this.

## Oak-Tree Fireworks Display

After much thought and discussion, we have decided not to go ahead with the Oak-Tree Fireworks Display that had been booked to take place after the October half term. With the rise in positive Covid-19 cases nationwide and the cases that we are now seeing within the Group, we felt that it could be irresponsible to bring together some 1100 extended families from four different schools. Although the display is normally such a lovely occasion, there is the potential for this to become a 'super spreader' event and we would not want it to impact adversely on our families or the schools. Next year's display has been booked and will take place on Sunday 13 November 2022.

## Pupil Wellbeing and Safety

Pupils have come back to school with a positive and diligent attitude towards school. Year 11 have had their Mock Exams and have worked exceptionally hard in their revision. However, pupils may sometimes experience stress and anxiety about school. Pupils have time with their class teacher and form tutor every morning to discuss any matters of concern. In addition, Mrs Spencer will also be available in the mornings to speak to pupils to help them start their day in the most positive way.

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please speak to their class teacher or form tutor in the first instance. Please also let school know of any changes to their daily routine especially with regard to pick-up and collection.

## Dates for the Diary

Please make a note of the following dates for this term:

Fri 1 October	FOBS 'School Dinners' Event
Tues 5 October	Year 11 Pupil Conference
Weds 6 October	Open (Early Years) Day and Open Evening (Juniors & Seniors)
Fri 8 October	Year 6 Science Museum
Mon 11 October	Rec- Year 11 Flu Immunisation
Tues 12 October	Junior Parents Evening
Weds 13 October	Juniors Parents Evening
Fri 15 October	Harvest Festival

### 18 – 29 October

Tues 2 November	Year 7 Parents Evening
Wed 3 November	Rec & Year 1 Coffee Morning
Wed 10 November	Year 3 & 4 Coffee Morning
Friday 12 November	Children in Need Day
Tues 16 November	Year 10 Parents Evening
Wed 17 November	Year 5 & 6 Coffee Morning
Friday 26 November	Year 7 -11 House Drama Competition at Lopping Hall
Wed 1 December	Year 7 Coffee Morning
Wed 1 December	Year 4 Charles Dickens Museum
Tues 7 December	Year 8 HVP1 Immunisation
Wed 8 December	Year 8 & 9 Coffee Morning
Thurs 9 December	LK – Year 9 Pantomime at Harlow Playhouse
Fri 10 December	Nativity performance
Tues 14 December	Whole School Christmas Service
Weds 15 December	Last Day of Autumn Term: Finish at 12.00 noon

### HALF TERM

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself, Mrs Copeman or Miss Wood.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Chloe Moon  
Headmistress



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