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### Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to all our families; may I wish you all a happy and healthy 2018. I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday and that your children are looking forward to the new term.

Thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts you and the pupils gave me at the end of term. I really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

I am looking forward to the new term, this is always a busy term with parents' evenings, drop-in mornings, mock GCSE exams, 11+ and 13+ entrance exams, and Year 9 options evening. We have a large number of applicants for the 11+ exam in January and I am looking forward to meeting and interviewing all of the prospective pupils this term.

### Staff News

#### Birth Announcements

We are delighted to share with you the happy news that Ms Moon the GCSE RS teacher had her baby in the holidays. Frederick Peter Connell arrived on 5 January at 5.30am weighing 6lb 11oz. Mother and baby are doing well.

#### New Staff

As you know, we have two new members of staff joining us this term. Miss Parry joins us from Trinity Catholic High School as Head of English and Mr Ram joins us from Beale High School as Computing and IT Coordinator, and 9R Form Tutor. Both come with valuable senior school expertise and experience and a track record of success in public examinations. We look forward to them joining our team.

Mrs Cooper begins her maternity leave at February half term. I am pleased that we have appointed Mrs Shazia Razzak, a very experienced senior and GCSE Science teacher, to join the staff in February to cover her maternity leave.

#### Parent Questionnaire

This term we plan to have a Parent Survey, as we did two years ago. We will be asking parents to complete a simple online survey so that we can hear from you about your views about the school.

As you know, we also have the annual coffee mornings for parents this term when we invite you to come to talk to Mr Hagger and myself about school life, to share with us not just what you see as the strengths of the school, but also to make suggestions about how we could become even better.

It is important to us to hear from our parents and to work together for the benefit of the pupils at the school, so please do come to the coffee mornings if you can, and take part in the survey. Further details will be sent out shortly.

## 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: I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Beint and Miss Barnard are Deputy Safeguarding Leads.

In line with good practice, all members of staff and pupils are regularly reminded about safeguarding procedures and how we deal with concerns if they arise. This formed part of our staff training day on Monday 8 January.

## Speech Day and Prize Giving 2018

An advance date for your diaries: the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving will take place on Thursday 5 July at Chingford Assembly Hall. As last year, there will be Foundation Stage celebration in early July, where we celebrate the achievements of our youngest pupils. These promise to be lovely events when we celebrate together the successes and achievements of the school year.

## Forthcoming Events

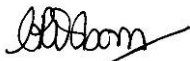
Tue 9 Jan		Start of Spring Term: school begins at normal time 8.40am Y11 GCSE Mock Examinations begin
Fri 12 Jan	09:30 – 15:30	Y2,4&6 trip to Madame Tussauds
Mon 15 Jan	08:45 – 09:45	KG Coffee Morning
Tue 16 Jan	10:30 – 15:30	Y3-6 Harry Potter Exhibition trip to British Library
	16:00 – 18:30	Y10 Parents' Evening
Sat 20 Jan	12:00 – 14:00	Oak-tree Schools Art Exhibition at Lopping Hall
Sun 21 Jan	10:00 – 16:00	ISA National Swimming Gala, Olympic Park
Mon 22 Jan	08:45 – 09:45	Reception Coffee Morning
	19:15 – 20:45	NSPA Meeting in the Hall
Tue 23 Jan	09:30 – 13:00	11+ Entrance Exam
Thu 25 Jan	14:00 – 16:00	Y10 Forest School Careers Fair
Fri 26 Jan	10:30 – 14:30	Y3&4 trip to Spun Candy
Mon 29 Jan	08:45 – 09:45	Years 1&2 Coffee Morning
Tue 30 Jan	16:00 – 18:30	Y8 Parents' Evening
Thu 1 Feb	09:00 – 15:30	Y3 Science trip
Fri 2 Feb		Y11 Full Reports published
	08:30 – 09:00	KG-Y6 Parents' Drop-In sessions
	18:30 – 20:00	KG-Y3 NSPA Disco
Mon 5 Feb	08:45 – 09:45	Years 3-6 Coffee Morning
	09:00 – 15:30	Y1-6 Maths Workshop
Tue 6 Feb	11:45 – 15:30	Y5&6 trip to British Library
	16:00 – 18:30	Y11 Parents' Evening
Mon 12 – Fri 16 Feb		Break for Half Term
Mon 12 Feb	09:00 – 15:30	Y11 English Super Learning Day
Mon 19 Feb	08:45 – 09:00	Seniors Coffee Morning
	09:00 – 10:30	Y9 DTP injections
Tue 20 Feb	17:00 – 18:00	Y9 Options Evening
Thu 22 Feb	18:00 – 19:00	GCSE Drama Component 3 Exam, Redbridge Drama Centre
Fri 23 Feb	18:30 – 20:30	NSPA Y4-6 Junior Film Night
Sat 24 Feb	09:00 – 15:30	Y11 English Super Learning Day
Tue 27 Feb	16:00 – 18:30	Y9 Parents' Evening
Thu 1 Mar	13:00 – 17:00	Y11 GCSE Drama trip to Woman in Black

Mon 5 – Fri 9 Mar		Junior Assessment Week
Tue 6 Mar	16:00 – 18:30	Y7 Parents' Evening
Wed 7 Mar	09:00 – 15:00	WE Day
Fri 9 Mar	09:15 – 10:30	Open Morning
Sat 10 Mar	09:00 – 13:30	DofE Training Session
Mon 12 Mar	09:00 – 15:30	School Production Tech and Dress Run
Tue 13 Mar	19:00 – 21:00	School Production Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Wed 14 Mar	09:30 – 13:00	13+ (any extra 11+) Entrance Exams
Sun 18 Mar	11:00 – 14:00	NSPA event: Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch
Tue 20 Mar	16:00 – 18:30	KG-Y6 Parents' Evening (Specialist staff in hall)
Wed 21 Mar	08:30 – 15:45	Y3&4 Hadleigh Park trip
Fri 23 – Wed 28 Mar		Book Fair
Mon 26 Mar		Y7-11 Short Reports published
Wed 28 Mar	12.00	End of Term Easter Break

I look forward to seeing you at the parents' evenings and various school events this term. With my very best wishes for the coming term and for 2018.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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