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## Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

### GCSE Examinations

The staff and I are proud of how our Year 11 have approached their final weeks before the GCSE exams start. We have seen determination, commitment and sheer hard work from so many of the year group. This year almost all subjects have the new GCSE exams, with grades from 9 – 1, with 9 being the highest grade.

The new exams are harder, with more content, no coursework and a greater number of written final papers. There is a considerable amount our pupils have been doing in order to prepare well so that they can achieve their best.

I hope our pupils feel well-prepared and positive as their exams start. I wish them well; the staff are all behind them and I look forward to sharing the good news of their results in August.

### Year 10 Apprentice Prefects

As Year 11 begin their study leave, those members of Year 10 who have applied to be prefects will have interviews and become apprentice prefects, in advance of the selection and announcement of the new Prefect Team. The prefect team comprises 12 Senior Prefects including the Head Boy and Head Girl, House Captains and Senior Prefects. The final team will be announced as usual on Speech Day.

### ISA Regional Athletics Friday 11 May

The ISA regional athletics competition took place on Friday 11 May. The PE department took about 50 pupils to represent the school in Bedford. It was an exciting event, with hundreds of competitors. There are over nearly 100 ISA schools in our region, in fact we are the largest region nationally, so this gives pupils the opportunity to compete in a large venue with pupils from many other independent schools.

I am delighted that we had some regional gold medals again this year, which means that those individual competitors or teams will represent the region in the prestigious national ISA Athletics Competition in Birmingham on Tuesday 19 June at the Alexander Stadium. Over the years we have had many pupils selected for Nationals, which is an excellent achievement. Once again this year I will be presenting medals at the event, so I am looking forward to the chance of presenting a medal to one of our own pupils.

### Sports Day Thursday 24 May

Sports Day takes place at the Lee Valley Athletics track for all classes up to 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. All parents, families and friends are invited to join us for the event. The pupils will compete in their Houses and the junior and senior sports shields will be presented.

Pupils come to school in their sports kit on the day, including track suit, and should bring sun block with them; juniors should wear their school caps. Parents of early years and junior aged pupils may take their children home directly from the track at the end of the afternoon; alternatively, pupils return to school by coach and can be collected from school or from After School Club.

## Years 7-10 End of Year Examinations

Senior school summer exams are in the week after half-term. During this week normal lessons are suspended and pupils have their exams instead. PE takes place as usual. These assessments form an important part of our monitoring of pupil progress over the course of the year. Parents and pupils will have received a copy of the exam timetable. Please encourage your sons and daughters to revise thoroughly for these assessments, which review the year's learning. Pupils are being advised on revision techniques in form time and with their subject teachers, and teachers will be directing pupils towards what they should revise.

## Junior End of Year Examinations

Junior pupils also have their assessments split over two weeks. In the week beginning Monday 11 June, pupils in Years 1 – 6 have their assessments in English, Maths and Science and they also have the annual INCAS progress assessment. All the assessments are to help us evaluate the progress each individual child has made over the course of the year. Miss Barnard is sending parents more detailed information about the assessments, and the class assessment timetable.

## Clubs from September

We are finalising the Extra-curricular clubs list for September at the moment and parents will receive a copy of the schedule at half-term. There is a wide range of activities for pupils to select in the Autumn term and I hope they enjoy the choices on offer.

