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Dear Parents

Re: July 2022 Headmistress's Letter

I have been so impressed with all of our students who took public and in-school examinations this term. Pupils revised effectively, prepared well, were suitably equipped and have been receptive to feedback for their next steps.

We have had a whole year back in school with very little disruption from Covid, although, as you know, I finally succumbed last week. We have enjoyed trips, sporting events, performances and social events as a whole school for the whole year and it has been wonderful!

Staff Changes

I am delighted to announce that Mr Reich-Storer will be joining us in a full time capacity in September. Mr Reich-Storer has been working at Braeside for a number of years in a part time role here (with his remaining time at Coopersale Hall School). He has brought an energy to performing arts over the years here and he will be teaching GCSE Music at Braeside, as well as Drama and Music from Kindergarten to Key Stage 3 from September. We thank Mrs Lloyd Morris for her enthusiasm and passion for music and wish her all the best in her new venture.

Uniform – ahead of next year

Please do read carefully the uniform expectations for next year, when our new uniform will be in place throughout the school. There is a change to the blazer and jumper for all pupils (except those already wearing the new design): <https://www.braesideschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/school-uniform/>. Everything is in stock at Forest Casualwear.

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.

Senior pupils must have a pair of the school branded navy blue sports leggings and not black / navy leggings purchased elsewhere. Senior pupils return in September with black tights only (socks are only permitted in the Summer Term).

Please make sure that ALL uniform and PE items are labelled clearly so that they can be returned to their owner quickly.

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.

Assessment next year

Pupils in all year groups will be assessed at the start of the Autumn Term to help teachers plan effectively for all pupils in the class. These baseline assessments will take place in the first few weeks of the term. We may not call them assessments or test as not to heighten anxiety. These sorts of assessments do not require revision as they are a snapshot of your child's ability.

If your child is in Year 7 and Year 10, they will have a statistical assessment to ascertain their raw ability in certain areas of the curriculum. It will be called MidYis in Year 7 and YELLIS in Year 10. These assessments are completed on the computer in exam conditions. These help staff to know what level your child is working at and supports students in setting appropriate and aspirational targets.

Year 11 (current Year 10) have their first round of Mock Exams in September. They should have been revising over the Summer Holidays based on the feedback they were given after their Year 10 Exams. We try to provide an experience that emulates the 'real' GCSE exams and further information will be available before these exams at the start of the Autumn Term.

School reports

Your child's school report will be published to your portal this week. Please read through the comments and targets for improvement to support your child with the transition in September. If you have any comments or questions from these reports, please speak to your child's teacher before the end of the term.

GCSE Examination Results

We are looking forward to seeing Year 11 on Thursday 25 August for the collection of their GCSE results. A letter has been sent to you to remind you that collection of the results will be between 8:30am and 9:30am on this day. Mrs Sheffield and I will be on site until 1pm so that you can contact us if you need any advice on the day of enrolling at your chosen Sixth Forms.

Parking around Ardmore Lane

Please encourage your child to walk to the Junior or Senior gate on Ardmore Lane after dropping them off in an appropriate place. The parking around Ardmore Lane can get upsetting and stressful for the residents who live there. Many of our Senior pupils travel to school by public transport (or walk) which helps in alleviating the traffic build up in small roads adjacent to the school.

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 school with a password if your child is in the Juniors – this is Early Years through to Year 6. This helps staff handover 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.

Oak-Tree Fireworks

The Oak-Tree Firework Display is booked for Sunday 13 November 2022. Please put the date in your diaries and join us for this enjoyable family event. Mr Hagger will be writing to parents in September with further details.

Oak-Tree Ball 2023

The Oak-Tree Ball will now take place on Saturday 17 June 2023. The Ball is a very special evening with many highlights; do save the date so that you are able to join us. Mr Hagger will write with further information next term.

Pupil well-being

The summer holidays is a luxuriously long break for us all. However, this can make coming back to school in September a little daunting. I have included a link that may be helpful in supporting your child with the transition to another teacher in September: <https://childmind.org/article/back-school-anxiety/>

Dates for the Diary

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

Mon 4 Jul	Sports Day
Tues 5 Jul	Cricketfest
Wed 6 Jul	Last Day of Summer Term: Finish at 12.00 noon
Thur 25 Aug	GCSE results day
Mon 5 Sep	First Day of Autumn Term
Wed 14 Sep	Y10 & Y11 Inspector Calls theatre trip
Tues 20 Sep	Y10 GCSE Information meeting
Tues 27 Sep	Y11 Sixth form parent's information meeting
Mon 3 Oct	Y9 Art workshop
Wed 5 Oct	Open Day/Evening
Fri 7 Oct	Y7 & Y8 Battlefields Trip
Fri 14 Oct	Harvest Festival
Tues 18 Oct	Y11 Parents Evening
24 Oct – 4 Nov	HALF TERM

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable break with your families.

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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