



# Normanhurst School

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Dear Parents

### Re: April 2024 Headmistress's Letter

The summer term brings along very much welcomed lighter days and evenings and a spring in our step. It's wonderful to see the children with renewed energy for learning and new experiences. I hope you have all enjoyed the Easter break and Eid celebrations. We are welcoming the summer term with open arms, and we are excited for the events ahead.

### Summer 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. Summer uniform is worn until the half-term in October. 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.

### Mobile Phones in School

Please note the following about our mobile phone policy. Pupils in the juniors are not permitted to bring mobile phones or electronic devices into school. Pupils in the seniors are not permitted to use their phones or have them switched on from the time they arrive on the school site until after they leave. Mobile phones should never be used in school, in class, corridors, in the playground or in the toilets.

Pupils' mobile phones are collected every day during morning form time and they are kept safely until they are returned at the end of the school day. The school does not take responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones and they are brought at the pupil's own risk. If your son or daughter needs to contact you during the school day, they can go to the school office and they will facilitate any calls. Please could you discuss this with your child to ensure they understand the expectations. Your support is much appreciated.

### Years 7 to 10 Exams and Assessments

We plan to run the senior scheduled end-of-year assessments and examinations on the following dates:

- Year 10 exams will take place from Monday 29 April to Friday 3 May
- End of Year exams will take place for Years 7 to 9 from Monday 3 June to Friday 7 June

### Y11 Book Returns – Friday 14 June

Text books or library books issued to Year 11 pupils need to be returned on Friday 14 June. Pupils should arrange to return their text books directly to the school office so this can be recorded as returned. Please do not return books directly to teachers. 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. The office staff have a tick list to register all of the returns.

### **Y11 Results Day – Thursday 22 August**

We will be inviting Year 11 to come into school to collect their exam results on Thursday 22 August from 8.30-10.00am. Miss Reid, 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 14 June, so that we can plan for your results to be sent out at some point during the day.

### **Moving Up Day – Wednesday 26 June**

Moving Up Day is fast approaching and will take place on Wednesday 26 June, when pupils will spend the day with their teachers in preparation for next year.

Junior pupils will spend the whole day in school with their new teachers. We are also inviting new pupils who will be joining the juniors in September, so that they can meet their classmates. Parents will be invited into school at the end of the day to meet their child's teacher for next year.

Pupils who will be moving into the Seniors in September have a Year 7 Induction Day on the same day. Current Year 6 pupils will meet the new pupils who are joining us from other schools and there will be a special programme of activities for the day including a team building afternoon offsite. Our current Year 6 parents and new parents are invited to join us at 5pm for a meeting in the school for a short talk about life in the seniors, and will have the opportunity to meet the Senior Leadership Team.

There will also be a Pre-loved Uniform Sale in the afternoon from 3.30-4.45pm at the front of the school.

### **Student Leadership**

I always enjoy when our pupils present one of their ideas; they are so convincing and persuasive. This year some of the Year 9 pupil will be organising a Key Stage 3 Disco on Friday 7 June 2024 from 7-8.30pm. This will all be in aid of Rays of Sunshine [Rays of Sunshine](#). Tickets will be available from the school office after Easter.

### **Class Photographs**

We have booked a photography company to take class photographs on Monday 22 April. Weather permitting they will be taken outside, or alternatively, in the school hall. The photographs will be available for parents to order soon thereafter. Please ensure your children are in the correct uniform and footwear on the day, including socks and hair accessories. As Years 7 and 8 will be going on their residential trip, their class photos will be taken on an alternative day.

### **Prefect Interviews**

This term we will be recruiting for the new prefect leadership 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 during the summer term. An announcement will be made towards the end of term and successful pupils will be presented with their badges and prefect ties at Speech Day on Thursday 4 July.

### **NSPA Events**

We are excited that the NSPA has organised another walk on Sunday 12 May at 11am. This is a chance to join us for a short walk in the local community and have well-deserved refreshments afterwards back at school. Tickets are available from the school office.

The Normanhurst School Summer BBQ is on Saturday 22 June 12.00-5.00pm. Please save the date and look out for further communications from the NSPA. It promises to be a fun community event in the playground, hall and classrooms.

## Important Dates

Thu 18 April		First Day of Summer Term
Mon 13 – Wed 15 May		Year 7&8 Skreens Residential trip
Mon 22 April	09:00 – 10:30	Class Photos
Thu 25 April	09:00 – 11:00	Year 10 Morrisby Testing
Fri 26 April	09:00 – 15:45	Year 10 Morrisby Interviews
Mon 29 – Tue 30 April		Year 4 residential to Danbury
Mon 29 Apr – Fri 3 May		Year 10 End of Year Exams
Tue 7 May	09:00 – 15:30	Years 1-6 STEAM Discovery Centre Workshop Carousel Trip
	17:00 – 17:45	Junior PSHE Parent Consultation Session via Zoom
	18:00 – 18:45	Senior PSHE Parent Consultation Session via Zoom
Wed 8 May		GCSE Exams start
Thu 9 May	16:00 – 16:45	Years 5&6 Residential Trip Parent Meeting (music room)
	17:00 – 17:45	Year 9 Residential Trip Parent Meeting (library)
Fri 10 May	09:00 – 15:00	Year 3 Capel Manor Trip
Sun 12 May	11:00 – 13:00	NSPA Summer Walk
Wed 15 – Fri 17 May		Years 5&6 residential to PGL Marchants Hill
Wed 22 May	19:00	School Production 'Oliver'
Thu 23 May	19:00	School Production 'Oliver'
Fri 24 May	08:30 – 09:00	Kindergarten - Year 6 Drop-in Morning
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May		Half Term

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



Jacqueline Job  
Headmistress

