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## Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

The summer term begins on Tuesday 24 April, for what I hope will be a busy and productive term, which culminates in our Speech Day and Prize Giving in July, as well as House Trips and the Junior Outing.

You are welcome to join us for Speech Day as well as a number of other special events this term when we celebrate our pupils' efforts and achievements, including Sports Day, the NSPA Summer Barbecue, the Early Years' Celebration, the Music Summer Concert and Speech Day. Dates and times can be found on the school website, app and at end of this letter.

If this is your first term at Normanhurst, I extend a warm welcome to you and your children: we hope that they, and you, soon feel part of the Normanhurst community.

### Summer Building Project

All parents received a letter from Matthew Hagger on Thursday 13 April announcing the latest building project on the Normanhurst site, which will provide a new large classroom and will extend the current Maths and History rooms. Pupils will benefit from more spacious, lighter classrooms from September.

### Parent Volunteers

If you would like to be a parent volunteer and offer to help accompany trips or activities, you are welcome to become involved. We follow safer recruitment practice as a school and all of our volunteers undergo an enhanced DBS check. If you would like to volunteer or to find out more about what is involved, please contact the school office.

### School Parental Forms

Please be aware that all of the up-to-date parental forms are on the website for parents to download, complete and return to the school. These include: requests for absence, booking forms, consent forms and medical forms.

### Class Photographs Friday 28 April

Rainbow Photography will be taking class and team photographs on Friday 28 April. Weather permitting they will be taken outside, or alternatively, in the school hall. The photographs will be available for parents to order before the half-term break.

All pupils should be in full school uniform including blazers, girls with hair tied back; junior pupils should wear their summer uniform as usual for this term.

### Summer Uniform

#### Juniors

When junior pupils from Reception Class up to Year 6 return to school for the summer term they should wear the summer uniform as described in the uniform lists in the parents section of the school website. In summary:

Boys from Reception to Year 4 should wear regulation **short grey trousers** with the school **grey hooped socks** and short sleeved shirts, jumper if required and **blazer**. Shorts are optional for boys in Years 5 and 6. In the summer term boys in Kindergarten may also wear grey shorts if preferred.

Girls from Reception Class to Year 6 should wear the school **summer dress** with a navy cardigan or school jumper, **blazer** and **white ankle or knee-length socks**. White tights may be worn under the dress on cooler days. Girls from Reception to Year 2 also wear the school straw boater. Girls in Kindergarten may wear the summer dress, if preferred.

For a complete list of the summer uniform click on the link to Forest Casualwear, the school's uniform supplier:  
<http://www.forestcasualwear.co.uk/acatalog/Normanhurst.html>

### **Seniors**

Even in the summer term pupils should *always* wear their blazers for school; a jumper should not be worn in place of the blazer. Girls should wear *navy opaque tights* ('body sensor' cool tights or 40 denier). On hot summer days, girls in Year 7 and 8 may wear navy *knee-length* socks with a *knee-length* skirt, if preferred. Girls should not come to school with bare legs or skirts shorter than the knee.

Shoes should be plain leather and polishable for girls and boys, canvas shoes should not be worn. Please avoid 'trainer-styled' shoes for boys.

Although pupils return to school after the summer holidays in their winter uniform, the summer uniform may be worn in September on hot days, if preferred.

### **Moving Up Day in the Juniors Wednesday 28 June**

The annual 'Moving Up Day' will take place on Wednesday 28 June. Pupils from the Foundation Stage up to Year 6 will spend all day with their new class teachers and parents will have the opportunity to come into the class in the morning to drop off the children and meet the teachers. There will also be time to meet the teachers in the hall from 3.00pm in the afternoon. Our experience is that helps our parents to feel involved in the transition and to share the experience with their children. We will provide more information about the format of the day before the half-term break.

### **Year 7 and New Pupil Induction Day**

The Year 7 Induction Day will also be held on Wednesday 28 June. Our current Year 6 pupils will join the new senior starters and they will spend time with their form tutors, have some taster lessons and go offsite for a team building afternoon led by the PE department. More details of the programme will be sent before half-term.

