



Braeside School

130 High Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5SD

Tel: 020 8504 1133

HEADMISTRESS

Mrs Chloe Moon B.A. (HONS), M.A., PGCE

E-mail: info@braesideschool.co.uk

Website: www.braesideschool.co.uk

5 January 2022

Dear Parents

Re: January 2022 Headmistress's Letter

Welcome back to a new term at Braeside School and Happy New Year! The term starts on Thursday 6 January. I hope you have enjoyed a restful break with friends and relatives and that you have had a chance to re-charge. We have exciting trips, school based workshops and sporting fixtures lined up for the term that have been detailed below and in the dates section.

Covid-19

We are thankful that we are able to welcome the children back in to school this week. Please read Mr Hagger's detailed letter that was emailed yesterday to help us to keep our school community safe. We will continue to review the run of the school day, as well as the planned trips and events and communicate any changes to our families.

Thank you in advance for continuing to help your children to test routinely twice each week to keep them in school as much as we possibly can. We recommend Wednesday and Sunday afternoon/evenings. Please let us know immediately if there is a positive result.

Please bear with us if we have staff absence due to positive Covid test results. We will do everything possible to minimise any disruption to the children's education, but it may be necessary to put temporary measures into place whenever staff need to self-isolate.

Staff Changes

Mrs Toye (Kindergarten) retired at Christmas after many years of service at Braeside. She has been a kind and compassionate Early Years Practitioner to all of our pupils and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best of luck for her well-deserved retirement.

We are pleased to say that Mrs Matthews (who works in Early Years and Year 1) will be the keyworker in Kindergarten for the spring and summer term. Pupils are familiar with Mrs Matthews and this is an easy and supportive transition for the pupils.

Parents' Evenings and Coffee Mornings

Please note that Year 8 Parents' Evening has been brought forward from its original date. I did send a text message but in case you missed it, the date is now Tuesday 25 January. Details on how to book your slot with the teachers will be available soon.

We have two more coffee mornings planned this term. Year 10 and 11 coffee morning will be on Wednesday 12 January and Kindergarten will be on Wednesday 19 January. Thank you to all those parents who have attended the previous coffee mornings.

Coats and accessories

It will still be winter weather when we return. Please make sure that your child has a suitable coat for school. Junior pupils should have a regulation Braeside coat. Senior pupils must only wear a black or navy coat that is suitable for wet and windy weather. It must not have a logo on. Junior pupils should have regulation hats and scarves that are clearly marked with their name. Nameless items may go missing and cause anxiety for younger pupils when going out for playtime if they cannot identify their accessories.

Assessments planned this term

The 11+ Entrance Exam has been scheduled for Tuesday 18 January for pupils in our current Year 6 cohort and external students. If your daughter has applied for a scholarship, she will have a scholarship interview and/or portfolio or audition scheduled in January.

Year 11 students have their mock exams this term. The Art mock exam has been set for Thursday 10 February and Friday 11 February. The written mock exams for Year 11 commence on Monday 21 February through to 2 March. Please ensure that your daughter (if in Year 11) has made a revision timetable for the term and that she has the correct equipment for the exams. These are the last practice exams before the Public Examinations for GCSEs in the Summer Term.

Senior assessments from Year 7-10 will take place before half term as usual and staff will indicate to pupils on Show My Homework when the assessment will be.

Events this term

Year 9 are visiting the Olympic Park to take a tour of the Olympic Stadium in Stratford following the success of the stadium tour for Year 8. A letter has already been sent to parents of pupils attending this trip so please read the details regarding travel and uniform arrangements. This trip will take place on Tuesday 18 January.

Loughton Library are hosting an exhibition about the Windrush Generation that they have invited the local community to visit. We have arranged to take all of the pupils in Year 3 to Year 9 on Thursday 20 January. We will be leaving by minibus in waves of pupils so that there is ample time to look around the exhibits and ask questions. This exhibition will be running through January.

Pupils in Year 9 and 10 have been invited to take part in a workshop by Learning Performance. They are experts in learning styles and revision techniques. This is a chance for pupils to explore meta-cognition, how their own brain works and what works best for them when they revise. This will be on Monday 24 January.

Pupils in Year 8 together with the GCSE Art students will be visited by a travelling artist on Thursday 27 January. Ms Coleman has organised for pupils to be taught new art techniques and for them to practise their skills, try new methods and ask questions.

