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Dear Parents

Re: June 2022 Headmistress's Letter

The half-term ended with our celebration of the Platinum Jubilee on the last Friday before the holiday. We hope everyone enjoyed this very special event, and that you have all enjoyed the half-term break.

The GCSE exams for Year 11 are underway and pupils have responded to these in a respectful and caring way making Year 11 feel supported by their peers. Pupils in Year 7 to 10 should now be preparing for the End of Year Exams and Assessments after half term. More details about these exams and assessments, as well as those for the juniors, are included in this letter.

Staff Changes

I am delighted to announce that Mr Masood will be joining the Senior Leadership Team in September as Head of Seniors. This is a role that I have previously done as well as being the Headmistress. Mr Masood will continue to teach ICT in the Juniors and Seniors and GCSE Business Studies as usual.

Miss Van Bergen be leaving us to join Oaklands School in September. Miss Van Bergen has invigorated the Junior Art curriculum and overseen Maths this year. Although she will be joining another Oak Tree Group School, we will miss her very much and wish her the best in her new role down the road!

Mrs Doss will be the new Head of Early Years in September and will also be the Reception class teacher. We are delighted with Mrs Doss' well deserved promotion to this very important role in the school.

We also welcome a new Teaching Assistant to Early Years (Reception class) in September. Mrs Sek will be joining us from a local school and has many years of experience in supporting pupils both in and outside of the classroom.

Junior Staff changes

In order to accommodate Miss Wood's new role as Deputy Head teacher, we have made some adjustments to the junior teaching staff next year:

- Reception – Mrs Doss
- Year 1 – Mrs Thompson
- Year 2 – Miss Hearne
- Year 4 – Mrs Barr
- Year 5 – Mrs Willemse
- Year 6 – Mrs Gadd

Mrs Celentano, Mrs Connolly, Mrs Stimpson and Mrs Vale remain Learning Support Assistants in the Juniors.

Form Tutor changes in the Seniors

With the promotions of Miss Barrett and Mr Masood to the Senior Leadership Team, we have made some changes to Form Tutors for the next academic year. I have also divided the responsibility between staff to maximise the opportunity for pupils to form strong relationships with teachers:

- Year 7 – Mr Reich Storer and Mrs Rodway
- Year 8 – Mrs Wroblewski and Mrs Alahi
- Year 9 – Miss Coleman with Mrs Martin-Burns
- Year 10 – Mr Masood and Mrs Razzak
- Year 11 – Mr Bibby and Miss Barrett

Summer uniform reminders

Pupils are still expected to bring their blazers to school in the warmer months. Senior pupils have the option to wear black, knee length socks but they can also still wear black tights. Please make sure that socks are knee length and not short or midi socks. Black tights must be worn by the seniors on Speech Day.

Juniors must be in the summer uniform after half term. If you are unsure of the requirements for the Junior summer uniform, please consult the website for the latest information: <https://www.braesideschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/school-uniform/>

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. They must be brown, blue or black.

Appropriate clothing for clubs

Some of our pupils take part in after school sports clubs such as Karate, Street Dance and competitive sports. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate sportswear for these clubs after school. Street Dance, Karate and Yoga require comfortable clothing that your child can move easily in. Please also be mindful of the footwear that your child should be wearing for these activities. If your child attends a sports club or fixture, they MUST wear their regulation PE kit.

New Uniform

Parents should already be aware that our uniform changes in September. Mr Hagger wrote to all parents in the Summer Term of 2021 to unveil the new navy blue jumper and blazer that pupils should be wearing in September 2022, shown below:



The main changes to the school uniform are:

- new navy blue badged blazer for boys and girls
- new school navy blue jumper with sky blue piping for boys and girls
- new school tie for boys
- new mid-grey trousers for boys and girls

Everything else, including the skirts, will remain the same, and all details are on our website <https://www.braesideschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/school-uniform/>.

We have also introduced school branded leggings for pupils wearing the senior uniform. These are navy blue with the school logo on. This was in response to pupils suggesting they would prefer to wear leggings for sport. These branded navy leggings must be the only leggings that pupils wear for PE from September. Many of our pupils are wearing these leggings now as they are available from the school uniform shop.

Exams this term

All pupils in Year 1 to Year 10 will have End of Year Exams after the May half term break. Senior pupils have been given a timetable (on Show My Homework and uploaded to your portal) and revision lists have been published on Show My Homework in advance of the exams. Please encourage your child to start their revision as soon as they have the information. We will focus our PSHE lessons and form time on revision techniques and mindfulness for exams. Exams are important for staff and pupils to know how well children have progressed over the year. We will be explaining this to the children this term.

Pupils in Year 7- Year 10 are expected to bring their equipment for the exam in a clear, plastic pencil case. Pupils must have enough pens and pencils and the correct equipment for Maths and Science. Pupils must remove the lids of their calculators before the examination period.

