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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year; one which seems to have flown by. Senior pupils have their end-of-year examinations this week and juniors have their assessments in the following two weeks. The aim of these in both juniors and seniors is to review progress made, set next steps and recognise individual achievements.

Once exams are over there are a number of trips, activities and special events, dates of which are listed at the end of this letter.

At the beginning of the last week of term reports will be sent home for all classes up to Year 10. Reports will be uploaded onto the portal on Monday 11 July to allow time for you to read and discuss them before the close of the school year.

Early Years Foundation Stage End of Year Celebration Monday 4 July

All parents and carers of children in Kindergarten and Reception are invited to the EYFS Celebration at the URC in Buxton Road on Monday 4 July at 2pm. We are looking forward to celebrating all the pupils have enjoyed and achieved over the last year. Do come and join us! Mrs Fisher will provide details to parents, but all Early Years children are welcome to come along, even if they do not usually attend on a Monday.

Moving Up Day Wednesday 29 June

Pupils will spend the whole day in school with their new teacher on Moving Up Day. We are also inviting the new pupils who will be joining us in September so that they can meet their classmates.

We would like to invite parents to drop into the hall from 2.45pm onwards to have a cup of tea and chat with the teachers about the day.

The pupils who will be moving into the seniors in September have a Year 7 Induction Day on the same day. Current Year 6 pupils will meet the new pupils who are joining us from other schools in Year 7, and will find out which form class they will be in. There will be a special programme of activities for the day including a team building activity in the afternoon at Gilwell Park.

Our current Year 6 parents and new parents are invited to have coffee in the hall in the morning for a short talk on life in the seniors, as detailed in the letter from Mrs McAuliffe.

There is also an NSPA Uniform Sale in the morning outside the library and in the hall in the afternoon from 2.45pm.

EYFS and Junior Class Teachers from September

We are growing our teaching team from September and we are delighted to have excellent staff joining the EYFS and junior department. We have two new teachers and three new teaching assistants joining the team. Furthermore, in response to the increased demand for places at Normanhurst, we are having two Reception classes in September.

Miss Barnard's role as Head of Juniors develops from September and she will be teaching Maths and Science groups in the juniors. Miss Grant, who has been covering Mrs Elman's maternity leave moves across from Normanhurst to Braeside School. Mr Ian Grant and Miss Farah Sulliman join the junior teaching team. Miss

Sulliman graduated from University College, London and did her PGCE at Brunel. She has been teaching at the Montpelier School in Ealing since 2014, organising Science Week and leading a number of trips including residential stays. Mr Grant graduated from Birmingham University and he has teaching experience in two schools in the city, as well as organising holiday activity weeks, which are rated outstanding by Ofsted.

Miss Devon Sulzmann joins the Early Years team as a Keyworker, working with Reception. Mrs Claire Casali and Miss Georgia Elwis join the Learning Support team and they will be working with Year 1 and Year 2 respectively.

Class teachers next year are as follows:

Lower Kindergarten:	Miss Shipley with Miss Buggins as the second Keyworker
Upper Kindergarten:	Miss Savage with Miss Chaudry as the second Keyworker
Reception Fisher:	Mrs Fisher with Miss Sulzmann
Reception Greenin:	Miss Greenin with Miss Hart and Mrs Nevill
Year 1:	Miss Smith with Mrs Casali
Year 2:	Mrs Willemse with Miss Elwis
Year 3:	Mr Grant
Year 4:	Miss Sulliman
Year 5:	Miss Stone
Year 6:	Miss Amini

Mr Grant and Miss Sulliman are joining us for Moving Up Day, so the pupils and parents will have the opportunity to meet them soon.

Year 3 Oak-Tree Schools Adventure Camp 22-23 September 2016

The annual Year 3 camp, which forms part of our PSHE programme, takes place in September. We join with Braeside, Oaklands and Coopersale Hall Schools for an overnight camp on the Oaklands field. Parents of current Year 2 children have an information meeting about the camp before the end of the summer term. The children have a full programme of activities; Miss Barnard and Mr Grant will be accompanying the pupils throughout and will also be camping overnight.

Extra-curricular Activities

The school office have sent home a clubs and activities booking sheet for the Autumn Term so that we can organise the programme and ensure that staffing ratios are appropriate. There is a number limit to some of the clubs, which may mean that we have to operate a waiting list. Please would you complete and return the form to the office at your earliest convenience. We will then be able to confirm the places before the summer break.

