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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

We have come to the close of another successful year at Normanhurst, and I hope, like me, you have enjoyed the many events in which we have shared the pupils' achievements over the course of this year.

Sports Day just over three weeks ago was excellent. Our pupils showcased their sporting talents, their team spirit and their support for each other. Three new school records were set by Jay in Year 10, Hamza in Year 9 and Lucy in Year 8.

The Early Years Celebration of the Year was lovely. We celebrated the progress and achievements of all the children in Kindergarten and Reception. We heard about their highlights of the year and we presented each child with a certificate to acknowledge their particular progress this year. They entertained us beautifully with songs, some lovely props and actions.

And of course we had the annual highlight of Speech Day and Prize Giving last Thursday. As I said that evening, I am immensely proud of the pupils. Their service to the school, their positive attitudes to learning, their community spirit and the respect they show each other and the staff. I feel privileged to see their development and progress year on year. Of course, it was lovely to award prizes, but my hope will be that each and every pupil knows they are valued and understands that we recognise the progress they are making.

Both juniors and seniors celebrated the end of term with trips, which I hope they enjoyed and in which I also hope they learned some new skills and enjoyed quality time with their friends.

Thank you for supporting the recent NSPA Summer Barbecue 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.

Thank you also for your support for the sponsored walk which raised an impressive £2723.75 for our three chosen charities. This year the pupils have raised a wonderful £4627.56 for charity.

Wednesday 10 July – Last Day of Term

As usual the school closed at 12 noon for all pupils on the last day of term, following a whole school assembly when certificates were presented and we reflected on the year.

All belongings must be taken home.

Lost Property and Lockers

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.

All seniors have been asked to empty their lockers and take home the padlocks, as we will be reassigning lockers in September.

End of Term Reports

Reports have now been published and all parents can download them from the portal. 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 Friday 12 July.

GCSE Examination Results

GCSE results are published on Thursday 22 August. Mr Christou and I will be in school in the morning for pupils to come into school to collect their results from 8.30 - 10am. They need to be collected from the School Hall. Pupils should sign in at the office when they arrive.

Queries, Concerns and Complaints

As I am sure you will be aware, we have an open door policy throughout the school and we make every effort to respond quickly to any queries or concerns you may have. I thought you might like to know that over the course of this academic year we had two formal complaints, which were both resolved quickly and to the satisfaction of all parties. Please do continue to come in and chat if you would like to.

Key Dates to October Half Term

Thu 22 Aug	09:00 – 10:30	GCSE Results Day
Tue 3 Sep	09:00 – 11:00	New Y7 Induction Day – second half
Wed 4 Sep		First Day of Autumn Term for Pupils
Fri 13 Sep	08:30 – 11:30	Individual Photos
Sun 15 Sep	11:00 – 13:00	NSPA 'Welcome Walk'
Tue 17 Sep		Y8 Boys & Girls HPV Injections
Thu 19 – Fri 20 Sep	09:00 – 15:30	Y3 Overnight Camp at Oaklands School
Mon 30 Sep	09:00 – 10:00	Harvest Festival URC Church
	19:15 – 20:15	NSPA AGM
Wed 2 Oct	09:00 – 15:30	Y2 trip to Floating Classroom
Fri 11 – Sun 13 Oct		PGL Netball Weekend
Fri 18 Oct	18:00 – 19:30	GCSE Presentation Evening

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. 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.

The New Term in September

I look forward to seeing 7B and 7W for the second part of their induction on Tuesday 3 September at 9 - 11am. All other classes return for the new term on Wednesday 4 September at the normal times for an 8.40am start.

With my very best wishes for a happy holiday.

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress

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