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### Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

This is the final Headmistress's letter of the academic year before we break for the summer. The last two weeks have been very busy indeed. We had a wonderful Summer Concert, with over thirty performances from soloists, ensembles and the sinfonietta and orchestra. Last 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.

I am pleased that we have been able to run a number of trips over the last three weeks, which the pupils of all ages have enjoyed. Everyone in school has one final trip or event before the end of term; the Early Years classes have a special event in school, the juniors are going to Chessington and the seniors have their annual House Trip. We also have the whole school sponsored walk on Tuesday 10 July to look forward to.

Thank you for supporting the recent NSPA Summer Barbecue so enthusiastically. It was a lovely afternoon, characterised by a real 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. The proceeds will all be going towards the iPad project.

### Summer Heatwave

The heatwave is predicted to continue over the next week, with temperatures in the high twenties all week. Please continue to apply sun cream before school and to send your children in with water bottles. The gazebos in the playground will remain in place until the end of term to provide shade at break times.

Pupils may continue not to wear their ties and blazers in school this week. However, I do ask that all pupils come to Speech Day with their ties and blazers. They will be allowed to take their blazers off in the hall, but will wear them to collect prizes and for photographs. Likewise, please can the girls wear cool sensor navy tights for Speech Day if they are collecting a prize or performing.

### Early Years Celebration on Monday 2 July

The Kindergarten and Reception children have been preparing for their End of Year Celebration, which took place on Monday at 2.00pm in the URC church in Buxton Road. The children were presented with their certificates of achievement after another very successful year for our youngest pupils.

Every pupil in Reception is either exceeding or has met every one of the areas of learning in the Early Years framework. This is a wonderful achievement for all of the children.

### Speech Day on Thursday 5 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 also performing in the evening. All parents and families are welcome to join us.

I do expect all pupils from Year 1 upwards 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.

I am delighted that Susanna Worth from United World Schools is our Guest of Honour this year.

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 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.

All pupils should have their blazers with them, although they will only need to wear them when they come to collect a prize or to perform.

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.

### **Wednesday 11 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 9 July. We hope you find them informative and helpful. All pupils have progress targets on which to build next year. If your child is leaving Normanhurst this summer, please ensure you have downloaded the reports and any other information from the portal you would like to keep by the end of term.

### **GCSE Examination Results**

GCSE results are published on Thursday 23 August. Mr Christou and I will be in school in the morning for pupils to come and collect their results from 8.30 - 9.30am in the school hall.

### **Senior Form Tutors for September**

7C	Mrs Coates and Mr Cutler
7E	Mr Evans and Miss Parrott
8C	(Current 7C) Mrs Cooper and Miss Wren
8B	(Current 7W) Mr Banks
9K	Mrs Kleinfeld
9T	Mrs Taylor
10B	Miss Bonella
10R	Mr Ram
11B	Mrs Botha
11D	(Current 10T) Miss Deen

## Staff Update

Miss Parry is getting married over the summer and will be Mrs Coates from September. Miss Sulliman is also getting married over the summer and she will be Mrs Beeson from September.

Mr Banks is joining the PE department as an additional full time PE teacher. He has been teaching at Leighton Park School, an independent boarding school, since 2014.

There are some changes to staff roles and responsibilities from September.

Mrs Osborn	Headmistress
Mr Clair	Head of Seniors
Miss Barnard	Head of Juniors
Mrs Coates	Assistant Head
Miss Stone	Assistant Head
Mrs Prior / Mr Ram	Connaught Heads of House
Miss Smith / Mr Botha	Warren Heads of House
Mr Christou	Examinations Officer

## Key Dates through to the End of Term and first week back in September

Wed 4 Jul	09:00 – 15:30	Y1 Stars trip to Feel Good Centre
Thu 5 Jul	18:00	Speech Day Chingford Assembly Hall
Fri 6 Jul	08:30 – 16:00	Rec-Y6 trip to Chessington World of Adventures
	09:00 – 15:30	Year 10 Careers Day and Mock Interviews
	09:30 – 20:00	Wimbledon Tennis trip (selected senior pupils)
Mon 9 Jul		KG-Year 10 Full Reports published
	10:00 – 15:30	End of year Senior House trip to Harlow Activity Centre
Tue 10 Jul	14:00 – 15:45	Whole School Sponsored Walk
Wed 11 Jul	12:00	End of Term
Tue 4 Sep	08:00 – 10:00	New Y7 Induction Morning
Wed 5 Sep		Autumn Term begins
Fri 7 Sep	09:00 – 11:30	Individual Photos (Rainbow)

## Whole School Panoramic Photograph Tuesday 18 September

We will be having a whole school photograph on Chingford Plains in September.

Junior pupils should come to school in their **summer uniform** for the photograph. Seniors should wear their usual uniform.

## Final Thoughts

To all those parents whose children are leaving Normanhurst this July, 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. It continues to be a privilege to lead the school and to see the many ways in which your children are developing and achieving. Thank you for the support you give to your children and to the school. I am grateful for the overwhelmingly positive views our parents express about school life and for your willingness to come and discuss any matters of concern with me. Over the course of the year the school dealt with one formal complaint, which was resolved in line with our policy.

## The New Term in September

I look forward to seeing 7C and 7E for the second part of their induction on Tuesday 4 September at 9.00 - 11.00am. All other classes return for the new term on Wednesday 5 September at the normal times for an 8.40am start.

With my very best wishes for a happy holiday.

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn  
Headmistress



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