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Dear Parents

Re: April Head's Letter

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break, with the sunshine and longer days. As you know, term begins tomorrow, Tuesday 20 April, and I am looking forward to a busy and productive summer term ahead.

As Mr Hagger indicated in his letter on Friday, we will be continuing to follow the same Coronavirus procedures on the school site that were in place during the Spring Term. Arrival is now between 8.25am to 8.40am; children should enter the school building via their normal designated entrances. At the end of the school day, class teachers will be using the same places to dismiss the children.

As term begins the staff and I would like to say Ramadan Mubarak to anyone in the Normanhurst community who is observing the Holy Month of Ramadan, a very reflective and important time for them.

School Uniform

All the children should return to school at the start of the Summer Term wearing their correct summer uniform and blazers should be worn to school every day. As usual long hair needs to be tied back with plain navy accessories, or with the school coloured hair accessories available from the uniform shop.

Please check the school website for further details of the uniform for each Key Stage.

PE Kit

As previously, pupils should continue to wear their PE kit to school on the days that their class has PE or Games.

Charity Update

Congratulations to all the pupils for helping to raise £210 for 'Eat or Heat', the local food bank. I am incredibly proud of the school community for contributing to this project: we can never underestimate the difference our contribution can make. The organisers will be talking to the pupils this term about the impact of their donation on people's lives in our local area.

Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities this Term

We are hoping that the club programme for the summer term can continue as published, and we will inform parents as soon as we are able, if there are any changes.

Careers Events for the Seniors

We hope to be able to have some careers events this term. In more normal times this would have included work experience for our Year 10 students. They would have spent a week in the workplace learning about the responsibilities, opportunities and challenges of professional life. We also host an event in which professionals, including former Normanhurst pupils, from a range of fields talk to the students about their careers, giving information, inspiration and practical advice.

Mr Botha will be organising the annual careers talks for pupils again this year, in a COVID compliant way. If you are available to share your occupation with the pupils and would like to take part, please email him on the following link to introduce yourself: ebotha@normanhurstschool.co.uk.

Mental Health Partnership

At the start of the school year in September, I told parents about the school's continuing focus on Mental Health in my first Headmistress's letter. Although, COVID restrictions and the need to maintain 'bubbles' as far as possible, have prevented us from training pupils to become 'peer mental health ambassadors', we have introduced a number of mental health and wellbeing initiatives that are already benefitting pupils of all ages in school.

Last term we were able to set up 'The Hub'. The Hub is a room within the school that we are using to give pupils space to process their feelings and emotions and to enable them to receive wellbeing and pastoral support.

This term sees the start of a new partnership between Normanhurst and The Family Wellness Practice, which can provide additional confidential mental health support to pupils and families. There is an information leaflet attached to this letter, with further details.

If you would like to discuss more about the service and the types of support it can provide, or if you have any questions, contact me directly or Mrs Prior who is our Mental Health and Welfare Coordinator.

Class Photographs

We have booked a photography company to take class photographs on **Wednesday 28 April**. Weather permitting, they will be taken outside, or alternatively, in the school hall. The photographs will be available for parents to order before the half-term break.

Please ensure your children are in the correct uniform on the day, including socks and hair accessories. The photographs are always a lovely memento of the year, especially for any pupils moving to a new school in September.

Yearbooks

Work has already begun on the yearbooks for Year 6 and Year 11. We have lots of photos available at school, but we are aware that, as parents, you may also have some great photos taken over the years. We have therefore set up a yearbook email address which allows parents to send in photos to be considered for the yearbooks. Please email yearbook@normanhurstschool.co.uk and put either Year 6 or Year 11 in the subject heading. The deadline for photos is Monday 3rd May.

Staffing Update

Mrs Jayaram has been advised to shield from the beginning of the Summer Term and to work from home as she is in the final stages of her pregnancy. She will be teaching live lessons to her classes remotely from home into the classroom and there will be a staff member supervising and supporting the pupils' learning. The laboratory has been set up with a webcam to facilitate this.

I am pleased that this will provide consistency for the pupils and will enable Mrs Jayaram to continue to teach her classes and share her expertise. Experiments will continue as normal and the curriculum will be delivered as planned. Mrs Jayaram will still be available via email if parents would like to make contact with her before starting her maternity leave in June.