Several sporting events and fixtures have been arranged by Miss Barrett this term. Pupils in Year 5 and 6 have been invited to compete in a netball tournament at Redbridge Sports Centre on Monday 17 January against local schools. Year 3 and 4 pupils will be competing in an indoor athletics competition on Friday 21 January which should be an exciting event for them. On Monday 7 February, the Oak-Tree Group of Schools are hosting a Tag Rugby tournament for pupils across the schools to compete in. The Independent Schools Association are running an Under 11 and Under 13s netball competition for which pupils in the seniors will be selected for.

Parking in and around the school

This is a polite reminder to be courteous and considerate when parking around the school site for drop-off and pick-up. Please do not mount any pavements around the school site as this poses a health and safety risk for pupils and residents walking along the pavement. Please also be mindful that a space between your car and the edge of the pavement must be left for wheelchairs and pushchairs to be able to use the pavement safely. Please do not block driveways of the houses in the surrounding roads.

When dropping your child off for breakfast club, please park up mindfully so that staff can access the parking spaces on the front drive in order to start their day promptly at school. Please also be mindful in the dark when collecting your daughter from Tea Time Club or an after school club as all pupils walk across the drive to meet their parents.

Clubs

After school resume on Thursday 6 January and the first one will be Yoga after school on this evening. Please note that House Drama for Senior pupils' changes to Production Club by invitation only following a successful audition on either Monday 10 or Monday 17 January. If your child is in Year 7-10, they should have signed up for an audition slot.

If you require Breakfast Club before school or Tea Time Club after school, please complete the on-line form on the Braeside website to secure your space and avoid disappointment.

Summer Ball 2022

We're hoping that the joint Oak-Tree Summer Ball will be able to take place this year in the Summer Term. Head Office has booked The Prince Regent Hotel in Chigwell on Saturday 18 June 2022 from 7pm until 1am, so do save the date! The Ball will have a 1920s Great Gatsby theme and will be open to parents and friends of the four schools. Mr Hagger will write in due course with further details.

Dates for the Diary

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

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Thurs 6 January | First Day of Spring Term |
| Wed 12 January | Year 10 & 11 Coffee Morning |
| Mon 17 January | Year 5 & 6 Netball @ Redbridge Sports Centre |
| Tues 18 January | Year 9 Olympic Stadium tour |
| Wed 19 January | Kindergarten Coffee Morning |
| Thurs 20 January | Year 3 -Year 9 Windrush workshop @ Loughton Library |
| Fri 21 January | Year 5 & 6 Young Voices |
| Fri 21 January | Year 3 & 4 Indoor athletics |
| Mon 24 January | Year 9 & 10 Learning Performance |
| Tues 25 January | Year 8 Parents Evening |
| Thurs 27 January | Year 9 & GCSE Art Workshop |
| Wed 2 February | U11 & U13 ISA Netball |
| Mon 7 February | Year 7 Healthy Eating Workshop |
| Mon 7 February | Year 5 & 6 Oak-Tree Tag Rugby |
| Thurs 10 February | Year 4 Netball @ St Aubyns |
| Fri 11 February | Year 9 Dip, Tet, Polio & Meningitis Immunisation |
| 14 – 18 February | HALF-TERM |
| 21 Feb – 2 March | Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams |
| Mon 21 February | Year 7 Healthy Eating Workshop |
| Wed 23 February | Year 5 & 6 Netball @ Park School |

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



OAK-TREE SCHOOLS is the group name of:

BRAESIDE SCHOOL, BUCKHURST HILL • COOPERSALE HALL SCHOOL, EPPING • NORMANHURST SCHOOL, NORTH CHINGFORD • OAKLANDS SCHOOL, LOUGHTON

HEAD OFFICE ADDRESS: 6 ALBION HILL, LOUGHTON, ESSEX IG10 4RA

GROUP MANAGING PRINCIPAL & DIRECTOR: MR MATTHEW HAGGER B.A. (HONS), M.ED., PGCE CO-DIRECTORS: MR NICHOLAS HAGGER M.A. (OXON), MRS ANN HAGGER CERT. ED.

Braeside School is the trading name of Braeside School Ltd; registered in England at 6 Albion Hill, Loughton, Essex IG10 4RA; company number 0783067

