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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas break and that you are looking forward with expectation to the year ahead. May I wish you all a happy and healthy 2017.

This is a busy term with parents' evenings, mock GCSE exams, 11+ and 13+ entrance exams, and Year 9 options evening. We have parent coffee mornings, some class assemblies for the juniors and the school production in the week after half-term. Thirty pupils from Normanhurst and Braeside will be heading to the ski slopes in half-term, a trip that we are all very much looking forward to. There is a trip meeting for participating pupils and parents on Tuesday 10 January at 5.00pm in the hall. Please remember to bring your passport and European health card with you.

Coffee Mornings with Mr Hagger and Mrs Osborn

All parents are invited to a coffee morning over the course of this term. They provide a chance for parents to come and meet me and Mr Hagger to discuss school life. Please do come to talk over a cup of coffee, share your views or ask questions. The coffee mornings take place in the library from 8.45-9.45am on Wednesday mornings; dates for each year group are at the end of this letter.

Safeguarding Children

Keeping children safe in school is our utmost priority and the up-to-date Safeguarding Children Policy is available for all our parents to read on the school website. You can also request a paper copy from the school office, if you prefer. In school we have three 'Designated People' for Safeguarding: me, Mr Beint, the Head of Seniors and Miss Barnard, the Head of Juniors.

In line with good practice, all members of staff and pupils are regularly reminded about to whom they should take concerns and about how we deal with concerns if they arise. The staff has also had training on the Government's 'Prevent' duty for schools and the PSHE curriculum reflects the latest guidance.

Staff News

Miss Jacobs, our new Head of Science, was married over the Christmas holidays and is now Mrs Cooper. Miss Wren also joins the Science Department following Miss Riley's decision to return to working in laboratory research. Miss Wren joins us having worked in Sydenham School, a Science, Maths and Technology school, for two years and South Hampstead High School, an independent all-through school, last year.

School Production 2017: *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare

Rehearsals are in full swing for the school show and Mrs Kazim will be following the published rehearsal schedule running up to the performances which take place Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 February. More details about how to buy tickets will be sent out to parents shortly.

Speech Day and Prize Giving 2016

An advance date for your diaries: the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving will take place on Thursday 6 July at the Chingford Assembly Hall from 6.00pm. All pupils from Year 1 to Year 11 are expected to attend to celebrate the successes and achievements of the school year. Parents are also invited to join us.

Forthcoming Events

Tues 10 Jan		Start of Spring Term: school begins at normal time 8.40am Y11 GCSE Mock Examinations begin
	17:00 – 18:00	Ski Trip Meeting
Weds 11 Jan	08:45 – 10:00	KG Parents' Coffee Morning
	19:15 – 21:15	NSPA Meeting Library
Fri 13 Jan	09:00 – 12:00	Y8 HV vaccination 1 st dose
Tues 17 Jan	09:00 – 09:45	WE Day Workshop
	16:00 – 18:30	Y10 Parents' Evening
Weds 18 Jan	08:45 – 10:00	Reception Parents' Coffee Morning
Thurs 19 Jan	08:00 – 15:30	U11 Boys ISA Power League Football
Fri 20 Jan		Oak-Tree Schools Art Exhibition at Loughton Arts Centre begins
	17:30 – 20:00	Y4-6 NSPA Movie and Pizza Night
Sat 21 Jan	09:00 – 10:00	ISA National Swimming Finals, Queen Elizabeth Park
Mon 23 Jan	09:00 – 15:30	Y4-6 LBWF High Five Netball
Tues 24 Jan	09:00 – 13:00	11+ Entrance Exam for external candidates and for current Y6
Weds 25 Jan	08:45 – 10:00	Y1&2 Parents' Coffee Morning
	09:15 – 17:30	Y10&11 Drama & English Lit students to An Inspector Calls & Workshop
Thurs 26 Jan	14:00 – 16:00	Y10 Forest School Careers Fair
Tues 31 Jan	16:00 – 18:30	Y8 Parents' Evening
Weds 1 Feb	08:45 – 10:00	Y3-6 Parents' Coffee Morning
Fri 3 Feb		Y11 Full Reports published to parents
	08:30 – 09:00	KG-Y6 Parents' 'Drop In' Morning
	18:00 – 19:30	KG-Y3 NSPA Disco
Tues 7 Feb	All day	Y5&6 Young Voices Concert
	16:00 – 18:30	Y11 Parents' Evening
Weds 8 Feb	08:45 – 10:00	Y7-11 Parents' Coffee Morning
Thurs 9 Feb	08:00 – 17:00	Y4-11 ISA Cross Country
11 – 19 Feb		Half Term holiday
11 – 18 Feb		Ski Trip to Italy
Weds 22 Feb	09:00 – 12:00	Y9 DPT Vaccinations
	19:00 – 20:15	School Production 'The Tempest'
Thurs 23 Feb	19:00 – 20:15	School Production 'The Tempest'
Fri 24 Feb	17:30 – 20:00	NSPA Event: Y7-9 Movie and Pizza Night
Tues 28 Feb	16:00 – 18:30	Y7 Parents' Meeting
Thurs 2 Mar	12:30 – 15:30	Y3-6 Annual Cross Country Relays at Coopersale Hall School
Fri 3 Mar	08:30 – 15:30	U11&U13 ISA Netball, Redbridge
6 – 10 Mar		Junior Assessment Week
Tues 7 Mar	16:00 – 18:30	Y9 GCSE and Options Parents' Evening
Weds 8 Mar	09:00 – 13:00	13+ Entrance Exams and catch-up 11+ Entrance Exams
Fri 10 Mar	09:00 – 11:30	Open Morning
13 – 17 Mar		Science Curriculum Activity Week
Tues 14 Mar	17:00 – 18:30	Y9 Parents' Evening
Weds 15 Mar	09:00 – 15:30	KG-Y6 What Life was Like Long Ago Workshop
Fri 17 Mar	08:30 – 15:30	U11 ISA Hockey, Old Loughtonians
Sun 19 Mar	11:30 – 13:30	NSPA event: Early Easter Walk and Egg Hunt followed by lunch
Tues 21 Mar	16:00 – 18:30	KG-Y6 Parents' Evening
Weds 22 Mar	13:00 – 15:30	Y4-6 Cross Country, Woodford Green Prep School
Mon 27 Mar		Short Reports published for Seniors

Weds 29 Mar 18:00 – 20:00 Oak-Tree Festival
Thurs 30 Mar Final Day of Term - school ends at 12 noon
Fri 31 Mar Office Open
31 Mar – 4 Apr Easter Academy for Y11 pupils

With best wishes for this term and for 2017.

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress



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