Summer Holiday Activity Programme

Parents will be receiving a letter detailing the summer holiday programmes being offered across the Oak-Tree Schools for pupils from Early Years up to Year 6. If you would like to sign up for any of the activities on offer, please do so at your earliest convenience, as these are proving extremely popular with Oak-Tree parents.

Pupil 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, Head Girl and Heads of House and Senior Prefect team. Year 10 may nominate a fellow pupil, or may put themselves forward for consideration for the roles. After receiving the nomination letters, I interview each of the nominees. Following our decision, as is the custom, the new Heads of School will be announced at Speech Day. We also select House Captains and Vice Captains for Year 6 from the current Year 5 pupils.

Speech Day and Prize Giving Thursday 7 July 6pm

Speech Day is compulsory for all pupils from Year 1 up to and including Year 11. Together we celebrate pupils' many achievements, but we also look back on the year that has passed and recognise the significant landmarks within it.

The office will be sending out letters shortly indicating how parents can request tickets using the text back service, and also about the procedure for prize winners.

There will be a number of musical performances during the evening, alongside an exhibition of Art work. The formal part of proceedings will be followed by a short reception with refreshments. I do hope that many parents will be able to attend and share in this special occasion.

Uniform and Presentation Reminders for Speech Day and Prize Giving

Please ensure your children are well-presented for Speech Day. Boys should have short, neat hair styles, without any cut-in designs. Fringes should not hang over the eyes and the use of any hair products like wax should be minimal.

Girls' long hair must be tied back securely with a plain blue or black hair band. There has been a recent increase in the number of 'pretty' headbands, bows and slides. Any 'Alice bands' or hair slides should be plain navy or black, not ornate or colourful.

Shoes should be plain black or navy leather, with a proper sole. Trainer-like shoes are not permitted and shoes should not have any visible logos or colourful design features. Pupils should wear the correct summer uniform. Juniors should wear white socks with summer dresses and long hooped socks with grey shorts. Senior girls must wear navy opaque tights on Speech Day.

Year 10 Careers Education

There will be a focus on Careers Education for the Year 10 students towards the end of term. On Thursday 23 June there is a Sixth Form taster day in Cambridge at the CCSS, an independent sixth form college, which includes a tour of the city and university. This is followed by a week of Work Experience beginning on Monday 27 June, and a Careers Day on Friday 9 July, with talks from a number of professionals and mock interviews in the afternoon. Year 10 pupils come into school in business attire on that day.

We hope Year 10 will enjoy these experiences and gain much from them as they look ahead to their futures beyond school.

Normanhurst Summer BBQ Saturday 25 June 4pm-8pm

The Normanhurst School Parents' Association is organising the annual Summer Barbecue, this year with a Seaside theme. It will be a fun-filled event for the whole family, so please do come along. There will be an information flyer sent home to all parents this week.

In particular: any keen bakers among the parents and pupils are invited to enter a Normanhurst Showstopper Bake-Off, with a 'Seaside' theme.

All parents, their families and friends are welcome to join us. There will be food, a bar, music, stalls, competitions, football shoot-out, bouncy castle, prizes and much more, including the ever popular 'Sponge-the-Teacher'. All junior aged pupils must be accompanied by a parent or adult who takes responsibility for them for the duration of their stay at the event.

Senior Staff News

There are some changes to staffing in the seniors from September. Mrs Karim leaves Normanhurst at the end of this academic year. Miss Vanessa Riley joins the Science department teaching Science in Years 7 and 8 and Chemistry from Years 9 to 11. She has a Bachelor of Science and a Masters in Teaching both from the University of Western Sydney and she has been teaching at the Elizabeth Macarthur High School since 2014.

Management of the school develops in September: Mr Beint will be Head of Seniors; Mr Botha, Senior Head of Warren House and Mrs Kazim Senior Head of Connaught House will be assisting him in overseeing the Pastoral Care, Conduct and Personal Development of pupils. Miss Barnard is Head of Juniors as currently; Mrs Willemse continues as Assistant Head and Mr Christou as Deputy Head with responsibility for the senior curriculum.

In addition we are expanding the senior teaching team with two additional teachers. Mrs Misha Burgess joins the Maths department teaching up to GCSE and Ms Denise Parrott joins the Art and Design department.

Improvements over the Summer

We will be renovating the Reception toilets and classrooms over the summer holidays. In addition there will be improvements to the internal decoration with painting and decorating around the buildings, as well as painting the front of the school.

