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Dear Parents

Re: Headmistress's Letter

Thank you for attending and supporting all of our end of term events at school in December. It was so lovely to share the happy times with you all. I hope you all had a restful break and that your children are ready for another busy term ahead.

GCSE Mock Exams again

Year 11 pupils should have used the feedback from their last round of mock exams to direct their revision over the break. The next round of exams comes around very soon after the February Half Term Break. Please encourage your daughter to revise as well as completing homework. Every pupil in Year 11 has different targets to improve on their results. It would be helpful to your daughter if you could discuss their personalised targets with them to reinforce this.

Reports

You should have received a report published to the portal at the end of the term. If you have any questions about the reports once they have been published, please email the teacher directly for the most effective response. The report reflects your child's current 'working at' grade or level and targets for improvement. It is important that you discuss your child's report with them so that they are clear about their personal targets and how to achieve them over the forthcoming term.

PE news

From January, Kindergarten PE days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays and Year 3 PE days will be Mondays and Fridays.

In their double PE lessons this half term, Years 7- 9 will be travelling by minibus to Old Loughts Hockey Club. Your daughter will need a hockey stick, shin pads and a gum shield. They will not be able to take part in the lesson without these. Astro trainers are also recommended. Please note that the length of the hockey stick should come up to your daughters' hip.

Staff update

This is to remind you that, as set out in Mr Hagger's letter in the Autumn Term, there is a change to my and Miss Wood's working days and availability for the next two terms. Miss Wood will be the Associate Headteacher and will be available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I will be available from Tuesday to Friday but not on Monday. Please feel free to copy any emails to us both, so that we can effectively deal with your query. Miss Barrett and Mr Masood will be available every day.

News from FOBS

FOBS have asked that if you have any summer uniform that you will not require, please drop it in to the office before February Half term. Year 11 will be setting up a stall in the next few weeks to offer families the last of the Braeside uniform for any families that would like to take some. FOBS will not be asking for a donation for this.

Thank you for supporting the annual FOBS Christmas Disco. Pupils had an amazing time. We will still be running events over the course of the year and we will still require parent support now that Mr and Mrs Pepe have officially retired from the roles they previously held in supporting FOBS. Please do express your availability to be able to support these events in school.

Charity collections for Save The Children

We raised an impressive £186.30 for Save The Children following the Festive Wear Day. It is very important to us as a school community that we highlight charities and the important work that they do in the wider community. The Charity Committee are responsible for nominating important charities and helping to organise fund raising events. If there is a charity that is important to your family, please let us know.

Events this term

There are several activities, events and visits coming up between now and the end of the Spring term. Please do read the communications carefully so that your child is adequately prepared for trips including a re-fillable bottle of water, appropriate footwear and a waterproof coat.

Year 3 and 4 will be visiting the exciting Science Museum on Monday 13 January. Please ensure that your child has a waterproof and warm coat for trips that involve travelling to another venue.

Miss Coleman has organised a special illustration workshop on 23 January. Pupils have expressed an interest in this area and we are very lucky to have secured a specialist to support pupils in their aspirations and interests.

I am incredibly pleased that Year 10 and 11 will be attending Science Live on 24 January as this event is run by the exam board and examiners to support students in answering exam questions effectively in the forthcoming GCSE exams. Please do ask your daughter about the day after they have returned home so that they can synthesise the information.

Year 2 and 3 will be attending an experience day in London on 29 January. Many of our students have watched the Paddington Bear series of films and read the stories by Michael Bond. These stories are classics and we will be sharing these with students in the lead up to the event.

We have two music concerts for pupils who take peripatetic music lessons in guitar, piano, violin and singing. The Junior concert is on 17 January in the afternoon and the Senior one is on 31 January. I do hope to see you support your child in their musical endeavours as it is always a wonderful afternoon of music.

We have various sporting events from tag rugby, netball and House Cross Country. Rugby events are likely to be muddy so please supply your child with spare kit / uniform so that they feel comfortable after the event. These communications will be emailed to you in advance of the event.

Well-being after time at home

Coming back to school can feel quite daunting for some children after an extended period of time at home. To best support your child in preparing for the return to school, please ensure that their bedtime routine has been re-established and that they have everything they need for school in advance of the school term. It is helpful to talk about the events coming up at school to best prepare your son or daughter for a busy term. If you would like to discuss your child's well-being, please do contact Miss Barrett or Mrs Spencer at school.

Dates for the Diary

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

Tuesday	07 Jan	First day of Spring Term
Monday	13 Jan	Year 3 & 4 Trip to The Science Museum
Friday	17 Jan	Junior Peri Concert
Tuesday	21 Jan	Year 8 Netball Vs Forest - Away
Wednesday	22 Jan	Year 9 Dip, Tet, Polio and meningitis vaccinations
Thursday	23 Jan	Illustration Workshop
Friday	24 Jan	Year 10- & 11 Science live
		Year 7 Netball Vs Forest School @ Home
Tuesday	28 Jan	Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday	29 Jan	Year 2 & 3 Paddington Bear Experience
Friday	31 Jan	Senior Peri Concert
Tuesday	04 Feb	U11 7-a-side Tag Rugby Festival at Eton Manor
Thursday	06 Feb	Marvellous Maths Day

Friday	07 Feb	Year 3 & 4 Trip to The British Museum
Monday	10 Feb	Year 11 Workshop
Thursday	13 Feb	Year 7 – 10 Assessment Week
Friday	14 Feb	Year 10 & 11 Art Mock
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		Break up for Half Term

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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