Pupils in Year 1 – Year 6 will also have exams and take part in the regular testing called INCAS. INCAS assessments show progress over time and cannot be revised for. Pupils use a computer for these tests and they have been scheduled for the week after half term beginning on Monday 13 June.

Parking around Ardmore Lane

The residents of Ardmore Lane have asked me to remind you not to use their driveways as turning points for the road. I have had several complaints from residents because parents of Braeside School have blocked their access by parking on both sides of the road. Please be mindful that this is a residential street. There are other places around the school to park safely before walking your child to the gate.

Sun protection

Hopefully, we will have some sunnier days ahead. Please apply your child's sun cream before they come to school in the morning. If your child requires a 'top up' during the day, please complete the relevant forms and send the cream in with your child. Please make sure your child is proficient in applying their own sun cream. Although there are adequate areas to shade, younger children should wear a sunhat for extra protection. These are a Braeside branded 'legionnaire' style cap. Please ensure that sunhats have your child's name clearly written in it.

Requesting absences

I would be very grateful if you could request an absence in advance of the time your child will be taking off from school for an appointment. The absence request form can be found on the school website: <https://www.braesideschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/forms-to-complete/>

Please contact the office to let them know that your child will not be in first thing in the morning. You can also email the office too.

Clubs

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. Please remember to supply the school with a password if your child is in the Juniors – this is Early Years through to Year 6. This helps staff hand over your child safely to an adult at the end of the activity or club if they are unfamiliar with the adult collecting your child. Please always phone the school before 3:30pm if the pick-up arrangements have changed.

Speech Day 2022

You are warmly invited to Speech Day on Friday 1 July 2022. I will write to you nearer the time with the exact format and also the timings of the event. Please note that we ask pupils to be in full school uniform for this formal event. Please ensure that uniform is laundered, skirts, shirts and trousers are the correct size and that your child has a blazer. Jumpers will not be required for this event owing to the temperature in the marquee.

Trips, visits and events

FOBS and Braeside School have reinstated the End of Year Disco this year. We are planning a festival style event on Wednesday 29 June for a small cost. Reception and Kindergarten will take part during the day and Year 1 to Year 8 will be able to take part after school. A letter detailing the event along with the cost will be sent out shortly. We are asking for cash to pay for the tickets so that we can easily track the number of tickets sold and pre-order the food for the BBQ.

Moving Up Day will be during the day on 29 June where Junior parents have the chance to meet the staff (new and existing). Children will be with their new teacher and will also meet new pupils to the school. Pupils in Year 6 who are staying with us will change to a Senior timetable for the day and parents have been invited to a short meeting about expectations in Year 7. Your child is invited to listen to this talk too.

Sports Day will be on Monday 4 July at Lee Valley Athletics Centre. Again, we will write to you with more detail regarding the logistics of this exciting day. Kindergarten to Year 10 are invited to take part and we welcome spectators to this event. A programme of events will be available on the day.

Pupil well-being

I have uploaded some information for pupils preparing for their exams on Show My Homework to support well-being. It is important that your child tells an adult if they are experiencing exam anxiety. I have included these useful links below:

- https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress?gclid=Cj0KCQjwhLKUBhDiARIsAMaTLnEFN3pRfeAr4UYhEpR3DIJ8Mo3MsT-OLKliNoI5j24DCleQiYysnQkaAuTkEALw_wcB
- <https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/revision/>

Exams are part of life and we must support pupils to develop the resilience to cope with some forms of stress so that they are able to be the best that they can be. If you are worried about your child, please speak to your child's form tutor or a member of SLT.

Dates for the Diary

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

Mon 6 Jun-Fri 10 Jun	Year 7-10 Exam week
Tues 7 Jun	Year 1 Multi Skills Festival
Thurs 9 Jun	Year 3 & 5 Velodrome trip
Fri 10 Jun – Sat 11 Jun	Year 4 Sleepover
Mon 13 Jun-Fri 17 Jun	Junior INCAS & Exam week
Wed 15 Jun	Junior Swimming Gala
Thurs 16 Jun	Year 3- Year 5 Oak-Tree Athletics
Fri 17 Jun	Year 9 High Ropes
Wed 22 Jun	Year 8 HPV1 & Year 9 HPV2 immunisations
Wed 22 Jun-Fri 24 Jun	Year 5 & 6 Residential trip to Lambourne End
Fri 24 Jun	LK, K, REC The Big Toddle Waddle
Mon 27 Jun	Year 5 & Year 6 Oak-Tree Cricket
Tues 28 Jun	Year 9 & Year 10 Forensic Fun in house workshop
Wed 29 Jun	Moving up Day
Fri 1 Jul	Speech Day
Mon 4 Jul	Sports Day
Tues 5 Jul	Cricketfest
Wed 6 Jul	Last Day of Summer Term: Finish at 12.00 noon

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

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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