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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday and that the pupils return to school for the final half term of the school year with a real sense of expectation for all that will be happening. Many of our pupils will be having end of year exams and tests, so that we can review progress made and recognise individual achievements. Alongside these, there are a number of trips, activity days and special events. More details are at the end of this letter.

Full reports will be sent home in July for all classes except Year 10, who received their full reports before half term to fit in with their end of year exams and GCSE modules.

Parent Questionnaire

My thanks go to all the parents who completed the Parent Questionnaire before the half term and for the very strong support expressed therein for school. The exercise was an extremely positive and useful one for me and the School Leadership Team to read your views and reflect on the points for development that you raised. The full feedback will be emailed home this week.

Junior Department Matters

Mr Robert Jerrom

Mr Jerrom will be coming into school over the course of this half term to meet with staff and pupils before he takes up the post of Head of Juniors in September. Parents will have the opportunity to meet him at the Moving Up Morning and, of course, in September.

Moving Up Morning

Thursday 30 June will be the Moving Up Morning when pupils will spend the morning with their new class teachers in September. We are also inviting all new pupils who are joining us for the first time in September to spend the morning in school, getting to know the teachers and pupils.

The pupils who will be moving into the seniors in September have their Year 7 Induction Day on the same day. Current Year 6 pupils will meet the new pupils who will be joining us from other schools in Year 7, and will find out who their form tutor will be and which class they will be in. Current Year 6 parents and new parents are invited to have coffee in the hall at 9.30am, where there will be a short talk and some information about life in the senior school.

Senior Department Matters

Chewing Gum

We have a clear no chewing gum rule at Norman Hurst. Unfortunately there have been a few occasions recently when staff have had to speak to pupils about chewing gum and two occasions where chewing gum had been trodden into carpet within the school. This is completely unacceptable. I will be reminding pupils this week that there will be misconduct marks and detentions for anyone with chewing gum in school.

Heads of School

The time in the school year has come when the Leadership Team and the staff consider which pupils will be the next Head Boy and Head Girl. This year to start the process, I am asking Year 10 to write letters of recommendation for pupils they consider would make a worthy Head Boy and Head Girl. They may nominate a fellow pupil, or may put themselves forward for consideration for the role. I will then interview each of the nominees. Following our decision, as is the custom, the new Heads of School will be announced at Speech Day.

Staff News

After five years at Normanhurst, initially as a Year 3 teacher and latterly as Drama and English teacher, Mr Andrew Thomas will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to take up a full time post at Haileybury School in Hertfordshire. We are very grateful for all he has done across the whole school over the time he has been with us.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Hannah Scobie to the post of full time Drama and English teacher from September.

Art Event

For the first time Normanhurst School is holding its own Art Exhibition at the Chingford Art House Gallery in Station Road. There will be a private view of the best of the pupils' art work on Tuesday 21 June from 7.00-9.00pm. Parents will receive details from Mr Beint, the Head of Art and Design.

Speech Day

As I indicated in my previous letter, Speech Day, the most significant of all the events in the school calendar, is taking place at Chingford Assembly Hall on Thursday 7 July at 6pm. All pupils from Year 1 to Year 11 are required to attend this formal celebration of pupils' achievements over the school year. Shortly the office will be sending out letters indicating how parents can request tickets and also informing parents if their child is one of the prize winners.

There will be a number of performances during the evening, including the choirs and musical ensembles, as well as an exhibition of this year's GCSE coursework. The formal part of proceedings will be followed by a short reception with refreshments. I do hope that many of you will be able to attend to share in this special occasion.

House News

The competition between Connaught and Warren continues! Sports Day gave both houses a win: Connaught lifted the Junior Sports Shield and Warren the Senior Sports Shield. Every Monday morning in whole School Assembly I am able to award Bronze, Silver or even Gold Housepoint Certificates to pupils who have amassed impressive numbers of housepoints.

There will be a special trip for the top housepoint winners in each year group from Year 5 to Year 10 on Wednesday 13 July. For all the younger pupils in Reception up to Year 4, there will be an enjoyable trip to the seaside on Friday 1 July and the Nursery will have a Teddy Bears' Picnic. Letters for all trips will be sent home to parents soon.

Normanhurst Summer BBQ

Thank you for supporting the Parents' Association in the cake sale on the last Friday before the half term break. The next major PA event is the Summer Barbecue on Saturday 2 July. This is a lovely evening with music, stalls, food and fun. It really is an event for the whole family and for friends. As usual it will be held on the school site from 5.00pm. There will be activities for children (and adults!) of all ages, as well as the opportunity to socialise and relax together. Please do come along and take part.

Forthcoming Events

- Tuesday 7 June Year 5 and 6 Poetry Workshop at Coopersale Hall
- Wednesday 15 June G&T Trip to the Portrait Gallery
- Friday 17 June Junior Drama Evening at 6.00pm
- Monday 20 June Year 7-9 Examinations Week
- Tuesday 21 June Art Private View Art House Gallery, Station Road from 7.00pm
- Wednesday 22 June ISA Athletics Nationals in Birmingham
- Wednesday 22 June Year 6 Crucial Crew Activity Day at Gilwell Park

- Wednesday 29 June Year 11 Final Assembly, book return and Leavers' Trip
- Wednesday 29 June Year 10 Work Experience begins
- Thursday 30 June Moving Up Morning/Year 7 Induction Day
- Friday 1 July Reception – Year 4 trip to Clacton
- Saturday 2 July Summer Barbecue from 5.00pm
- **Thursday 7 July Speech Day in Chingford Assembly Hall at 6.00pm (Please note that as in previous years school closes at 2.00pm for Years 1-11) Attendance is compulsory for all pupils from Year 1 - Year 11**
- Friday 8 July Music Trip to Biggest Band event in Wembley Arena from 1.00pm
- Monday 11 July Year 2 trip to London Transport Museum
- Tuesday 12 July Annual Sponsored Walk in the afternoon
- Wednesday 13 July Housepoint Winners' Trip (Years 5- 10)
- Thursday 14 July end of school year: school closes at 12 noon

As always, if you have any issues or questions you would like to raise with the school, please do contact your child's form tutor, class teacher or the school office to arrange an appointment.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



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