## Dates for the Diary

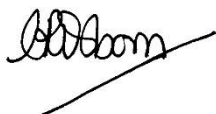
Tue 15 May	09:00 – 10:30	Year 10 Morrisby Profile test
	13:00 – 15:30	Y5&6 Tennis at Connaught Tennis Club
	15:45 – 18:00	Y9-11 Girls Borough Athletics
Thu 17 May	10:15 – 16:00	Morrisby Profile interviews
	15:45 – 18:00	Y9-11 Boys Borough Athletics
Fri 18 May	09:00 – 15:30	Y2 Quadkids at Feel Good Centre
Mon 21 May	08:00 – 17:00	Y8&9 ISA Tennis at Queenswood School
	19:15 – 21:00	NSPA meeting in hall
Tue 22 May	08:30 – 09:00	KG-Year 6 Parents' Drop In session
	12:00 – 15:30	Y5&6 Mini Tennis at Ridgeway Park
	15:45 – 18:00	Y7&8 Girls Borough Athletics
Thu 24 May	08:30 – 15:30	Sports Day
Fri 25 May	09:00 – 15:30	Y3-6 Quad Kids at Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre
28 May – 1 Jun		HALF TERM
Tue 29 May	09:00 – 13:00	Y11 English Super Learning day
Mon 4 – Fri 8 Jun		Year 7-10 Internal Exams
Tue 5 Jun	15:45 – 18:00	Y7&8 Girls Borough Athletics
Wed 6 Jun	09:00 – 15:00	Reception trip to Suntrap
Thu 7 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	Y5&6 Girls Cricket Leyton Sports Ground
	15:45 – 18:00	Y7&8 Boys Borough Athletics
	17:00 – 18:00	International Food Evening charity event (hall)
Fri 8 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	U11's Mixed Tag Rugby Championships, Bancroft's
Mon 11 – Fri 15 Jun		Year 1-6 Internal Exams
	13:00 – 15:30	Y5&6 Tri Golf Peter May Sports Centre
Tue 12 Jun	15:45 – 18:00	Y7-11 Girls Borough Athletics Heats/Finals
Wed 13 Jun	08:30 – 16:00	Y10 Cambridge Centre for 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Studies
	11:15 – 14:45	Year 6 Crucial Crew trip
Thu 14 Jun	15:45 – 18:00	Y7-11 Boys Borough Athletics Heats/Finals
Fri 15 Jun	08:30 – 09:00	Year 1-6 Father's Day Breakfast
Sat 16 – Sun 17 Jun		D of E Qualifying Expedition Weekend
Mon 18 Jun	09:30 – 15:45	Y7-9 G&T trip to Westminster Abbey
	14:30 – 17:00	Y5&6 Cricket (mixed) at Norfolk House School
Tue 19 Jun	09:00 – 15:45	ISA National Athletics Competition

Wed 20 Jun	18:00 – 20:00	Summer Concert
Thu 21 Jun	09:00 – 15:45	Y10 GCSE French students to Institut Francais
	09:00 – 15:30	Y5&6 Quicksticks Hockey Festival Olympic Park
	14:30 – 16:30	Y3 Cricket (mixed) against Norfolk House at Peter May
Fri 22 Jun	09:00 – 11:30	Y1 Redbridge JCC Synagogue trip
	19:00 – 22:00	Year 11 Leavers' Dinner
Sat 23 Jun	16:00 – 20:00	NSPA Summer Barbecue
Mon 25 – Fri 29 Jun		Year 10 Work Experience
Wed 27 Jun		KG-Year 6 Moving Up/Y7 Induction day
Thu 28 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	Y2 Value Games at Peter May Sports Centre
	14:00 – 16:30	U11's Oak-tree Rounders Tournament at Peter May
Fri 29 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	LAMDA exams
	09:00 – 15:30	Y5 Value Games at Peter May Sports Centre
	09:00 – 15:30	Y7-11 Mixed Borough Athletics Finals Day
Mon 2 Jul	08:15 – 15:30	Y10 (selected) Forest School Academic Challenge Day
	14:00 – 15:30	EYFS Celebration URC Church
	15:00 – 17:30	Y5-8 Swimming Gala at Forest School
Thu 5 Jul		Speech Day
Fri 6 Jul	09:00 – 15:30	Year 10 Careers Day and Mock Interviews
Mon 9 Jul		KG-Year 10 Full Reports published
	10:00 – 15:30	End of year Senior House trip to Harlow Activity Centre
Wed 11 Jul	12:00	End of Term

I look forward to seeing you at Sports Day next week.

With my best wishes for the rest of the half-term.

Yours sincerely



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