Forthcoming Events for the Diary

Monday 6 June	2.45-3.15pm	Transition into Year 1 parent meeting
Tuesday 7 June	All day	Internal Exams Year 7 – 10
Tuesday 7 June	9.00-2.30pm	Football Tournament at Goals Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 8 June	11.15-3.30pm	Crucial Crew Trip Year 6
Thursday 9 June	9.00-3.30pm	Quad Kids at Walthamstow Track Years 1 & 2
Thursday 9 June	9.30-3.00pm	U11's Rounders at Howe Green School
Monday 13 June	All week	Junior Assessment
Monday 13 June	9.00-3.30pm	Football Tournament at Goals Years 1 & 2
Monday 13 June	3.30-6.00pm	Golf at High Beech Years 4 – 11
Tuesday 14 June	9.00-3.30pm	Tri Golf Competition Years 5 & 6
Friday 17 – Monday 20 June		Kingswood Residential Trip Years 5 – 7
Friday 17 June	7.00pm	Leavers' Event at Chigwell Hall Year 11
Monday 20 June	8.45-9.30am	Leavers' Assembly Year 11
Monday 20 June	9.15-3.30pm	Senior History Trip to Guildhall
Monday 20 June	9.30-10.00am	Book Return (Library) Year 11
Monday 20 June	3.30-6.00pm	Golf at High Beech Years 4 – 11
Tuesday 21 June	All day	International Hockey Olympic Park Years 4 & 6
Thursday 23 June	All day	Sixth Form Taster Day, Cambridge – Year 10
Thursday 23 June	9.00-3.30pm	Value Games at Peter May Year 5
Thursday 23 June	9.30-3.30pm	Trip to St Tiggywinkles Year 2
Friday 24 June	9.00-3.30pm	LAMDA Exams
Friday 24 June	9.00-3.30pm	Value Games at Peter May Year 2
Saturday 25 June	4.00-8.00pm	Summer Barbecue
Monday 27 June	All week	Humanities Workshop Reception – Year 6
Monday 27 June	All week	Work Experience Year 10
Monday 27 June	10.00-5.00pm	Imperial War Museum Trip Year 9
Monday 27 June	3.30-6.00pm	Golf at High Beech Years 4 – 11
Wednesday 29 June	All day	Moving Up Day and Year 7 Induction Day
Thursday 30 June	9.00-12.00pm	Rounders Rally at Forest School Years 7 & 8
Thursday 30 June	9.00-3.30pm	Trip to Natural History Museum Years 1 - 6
Thursday 30 June	9.00-3.30pm	Waltham Forest Tennis Years 5 & 6
Friday 1 July – Saturday 2 July	9.00-4.00pm	D of E Qualifying Expedition Gilwell Park
Friday 1 July	9.00-3.30pm	Waltham Forest Tennis Year 4
Friday 1 July	12.30-6.00pm	Trip to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Years 5 & 6
Monday 4 July	9.00-3.30pm	Trip to V&A Museum of Childhood Years 1 & 2
Monday 4 July	2.00pm	EYFS Celebration of the Year (URC Church)
Thursday 7 July	9.00-12.00pm	Rounders Rally at Forest School Years 9 & 10
Thursday 7 July	2.00pm	School closes early for Speech Day (not EYFS)
Thursday 7 July	6.00pm	Speech Day/Prize Giving Chingford Assembly Hall
Friday 8 July	All day	Careers Day and Practice Interviews Year 10
Friday 8 July	9.00-3.30pm	Junior School Trip to the Shrek Experience
Monday 11 July		End of Year Reports sent home
Monday 11 July	1.00pm	Whole School Sponsored Walk
Tuesday 12 July	9.00-3.30pm	Connaught House (Senior) to Gilwell Park
Tuesday 12 July	9.00-3.30pm	Warren House (Senior) to Harlow Outdoor Pursuit Centre
Tuesday 12 July	9.00-3.30pm	Trip to Olympic Village Cable Cars Years 2 & 4
Tuesday 12 July	11.00-12.15pm	Picnic on Chingford Plains Year 5
Wednesday 13 July	12 noon	End of Summer Term – school closes at midday

I am on a school inspectors' training course on Thursday 9 and Friday 10 June with the Independent Schools Inspectorate. There have been recent changes to the way independent schools are inspected, with a new 'Compliance Inspection' for schools on average every three years. As many of you know, I have been a Team Inspector for independent schools for a number of years and I am now being trained to inspect under the new regime. I hope this enables me to continue to ensure Normanhurst offers an excellent education for your children.

As always, please do contact the school office, your child's form teacher or a member of the SLT, if there is anything you would like to discuss.

With my best wishes for the final half-term.

Yours sincerely



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