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Dear Parents

Re: **Headmistress's Letter**

I hope you have had a restful break and a Happy New Year. Thank you for supporting our end of term events during the Autumn Term. It was lovely to see and speak to you all and I am so grateful for your attendance. I am looking forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on Tuesday 10 January.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes back to school with a clean uniform that fits them properly for the start of the new term. Please take the opportunity to check that your child's clothes are labelled as we had a few incidents of 'swapped' coats at the end of the term.

A polite reminder that the uniform list indicates that trainers for PE must be 'sports' trainers which are appropriate for exercise and not canvas style shoes or fashion trainers. If your child has come to school in trainers that are not appropriate for exercise, we would have already contacted you so that you have had the opportunity to purchase suitable footwear over the festive break.

If your child has hair longer than chin length, this must be tied back securely. The hair accessories must be blue, black or white. Please check your child's hair before they arrive at school and secure any loose tendrils back with clips. We find if children's hair is neat and tidy, it is more conducive to learning as they are not touching it nor is it obscuring their vision.

The school coat must be worn by all Junior pupils. Year 6 will be allowed to wear a black or navy plain coat as I recognise that purchasing a school coat at this stage will not be value for money for when they enter the seniors. Senior coats must be plain navy or black and must not have embellishments, large labels, or any trims.

Mobile Phones

We are going to continue to take in Year 7 mobile phones at the start of the day for them to collect at the end of the day from the office. We are reviewing whether we do this with Year 8 too to support their personal development. I will notify you in due course about this decision. If you do wish your child to hand their phone in to the office, and your child is in Year 8 to Year 11, please let me know so that I can arrange for them to have a phone pouch to store them in.

Safe Driving Around School

I appreciate that some parents may want to drop their child at school in the colder winter months. Please ensure that you park appropriately and do not park with your tyres on the pavement in Ardmore Lane. Please do not use residents' driveways to turn around or park. As part of the Eco Team's strategy for cleaner air, they would like to remind you to park further away from school and walk or think about walking or public transport. The speed in which you enter the drive should be appropriate for the setting. Please be mindful that you are entering a school where you pose a risk to staff and children if you enter at speed.

PE Provision

Miss Barrett would like me to remind parents and pupils in Year 7 to Year 9 that they will be doing hockey for PE in the Spring Term. They should bring a hockey stick and shin pads and wear their normal PE kit for this activity. This starts as soon as we start back in January. Pupils will be transported to Old Loughtonians Hockey Club by the school minibus.

Pre-loved Uniform by FOBS

I am delighted to announce that FOBS have taken ownership of the 'pre-loved uniform' sales for this academic year. We would be delighted to accept the following Braeside uniform items: navy jumpers, navy blazers, skirts / kilts, pinafores, summer dresses, grey uniform trousers, Braeside tie, PE hoodies and PE leggings. These must, of course, be the Braeside branded uniform. FOBS will be collecting this uniform in January. We will text you when the collection is open. I am awaiting further details from FOBS for this event. Please do not send in any items of brown uniform as pupils no longer wear this colour.

11+ Examination

As you are aware, we have our 11+ examination in January. If your child is in Year 6 and you wish to be considered for a scholarship, please reply to Mrs Cubitt's letter from December indicating the type of scholarship. All pupils in Year 6 will sit the 11+ exam in order for us to benchmark our students against the external pupils applying. They will take the exam on 17 January in their classroom (not with the external students). If your child has applied for a scholarship, your child will be invited for a scholarship interview even though they may already be attending Braeside. We encourage students to prepare for this interview by being on time, being smartly dressed in their uniform and ready to answer questions to show willing and endeavour.

Pupil Voice and Independence

Pupils have a range of opportunities to speak to staff in school about things that they are finding difficult. We believe in empowering pupils to use their voice to speak up and ask a member of staff for help. Mrs Spencer is available in The Hub all day for pupils to seek advice and support. Pupils in the juniors are able to access their class teacher or Teaching Assistant as well as the mid-day staff who are available all lunchtime.

We encourage pupils to make positive decisions about their learning and behaviour for learning. Pupils in the seniors have a secure method in which assessments and homework are communicated to them (through Show My Homework). When an assessment is set, the revision list will be communicated through the application and the due date indicates the date of the test. This has always been the case since using the app. Assessments are roughly every half term. Pupils who miss assessments through illness or other commitments must apply independence in catching up on the work and finding the member of staff to arrange a mutually convenient time to sit the assessment. This is in order to develop their skills for Sixth Form and Higher Education.

Dates for the Diary

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

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| Tues 10 Jan | First day of Spring Term |
| Fri 13 Jan | Year 1 Toy Workshop |
| Tue 17 Jan | 11+ Examination |
| | Year 5 & Year 6 Netball at Coopersale Hall |
| Mon 23 Jan | Year 9 Expectation Meeting Part 2 |
| Tues 27 Jan | Oak-Tree Maths Competition |
| Tues 31 Jan | Year 8 Parents Evening |
| Wed 1 Feb | U11 & U13 ISA Netball @ Redbridge |
| Mon 6 Feb – Fri 10 Feb | Year 7 – Year 10 Assessment Week |
| Fri 10 Feb | Junior Peripatetic Concert |

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

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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