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Dear Parents

### Re: Headmistress's Letter

I hope you and your families are looking forward to the Easter holidays. As you know, the summer term begins on Wednesday 24 April; I am looking forward to a busy and productive term, which culminates in our Speech Day and Prize Giving in July, as well as Sports Day, House Trips, the Sponsored Walk and the Junior Outing.

As always, you are welcome to join us for many of the special events this term when we celebrate our pupils' efforts and achievements, including Sports Day, the NSPA Summer Barbecue, the Early Years' Celebration, the Summer Concerts and Speech Day. Dates and times can be found on the school website, app and at the end of this letter.

### 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 **knee length grey 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.

Although pupils return to school after the summer holidays in their winter uniform, the summer uniform may be worn in the first half of the term on hot days, if preferred. For a complete list of the summer uniform click on the link to Forest Casualwear: <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 and neither should black trainers. Hairstyles should look smart and tidy for school. Fringes should be cut and not hanging over the eyes, hair should not be dyed in unnatural colours and any braids should be in a natural colour, not including a range of colours or clip embellishments.

### Moving Up Day in the Juniors Wednesday 26 June

The annual 'Moving Up Day' will take place on Wednesday 26 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 this 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 26 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 26 June, meeting their new forms and following the normal timetable for the day.

### **Year 11 and GCSEs**

Last year, Barnaby Lenon, the ISC Chairman, offered pupils his top revision tips. His article is very helpful, and ties in with the advice that we have been giving our Year 11 pupils in school.

Mr Lenon said: *“Good exam results are made in the Easter holidays. Now is the time to start planning effective methods for learning all that work you have done in the past two or more years. Public exam results are important. They can determine the course of your life. Other students will be working hard. So it is worthwhile sacrificing your holidays. Your exams will be finished in June and you will then have about two months’ holiday. The best GCSE and A-level results don’t go to the cleverest students – they go to those who revised in the Easter holidays.”*

The Year 11 have an Easter Academy programme again this year and there are five days of revision activities in school. The pupils are in lessons until Friday 10 May. Year 11 Study Leave begins on Monday 13 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 14 June and the Leavers’ Day including Leavers’ assembly and the Leavers’ Prom takes place on Friday 21 June. The prom is being held at Chigwell Hall and I hope that all of Year 11 will be able to attend. I would like to thank the Parents’ Association for contributing to the cost of the event. Friday 21 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 4 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.

### **Summer Ball Saturday 18 May**

There are still some tickets left for the Oak-Tree Summer Ball on Saturday 18 May. This promises to be an excellent evening’s entertainment so please do book your tickets. Forms and letters are downloadable from the website.

### **Sports Day Friday 21 June**

The annual Sports Day will be held at the Lee Valley Athletics track on Friday 21 June 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 22 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 4 July**

The annual Speech Day and Prize Giving takes place on Thursday 4 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 3.30pm 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.

### **Staff News**

Mrs Michelle Rock joins us after Easter to take over from Mrs Mary Fox as our specialist dyslexia teacher, following a handover on Monday 1 April.

### **Important Dates for Summer Term 2019**

Mon 1 Apr		Y7-11 Short Reports published
Wed 3 Apr		Whole School Charity Non-uniform Day
Tue 23 Apr		Staff Training
Wed 24 Apr		First day for pupils
Fri 26 Apr	08:30 – 12:00	Class Photos
	13:00 – 16:00	Y11 Top Golf trip
Wed 1 May	12:30 – 16:30	U9&U11 Swimming Gala at Bancroft's Prep
	19:00 – 20:30	NSPA meeting (hall)
Thu 2 May	09:00 – 15:30	Y5 Science Museum trip
Fri 3 May	All day	U11 ISA National Boys' Football Final, Derby
	13:00 – 16:30	Y11 DiscGolf/White Water Rafting trip, Lee Valley
Tue 7 May	09:00 – 10:50	Morrisby Online Tests
Thu 9 May	09:00 – 10:00	Y8 Girls 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose HPV Injections
Fri 10 May	13:00 – 16:30	Y11 White Water Rafting/DiscGolf trip, Lee Valley
	18:30 – 20:30	NSPA Y3-6 Film Night
Sat 11 – Sun 12 May		Duke of Edinburgh Practice Exhibition Weekend
Mon 13 May		Y11 GCSE Study Leave commences
Tue 14 May	07:30 – 18:00	Y4-10 ISA Athletic, Bedford
Wed 15 May	08:30 – 09:30	EYFS-Y2 Music Assembly – parents invited
Thu 16 May	10:15 – 16:00	Morrisby Profile Interviews
Sat 18 May	19:30 – 12:30	Oak-Tree Summer Ball
Tue 21 May	08:30 – 09:00	KG-Y6 Parents' Drop In
Wed 22 May	08:30 – 09:00	Y3-6 Music Assembly – parents invited
	08:30 – 15:30	Y2 trip Port Lympne Safari Park, Kent

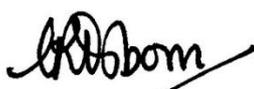
Mon 3 – Fri 7 Jun		Y7-10 Internal Exams
Mon 10 – 14 Jun		Y1-6 Internal Assessments
	09:00 – 16:30	Y10 CCSS Cambridge trip
	19:00 – 20:30	NSPA meeting
Tue 11 Jun	16:00 – 17:00	Y7-11 Twilight Music Recital – parents invited
Wed 12 Jun	12:30 – 15:30	Y6 Crucial Crew Debden
Mon 17 Jun	08:30 – 09:00	Y11 Leavers’ Assembly and Book Return
Tue 18 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	LAMDA exams
	09:00 – 15:45	Y10 GCSE French trip L’Institut Francais
	16:00 – 17:00	Y1-9 Twilight Music Recital – parents invited
Wed 19 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	Y3&4 Floating Classroom Barge trip, Paddington
Fri 21 Jun		Sports Day
	19:00 – 21:00	Y11 Leavers’ Dinner, Chigwell Hall
Sat 22 – Sun 23 Jun		Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition
	16:00 – 20:00	NSPA Summer BBQ
Mon 24 – Fri 28 Jun		Y10 Work Experience
	08:30 – 16:30	Y6-9 Essex Cricket Club trip, Chelmsford
Mon 24 Jun	16:00 – 17:00	Y1-9 Twilight Music Recital – parents invited
Tue 25 Jun	16:00 – 17:00	Y1-9 Twilight Music Recital – parents invited
Wed 26 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	KG-Y6 Moving Up Day
Thu 27 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	Y5&6 Globe Theatre trip
Mon 1 Jul	13:00 – 15:00	Early Years Celebration of the Year (URC)
Thu 4 Jul	17:45 – 20:00	Speech Day
Fri 5 Jul	08:30 – 15:45	KG-Y6 End of Year Legoland trip
	09:00 – 15:30	Y10 Careers Day
Mon 8 Jul		Full reports published
	18:00 – 20:00	Summer Music Concert
Tue 9 Jul	09:00 – 15:45	Senior House trips to Lambourne End
Wed 10 Jul	12:00	End of Summer term

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 my best wishes

Yours sincerely



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