PSHE and Sex and Relationships Education

Parents are already aware that the Government has published new statutory guidance for all schools, including independent schools, for the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education.

Parents have had the opportunity to join the consultation and hear more about how we are planning to meet these requirements in school. The lessons take place in PSHE, and will be on the curriculum this term. We have updated the PSHE and Sex and Relationships policies to reflect the new requirements. These are now available for all parents to read on the school website, in the policies tab or by clicking on this link: <https://www.normanhurstsch.co.uk/parents-pupils/policies/>. If you prefer a paper copy, contact the school office and they will provide one for you to collect.

Prefect Interviews

This term we will be recruiting for the new prefect teams for next year. There will be prefect positions for Year 11 prefects and Year 6 junior prefects. The interviews will take place in school before the end of term.

An announcement will be made towards the end of the Summer term and successful pupils will be presented with their badges and prefect ties at one of our summer celebrations, instead of at Speech Day, which cannot take place in its usual format again this year.

Information for Year 11 Leavers

Year 11 Leavers' Final Arrangements

The Year 11's last day in lessons will be Friday 11 June. The following week from Monday to Thursday is set aside for individual meetings with subject teachers to review their GCSE work being used to assess their GCSE grades. Parents will be receiving an information booklet next week which explains the range of evidence needed for the award of GCSE grades this year, and how that evidence will be moderated and used.

Final assembly and presentations will be on Friday 18 June, details to follow.

We are hopeful that Year 11 will be able to have a leavers event to celebrate their time at Normanhurst. We are hoping to have a Year 11 celebration barbecue on site, if restrictions are lifted as planned from 21 June. Details will follow once arrangements can be confirmed.

Year 11 Book Return: Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 June

Text books or library books issued to Year 11 pupils need to be returned before pupils leave school. We are setting aside two days on which pupils can do this. They need to bring all of their GCSE text books, for every subject, to school in a labelled carrier bag. They may also have library books or text books from earlier in their school career, which have not yet been returned. These can all be brought back to school at the same time. Mr Clair will be collecting in the books and will have a list of books issued to each student. He will inform the students about where to bring their book bags.

Year 11 Results Day Thursday 12 August

We will be inviting Year 11 to come into school to collect their exam results on Thursday 12 August from 8.30am-10.00am. Mr Christou, the Exams Officer, and the leadership team will be in school to hand out the results and offer advice on the day. Any Year 11 pupils who will not be able to attend in person must let the school office know by Friday 18 June, so that we can make arrangements for your results to be sent out.

Summer Term Events

Normally the list of dates included in this Head's letter at this time of year includes special events, trips, sports days, and Celebration of the Year and Speech Day and Prize Giving. Although we cannot hold these events in the usual way again this year, we are planning to hold a number of smaller scale events for the children, albeit in a slightly different format, so that we can celebrate and share their successes.

Dates for the diary

Wed 21 Apr	16:30 – 17:30	DofE Information Meeting via Zoom
Wed 28 Apr		Class Photos
Sat 1 – Sun 2 May		DofE Practice Exhibition Weekend
Mon 3 May		Bank Holiday
Tue 4 May	16:00 – 18:30	Rec-Y6 Virtual Parents' Evening
Wed 5 May	16:00 – 18:30	Rec-Y6 Virtual Parents' Evening
Thu 6 May	16:00 – 18:30	Y4-6 Virtual Parents' Evening
Fri 7 May	09:30 – 15:30	Y9-11 Exam Busters Workshops
Sat 15 – Sun 16 May		DofE Final Practice Exhibition Weekend
Mon 17 May	09:30 – 15:30	Y7-11 Drugs Alert Prevention Workshops
Mon 31 May – 4 Jun		Half Term

Tue 15 Jun	16:00 – 18:30	Y10 Virtual Parents' Evening
Wed 23 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	KG-Y6 Moving Up Day
Wed 7 Jul	09:00 – 15:30	Sports Day (provisional)
Fri 9 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term

As always, if you have any concerns or questions you wish to discuss, please contact your child's class teacher, Head of House, a member of the Senior Leadership Team or myself.

Wishing you and your family a safe, happy and rewarding term.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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