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Dear Parents

### Re: April 2024 Headmistress's Letter

I do hope you have had a restful time with your families over the Spring Break. As always, we are looking forward to welcoming Braeside pupils back in to school for the final term of the year.

#### Staff Update

Mrs Gadd has returned from maternity leave and will be the Year 5 class teacher for the remainder of the year. Mrs Adams will remain the Junior French, Year 7 French and GCSE Spanish teacher. Mrs Adams has really enjoyed teaching Year 5 and has had an extended 'hand over' period with Mrs Gadd to ensure effective continuity for the pupils in Year 5.

We are pleased that our Midday Assistant team is expanding and we welcome Mrs Antoniou and Mrs Afranie after the Easter break who will be supporting at lunchtimes.

#### GCSE exam preparations

Year 11 will be going on study leave on Thursday 2 May 2024. Pupils must come in to school in the morning (in uniform) for their last assembly. The whole school will wish them good luck then wave them off the site. Year 11 are invited to a brunch at a local brasserie courtesy of FOBS. Pupils should be using their Easter break as a time to revise and use retrieval practice before their exams in May. Please remind your child that their transitions around school must be calm and quiet to ensure the best exam conditions for Year 11.

#### GCSE Options for Year 9

Year 9 have selected their GCSE subjects for Year 10 and 11. Pupils have met with me and Mrs Masood to make their final decisions. We have now made the 'option blocks' around the best fit for all students in Year 9. Year 9 will be starting the content for their GCSE courses in the Summer Term of Year 9. It is therefore imperative that they are organised for the start of GCSEs as soon as we get back to school in April.

#### Uniform reminders

A reminder that junior pupils should be in their Summer Uniform from after Easter. For Juniors this will be shorts (rather than trousers) and the blue checked summer dress. Socks for junior girls should be white short or long. Socks for boys must be short grey ankle socks or the long uniform socks from Forest Casuals. Year 6 to Year 11 should be in their kilt, shirt, blazer. Year 6 may wear tights or white socks. Year 7 to Year 11 will be wearing black tights as usual. We will notify you when socks can be worn. The PE uniform remains the same. We do now have PE shorts for sale at Forest Casuals for the warmer weather.

Please ensure that all nail varnish, nail extensions and eyelash extensions are removed before your child returns to school. Make-up must not be worn. Please ensure that your child does not apply make-up before school. They will be asked to remove make-up if they are wearing it.

#### End of Year Exams

Please be aware that Senior pupils will have their End of Year Exams the week after May half term. This will be 3-7 June and the revision lists will be available on Show My Homework the week before half term. The expectation is that pupils will use May half term to revise for these exams. The End of Year Exams and INCAS testing for Juniors will be 10-14 June.

### Parking at the front of school

Please do not park in spaces allocated for staff when you are dropping your child at Breakfast Club in the morning. Please also turn off your engines when dropping off your child or picking them up. Our pupils have commented that they can smell engine exhausts and they are also concerned about the impact that 'idling' has on the environment. The front car park is for staff. If you have an appointment at school please park in the surrounding roads and not in the car park as we must have access to the minibus at all times.

### Trips and visits

Year 9 have planned a team building trip with Mrs Alahi and Mrs Wroblewski to Lee Valley Ice Centre to skate and spend time together as a form group.

Parents of pupils who are going on a residential trip to Stubbers Activity Centre in June have been invited to a meeting on 29 April. An invitation email was sent asking for you to indicate your attendance. This meeting will be to go through the itinerary and kit list. Please save any questions you may have for this meeting.

Year 10 pupils have the Spoken English component of their English Language GCSE on 26 April. Pupils have been made aware of the criteria on which they will be assessed and have been preparing for the assessment since the Spring Term.

Year 9 and 10 (GCSE Geography students) will be going on a joint field trip to Epping Forest Field Studies Centre in High Beach on Tuesday 30 April. It is advisable to wear walking boots or wellington boots as the forest paths may still be muddy. GCSE Geography requires a fieldtrip to be able to complete Paper 3 of the course.

On Wednesday 1 May, Year 7, together with the Year 7 pupils from Coopersale Hall School, will be taking part in a PSHE theatre workshop called 'Broadcast'. The company are travelling around the Epping Forest District to speak to young people about issues in their local area.

Year 7 will also be visiting the Bank of England on Thursday 2 May to learn about money, inflation, interest rates and how the Bank of England regulates finance in the UK.

We have moved the Senior performance of 'Our Day Out' to later in the Summer Term to avoid any clashes with GCSE exams. It was scheduled for 15 May. We have now secured a booking at St James' in July and more information will be available after the Spring Break.

### Social media, gaming and controls

I did send this useful link out in a previous Head's letter, however, I thought it would be useful to share again. Essex Police to have a very useful information page with help on how to control the settings to ensure that devices used at home have appropriate apps and games on for your child to use: <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/sort-your-settings/>.

### Dates for the Diary

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

Thursday	18 April	<b>First Day of Summer Term</b>	
Monday	22 April	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	Football Vs Churchfields
Tuesday	23 April	<b>Year 9</b>	Ice Skating at Lea Valley Ice Rink
Wednesday	24 April	<b>Year 11</b>	GCSE Speaking Spanish and French
Thursday	25 April	<b>Juniors</b>	Maths Challenge
Friday	26 April	<b>Year 10</b>	GCSE Speaking & Listening
Monday	29 April	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	Stubbers Meeting
Tuesday	30 April	<b>Year 9 &amp; 10</b>	Epping Forest Field Study
Wednesday	01 May	<b>Year 7</b>	Broadcast Workshop
Thursday	02 May	<b>Year 7</b>	Bank of England Museum

Thursday	02 May	<b>Year 11</b>	Leavers Day
Friday	03 May	<b>Year 11</b>	GCSE Art
Monday	06 May	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	
Tuesday	07 May	<b>Year 11</b>	GCSE Art
Tuesday	07 May	<b>Year 9 &amp; 10</b>	Football Vs Chigwell School
Wednesday	08 May	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8</b>	Football Vs Chigwell
Thursday	09 May	<b>Year 2</b>	ISA Football @ Powerleague Barnet
Friday	10 May	<b>Seniors</b>	Senior Peri Concert
Monday	13 May	<b>Year 3</b>	Football Vs Chigwell
Tuesday	14 May	<b>Year 3 – 10</b>	IS Tennis Tournament @ Brentwood School
Friday	17 May	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	Football Vs Chigwell - Away

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or Miss Wood. We are all looking forward to welcoming your children back into school tomorrow.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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