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Dear Parents

This is the last Headmistress's letter of the academic year. This week we have had an excellent Moving Up Day when pupils enjoyed spending time with their teachers for next year. The new Year 7 senior pupils also had an Induction Day meeting their form tutors, having some taster senior lessons and getting to know each other in a team building afternoon. The pupils joining after 13+ spent the day in school with their classes too. It was a super day and lovely to meet all our new pupils.

We have managed to have a wide range of special activities despite the weather, which pupils of all ages have had the chance to enjoy. Humanities week has been great fun for the juniors and a number of senior trips have taken place too.

Thank you for supporting the NSPA Summer Barbecue last Saturday so enthusiastically. It was a lovely afternoon, characterised by a sense of community and family fun. The Parents' Association worked extremely hard to pull it all together and I'm very grateful for all they did.

Speech Day on Thursday 7 July

As you know, school finishes after lunch at 2.00pm for all pupils from Year 1 upwards on Thursday. Kindergarten and Reception have school as usual in the afternoon with after school club, but there is no after school club on that day for any other year group.

Parents will have received a letter informing if your son or daughter is collecting a prize this year. A number of pupils are performing in the evening. All parents are welcome to join us, but we do ask you to notify the office in advance so that we can allocate your tickets. There is no cost for the tickets.

All pupils from Year 1 upwards are expected to attend and parents should contact me if this presents a problem. We obviously hope that all prize-winners will be there to collect their prizes and to be photographed. You will be able to purchase photographs on the evening from DE Photos, or online afterwards.

Our Guest of Honour this year is Avril Mills BEM, the founder and director of The Dream Factory Charity.

The formalities begin at 6.00pm, so we request that all pupils arrive by 5.45pm so that they can be seated in the correct place either with the prize winners, performers or with their form group.

It is a formal event and so we expect all pupils to be looking their smartest in the summer uniform, which means school grey shorts and hooped socks for boys up to Year 4 and summer dresses for girls up to Year 6. Hair should be tied back neatly. Senior girls should wear blue opaque tights, not socks, if they are collecting prizes, but juniors may wear white socks with their summer dresses.

Pupils who are collecting prizes or performing will have a rehearsal on Thursday morning at the Assembly Hall from 11.00am, returning to school for lunch at 1.00pm. Members of staff will escort them to and from the venue.

Trips and Activities

End of term trips are taking place this week and next, including the whole school sponsored walk, a junior trip to the Shrek experience and the senior House trips.

Years 2 and 3 have special activity days and Year 6 are ready to present their final Junior Assembly on Wednesday.

Wednesday 13 July – Last Day of Term

As usual school will close at 12 noon for all pupils on the last day of term, following a whole school assembly when certificates will be presented and we will reflect on the year.

Pupils need to take home all of their belongings on or before the end of term. This includes seniors emptying their lockers and taking home all bags and PE kits.

Lost Property

Any items left in school after the end of term will be collected up by the caretakers and put into black sacks. We will attempt to return named items to pupils in September but if items are not reclaimed at the start of term, they will be recycled or donated to the Normanhurst School Parents Association.

End of Term Reports

Reports are going home for all pupils on Monday 11 July. We hope you find them informative and helpful. All pupils have progress targets on which to build next year.

GCSE Examination Results

GCSE results are published on Thursday 25 August. Mr Christou and I will be in school in the morning for pupils to come into school to collect their results from 10.00am. The Year 11 pupils have been great this year: a strong team, who have worked well together and supported each other. They deserve to do well and they have some excellent offers for their A level studies and further education. We look forward to celebrating with them in August.

Changes to School Life from September 2016

End of the Day

As we informed you in April, the finish times are changing at school from September. The EYFS and juniors will finish at 3.30pm. The seniors will finish at 3.45pm.

We are making the lunch break 15 minutes longer from September so that the pupils have more time to eat and so that we can offer some more lunchtime activities. As a result school will end 15 minutes later.

Senior Breakfast

I am also delighted that we will be offering a senior breakfast facility from September for Years 7-11. This will be held in the school hall from 7.30-8.15am and the breakfast will be prepared by the Chartwells catering team. Pupils will not need to pre-book and the charge will be £3 daily with the cost added to your termly invoices. Initially Chartwells will prepare a selection of continental style choices including cereals, bread/toast, croissants, pastries, fruit, yoghurts and fruit juices/hot drinks.

Finally

To all those parents whose children are leaving Normanhurst this July, may I wish you and your children the very best for the future.

As another school year draws to its close, I hope you all have a restful summer break and are able to enjoy time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing the new Years 7s for their second induction morning on Tuesday 6 September at 9.00-11.00am. The other classes all return on Wednesday 7 September at the normal time for an 8.40am start.

Thank you for all your support this year, and for the many positive comments, letters and emails I have received. It continues to be both a privilege and a joy to lead the school and to see the many ways in which your children are developing and achieving.

With my very best wishes

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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