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Dear Parents

Re: **Headmistress's Letter**

I cannot believe the term is going so quickly. It continues to be a busy one full of rich and diverse learning experiences. I want to begin by congratulating the Normanhurst pupils for their approach to their learning. I have been in lessons observing the pupils' progress and seen first-hand their engagement and enthusiasm in their lessons.

Open Morning Wednesday 1 March

We had our Spring Open Morning on Wednesday 1 March. I am very grateful to all of the pupils and prefects who helped out and were guides for the morning. Thank you also to the NSPA committee who helped to serve refreshments and to meet prospective families.

Community Fundraising

Well done to the Normanhurst School community for its efforts in raising money for the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. The school raised just over £600 pounds from the own clothes day and cake sale. Much more was donated to the Red Cross link and we are pleased with our efforts. Can I thank parents who also provided valuable resources required by Cllr Palta-Imre. We were grateful for the quick response and how generous people have been. The pupils would like to run another event to make a further contribution and details will be shared at a later date.

Residential Visits

We would like to invite parents and children into school for a meeting ahead of the residential trips in the summer term:

Year 4 - Thursday 4 May at 3.45pm in the Year 4 Classroom

Year 5 - Thursday 16 March 3.45pm in the Hall

Year 6 - Tuesday 25 April at 3.45pm in the Hall

Years 7 and 8 - Tuesday 25 April at 5pm in the Hall

Year 9 - Wednesday 26 April at 5pm in the Hall

The pupils will participate in a number of outdoor activities and embrace the outdoor experience and the presentations will be sent to parents after the meeting.

If parents are unable to attend the information evening or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Stone for the Junior trips on vstone@normanhurstschool.co.uk, Mr Clair for the Years 7 and 8 trip on pclair@normanhurstschool.co.uk and Mrs Saint for Year 9 residential trip on JSaint@normanhurstschool.co.uk.

NSPA Summer Walk

We are very much looking forward to our Summer Walk after the Easter holidays. We are hoping that as many families will be able to join us on Sunday 14 May. Further details will be sent to parents regarding the walk in due course. Thank you in advance to the NSPA for organising this event.

Pre-Loved Junior and Senior Uniform Sale

The sale will be held on Thursday 23 March from 3-4pm. If you are unable to attend but would like an item, please remember you can contact the school office and they will contact the NSPA.

Junior Assessments

The teachers have been working hard with pupils and looking at their learning and progress. Following Junior Assessment Week held from Monday 20 – Friday 24 February in Maths and English, the assessments will enable teachers to judge the children's current learning levels which they will share with parents individually with target areas for development during parents' evening. Junior Parents' Evenings will take place as below:

- Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 March
- Year 3 and Year 6 will take place on Monday 20, Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 March

These appointments will take place in the classroom and specialist teachers will be available on Tuesday 21 March in the School Hall. Appointments need to be booked for these meetings. Parents will receive the invitation to book an appointment in due course.

Senior Assessments and Examinations for Years 7 to 10

This is advance notice of assessments and examinations happening for Years 7 to 10. We plan to run the scheduled end-of-year assessments and examinations in May and June. Year 10 exams will take place from Friday 5 May to Friday 12 May. End-of-Year exams will take place for Year 7 to Year 9 from Monday 5 June to Friday 9 June.

Senior Entrance Examinations

The main Entrance Examination for new pupils wishing to join the Seniors at Year 8 or 9 from September 2023 will be held on Wednesday 8 March.

There will also be an additional opportunity to take the 11+ Entrance Examination on this date for prospective pupils who were unable to attend in January.

Year 11 GCSE Update

Year 11 pupils will complete their second set of Mock examinations from Tuesday 2 March – Monday 13 March. They have already received a copy of their exam timetable and this is also available on Show My Homework. Revision has is underway in preparation for the mock and summer exams, which take place at the United Reformed Church hall and in other places at school. In between exams, pupils will have lessons and be supported to revise.

During the Easter holidays from Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April we will also be hosting our Easter Academy as the pupils move closer towards their examinations. Pupils do not have to be in uniform during these days. They must sign in and out as they enter and leave the building. I hope Year 11 take this opportunity to support their revision by attending on site.

As we move closer towards the summer exams, we will be celebrating the Year 11's efforts and hard work by hosting a Year 11 Celebration Breakfast followed by the annual Year 11 Normanhurst School Prom on Monday 3 July at The Prince Regent's Hotel.

The summer exams timetable will soon be issued detailing the dates of the exams. All schools are required to keep reserve exam dates available in case this is needed for exams. We will be informing Year 11 parents shortly about these dates.

Important Dates for the Diary

Wed 1 Mar	09:00 – 11:00	Open Morning
Thu 2 Mar – Mon 13 Mar		Year 11 Mock Exams
Thu 2 Mar – Mon 13 Mar		Scholastic Book Fair (World Book Day 2 Mar)
Fri 3 Mar	08:40 – 09:00	Year 3 Class Assembly to Parents
Mon 6 Mar – Fri 17 Mar		Maths/Science STEM Fortnight
Fri 10 Mar	08:40 – 09:00	Year 5S Class Assembly to Parents
Fri 10 Mar	09:30 – 15:30	Year 7 & Year 8 Science trip, FSC Epping Forest High Beech
Sat 11 Mar – Sun 12 Mar	09:00 – 15:00	Duke of Edinburgh Practice Weekend
Fri 17 Mar	08:40 – 09:00	Year 1 Class Assembly to Parents
Mon 20 Mar	09:00 – 15:30	Year 8 & Year 9 Bletchley Park Trip
	16:00 – 18:30	Reception -Year 6 Parents' Evening
Tue 21 Mar	09:00 – 15:30	Year 7 Bletchley Park Trip
	16:00 – 18:30	Reception -Year 6 Parents' Evening & specialist staff
Wed 22 Mar	16:00 – 18:30	Year 3 & Year 6 only Parents' Evening
Thu 23 Mar	15:00 – 16:00	NSPA Pre-loved Junior and Senior Uniform Sale
Fri 24 Mar – Thu 30 Mar		Ski Trip to Madonna di Campiglio
Thu 30 Mar		Last Day of Spring Term
Sun 14 May	11:00 – 13:00	NSPA Summer Walk
Mon 15 May – Fri 16 Jun		Year 11 GCSE Examinations
Mon 12 Jun – Fri 16 Jun		Year 10 Work Experience
Wed 28 Jun	09:00 – 15:30	Sports Day
Sat 1 Jul		Summer BBQ
Mon 3 Jul	19:00 – 22:30	Year 11 Prom at Prince Regent Hotel
Thu 6 Jul	14:00	Year 1-Year 6 Speech Day
	16:00	Year 7- Year 11 Speech Day

The Leadership Team, your child's form tutor or I are very happy to discuss any questions or concerns that may arise. Please do feel free to email or contact the school office if you would like to meet with us and discuss any issues.

With my very best wishes

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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