Pupils joining either Year 8 or Year 9 following 13+ exams will also have an induction day on 28 June, meeting their new forms and following the normal timetable for the day.

### **Year 11 and GCSEs**

Year 11 Study Leave begins on Monday 15 May. The examination timetable has been prepared by Mr Christou and has been given to pupils and parents. It is also available to view on the parent portal and the website. Teachers will continue to be available throughout the examination period for revision help and support. Pupils may revise in school if they would prefer, ensuring that they sign in at the school office on arrival and sign out when they leave.

The final exam is on Friday 16 June and the Leavers' Prom takes place at Chigwell Hall on Friday 23 June. I would like to thank the Parents' Association for contributing to the cost of the event. Friday 23 June will be Year 11's last day in school with the traditional Leavers' Assembly, followed by their book return in the library when we ask pupils to return all text books they have from their GCSE courses, and any books from earlier on in their school life that have not yet been returned.

May I take this opportunity to wish each and every member of Year 11 the very best for their final examinations; all of them plan to move onto further education and many hold a number of offers from highly competitive independent and state schools. I hope they return to school this week with confidence, determination and a firm sense of purpose. Our students have considerable potential and I look forward to seeing all that they will go on to achieve in these public examinations and beyond.

Year 11 are expected to take part in Speech Day on Thursday 6 July at Chingford Assembly Hall, when a number of them will receive subject prizes and the Head Boy and Head Girl will give a speech. Please do not book holidays over this time, if at all possible, and do join us for this special event.

### **Sports Day Thursday 25 May**

The annual Sports Day will be held at the Lee Valley Athletics track on Thursday 25 May for all classes up and including Year 10. As usual the senior sports day will be in the morning from 9.30am and the juniors will be in the afternoon from 1.00pm. The pupils will compete in their Houses and the junior and senior sports shields will be presented. Pupils are practising the field and track events in their Games lessons.

All pupils up to Year 10 come to school in their sports kit on the day and should bring sun block with them; juniors should wear their school caps. Parents of junior aged pupils may take their children home directly from the track at the end of the afternoon; alternatively all pupils will return to school by coach to be collected from school or from After School Club.

All parents, families and friends are most welcome to join us for the event, which is a real highlight in the school calendar. Your support is much appreciated by the children; lots of cheering and clapping is a real encouragement for them! The Parents' Association will be providing refreshments for the pupils all day, so they only need to bring a water bottle with them.

### **NSPA Summer Barbecue Saturday 24 June**

The Summer Barbecue is a definite summer highlight at Normanhurst. The Parents' Association are already planning a fun-filled family event, so please do earmark the date in your diaries.

### **Speech Day and Prize Giving Thursday 6 July**

The annual Speech Day and Prize Giving takes place on Thursday 6 July at the Chingford Assembly Hall. This is a compulsory school event for all pupils from Year 1 upwards. Parents are invited to join pupils and staff for this important celebration of the year. Details of how to request tickets will be sent out later this term.

***As usual on Speech Day, school finishes early at 2.00pm for all pupils from Year 1 upwards.*** Junior pupils must be collected at 2.00pm from the front of school. There will be no After School Club for children in Year 1 upwards. Pupils are expected to arrive at the Assembly Hall at 5.45pm so that everyone is seated and registers taken by 6.00pm when the event begins.

Children in the EYFS can remain in school until 3.20pm and there is after school provision for children in the Kindergarten and Reception classes, as usual. Early Years children are not expected to attend Speech Day.

