



# Braeside School

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Dear Parents

### Re: February 2022 Headmistress's Letter

Braeside pupils returned to school happy and well rested after the festive break. They have taken part in various sports competitions, trips to the theatre and sports stadiums already this term. Junior pupils have been learning new routines for their forthcoming 'Dance Assembly' which parents have been invited to watch. It has been lovely to see pupils catching up with their friends and teachers. We have also had the 11+ exam and interviews, so it has been a very busy time in school so far.

### Face Coverings

You will already know from Mr Hagger's recent letters, face masks for senior pupils were not advised in school in lessons from 20 January and face coverings in communal areas were not advised from 27 January.

Face coverings will still form part of the school's contingency planning in the event that we need to take additional measures to help break chains of transmission.

Pupils and staff are welcome to continue wearing face coverings in lessons for the time being if they feel more comfortable doing so.

### Staff Welcome

I am pleased to announce that we have a new member of the Breakfast Club team. Mrs Warren lives locally and will be welcoming your child into Breakfast Club in the mornings. She may also be staffing Tea Time Club on occasions too.

### Parents' Evenings and Coffee Mornings

Thank you if you were able to attend the annual coffee mornings with me, Mr Hagger and Mrs Osborn on Wednesday mornings. I enjoyed meeting you for a chat and a cup of tea to discuss things that are going well and to hear your suggestions for aspects to develop further.

We have two more Parents' Evenings scheduled for this term. Year 9 will have Options and Parents' Evening on 15 March. This is a chance for you and your child to book appointments with teachers from Core Subjects and receive specific feedback from subject teachers about the GCSE course. The appointment scheduling will open prior to the evening, so please make sure that you use the booking system to book a convenient period of time.

Junior Parents' Evening will be on Tuesday 29 March for all pupils up to Year 6. Please note that Year 1 Parents' Evening will now also be on the same evening.

### Coats, Accessories and Uniform

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.

A reminder that earrings should only be worn by pupils in Year 5 to 11. Year 5 and 6 should not be wearing earrings on PE day. Plastic spacers cannot be worn in place of earrings for PE day or for younger pupils. Spacers are only permitted for a short period of time following a recent piercing and through discussion with me.

Another reminder that all pupils MUST have their hair tied neatly back if it is long enough to do so. If pupils have short hair and it interferes with their vision, please clip hair back. Hair accessories should be appropriate for school and they must be brown, blue or black.

### **Assessments Planned this Term**

Year 11 pupils 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. Year 9 and 10 have had support with their revision by the company Learning Performance (who came in on Monday 24 January). They have been given a resource book and took part in a workshop about revision techniques and learning styles. Pupils should be using these revision techniques consistently to ensure revision is effective.

In addition, the LAMDA exams have been scheduled for March this year. Senior and Junior exams are scheduled on separate days and are examined by an external assessor. Mrs Braithwaite will inform you of the dates and times of your child's exam shortly.

### **Events this Term**

**Year 1 and 3 will be visiting the Science Museum on Friday 4 February.** Please make sure that you have read the letter about the trip so you can prepare your child for the day and ensure they have their school coat and accessories to keep them warm on the day.

**On 3 March, The Oak-Tree Group have organised e-safety workshops for pupils from Year 3 to Year 11.** The staff will also have their own workshop to be able to support your child through the ever changing world of the internet. The day is run by two ex-police officers, known as 'The Two Johns', who have worked with CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) and within the police service. This is an incredibly useful and eye-opening support for parents. More details will follow in a separate communication.

**World Book Day is being planned for 4 March** for all pupils up to and including Year 9. Senior pupils requested to be part of the celebration of literature and I continue to welcome any suggestions from pupils to be involved in events like this at school. Mrs Doss will be communicating to parents about the theme and focus for World Book Day in due course.

**Year 4 have a trip planned to the beautiful and interesting Kew Gardens on 16 March** and on **17 March Year 6 pupils visit The Imperial War Museum** at Duxford to compliment the work they are exploring in History.

If your child plays an instrument and is taught by the peripatetic music staff at Braeside, you will be invited to attend a **'Peri Music Concert' on 25 March**. To maximise the experience of pupils and parents, we are splitting the event into sections. Please reply to the text message to indicate whether you are available to attend so that we can arrange the timings and seating correctly.

### **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. 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. Finally, please do not block driveways of the houses in the surrounding roads.

When dropping your child off for breakfast club at the front of the school, please park considerately so that staff can access the parking spaces in order to start their day promptly at school. At the end of the day when collecting in the dark from Tea Time Club or an after school club, please be extra vigilant as all pupils walk across the drive to meet their parents.

### Clubs – Booking and Collection

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. You will need to supply school with a password if your child is in the Juniors – from Early Years through to Year 6. This ensures the safe handover of your child to the adult collecting them at the end of the activity or club if they are not known to us. Always phone the school before 3:30pm if the pick-up arrangements you usually have in place have changed for any reason.

### Food on Site

Whilst we like to celebrate special events and birthdays in school, I must remind you that we are a nut-free school. This means that food that contains nuts or traces of nuts is not allowed on site. To avoid disappointment with regard to school giving out cakes, we request that any cakes brought into school are in the original, sealed packaging with the printed list of ingredients and allergens. We will not distribute cakes that contain traces of nuts.

### Summer Ball 2022

Plans are in hand for the Oak-Tree Ball 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:

Wed 2 February	U11 & U13 ISA Netball
Thurs 3 February	Seniors 12- 15 Years Covid Vaccination
Fri 4 February	Year 1 and 3 Trip Science Museum
Mon 7 February	Year 7 Healthy Eating Workshop
Mon 7 February	Year 5 and 6 Oak-Tree Tag Rugby competition
Tues 8 February	Year 8 Netball at Trinity School
Wed 9 February	Year 7 Netball at Trinity School
Thurs 10 February	Year 4 Netball at St Aubyn's School
<b>Monday 14 February</b>	<b>HALF-TERM week – return to school on Monday 21 February</b>
21 Feb – 2 March	Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams
Mon 21 February	Year 7 Healthy Eating Workshop
Wed 23 February	Year 5 & 6 Netball at Park School
Mon 28 February	Year 4 – 6 Oak-Tree Swimming Gala
Thurs 3 March	Year 3 – 11 E-Safety Day
Fri 4 March	LK – Year 9 World Book Day
Fri 4 March	U11 London North Area Tag Rugby
Mon 7 March	Year 3 and 4 Netball at Redbridge Sports Centre
Tues 8 March	Year 5 Netball at St Aubyn's
Wed 9 March	Year 7 and 8 Netball at Park School

Wed 16 March	Year4 Trip to Kew Gardens
Thurs 17 March	Year 6 Trip to Duxford
Fri 25 March	U9 and U11 Oak-Tree Football tournament
<b>Wed 30 March</b>	<b>Last Day of Spring Term: Finish at 12.00 noon</b>

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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