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### **Important Dates for Summer Term 2017**

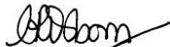
Tues 25 Apr		Pupils Return
Wed 26 Apr	12:00 – 16:00	Bancroft Swimming Gala
	14:00 – 17:00	Y5&6 Waltham Forest 3v3 Basketball Chingford Foundation
Fri 28 Apr	08:30 – 11:00	Class Photos
Mon 1 May		BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 2 May	10:50 – 16:00	Y7-9 Talented trip to National Portrait Gallery
Thu 4 May	09:00 – 15:30	Y3 trip to British Museum
Fri 5 May	11:30 – 15:30	Y3&4 Mini Red Tennis at Connaught Club
Fri 12 May	09:00 – 10:30	Y10 Morrisby Profiling test
	Tbc	ISA Regional Athletics
Mon 15 May	16:00 – 17:00	General Knowledge Challenge
Tues 16 May	16:00 – 17:00	Charity Committee International Food Evening
Thu 18 May	08:30 – 15:30	Y5&6 Quad Kids at Walthamstow Pool & Track
	10:50 – 15:45	Morrisby Profile Interviews
Fri 19 May	08:30 – 15:30	Y3&4 Quad Kids at Walthamstow Pool & Track
	09:00 – 15:30	EYFS trip to Weald Country Park

	18:00 – 20:00	NSPA Y7-10 BBQ Chill Night
Sat 20 – Sun 21 May		DofE Practice Expedition Gilwell Park
Tue 23 May	08:30 – 09:00	KG-Y6 Parents' Drop In
Tue 23 May	08:30 – 15:30	Y8 Art trip to William Morris Gallery
	18:00 – 19:30	Peri Music Concert
Thur 25 May	08:30 – 15:30	Sports Day
Fri 26 May	08:30 – 15:30	Y1&2 Quad Kids at Pool & Track
Mon 29 May – Fri 2 Jun		HALF TERM
Mon 5 – Fri 9 Jun		Y7-10 Internal Exams
Thu 8 Jun	12:00 – 15:30	Y5&6 Tri Golf at Peter May Sports Centre
	16:00 – 17:00	Oak-Tree Schools Junior Maths Challenge tbc
Fri 9 Jun	08:30 – 15:30	Y1&2 Football Festival
Mon 12 – Fri 16 Jun		Y1-6 Internal Assessments
Wed 14 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	EYFS/KS1 Drama Workshop
Thu 15 Jun	08:30 – 12:00	Y6 Crucial Crew trip to Debden House
Fri 16 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	Y5&6 trip to London Aquarium
Sat 17 – Sun 18 Jun		DofE Qualifying Expedition Herts Young Mariners Base
Mon 19 Jun	11:00 – 15:00	Y5&6 World Hockey Series Queen Elizabeth Park
	07:30 – 19:30	ISA National Athletics
Wed 21 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	Y10 visit to CCSS
Thu 22 Jun	08:30 – 15:30	Y2 Value Games Peter May Sports Centre
	09:00 – 16:00	Y3-6 English trip to Westminster Abbey
Fri 23 Jun	08:30 – 09:30	Y11 Leavers' Assembly
	08:30 – 15:30	Y5 Value Games Peter May Sports Centre
	19:00 – 22:00	Y11 Leavers' Dinner
Sat 24 Jun	16:00 – 20:00	NSPA Summer Barbecue
Mon 26 – Fri 30 Jun		Y10 Work Experience
Tue 27 Jun	18:00 – 19:30	Music Showcase
Wed 28 Jun		New Y7 & Y6 Induction/KG-Rec Moving Up Day tbc
Fri 30 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	LAMDA exams
Sat 1 Jul	11:00 – 19:00	Alumni Event in school – Leavers 2007 tbc
Mon 3 Jul	13:00 – 15:00	EYFS Celebration URC Church tbc
Thu 6 Jul	18:00 – 20:00	Speech Day
Fri 7 Jul		KG-Y10 Long Reports published
	09:00 – 15:30	Y10 Careers Day
	09:00 – 15:30	Junior trip
Tue 11 Jul	13:00 – 15:30	Sponsored Walk
Wed 12 Jul	09:30 – 15:30	Senior House trips
Thu 13 Jul	11:15 – 12:00	Whole School Final Assembly
	12:00	School ends for Pupils

I am looking forward to seeing you at the school events or class assemblies this term. As always, please contact the school office, or email, if you would like to talk to a member of staff about your son or daughter's progress or to share information with us.

Thank you, as ever, for your continuing support.

With best wishes



Claire Osborn  
Headmistress

