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Dear Parents

### Re: February 25 Headmistress's Letter

Thank you for all your support as we have navigated the Spring Term with some changes to staff and classes. Please be assured that any decisions we make about supporting pupils and the curriculum are made with the best interests of our students at the forefront.

#### GCSE Mock Exams – February

Year 11 pupils should have used the feedback from their last round of mock exams to direct their revision over the over the Christmas holiday and over February half term. The timetable has been published to the portal for your daughter to refer to when planning her revision schedule. Mrs Spencer and I have met with Year 11 to reiterate the JCQ Regulations and to reassure and prepare pupils for their last round of mock exams. Pupils must bring an exam pencil case with black ball point pens, a ruler, pencil, eraser and a calculator (if required for the exam). Please ensure that you daughter has the correct equipment in advance of the exams.

#### Assembly themes

Achievement Assembly and Themed Assembly will now be held on Friday morning for the whole school. This term we have explored the theme of change and why change can be good for us. Other themes for this term are: Holocaust Memorial Day (for Year 6 and above), Burns Night and how it is celebrated; National Story Telling Week and how love always overcomes negativity. Pupils will be awarded certificates and postcards in our Friday assembly so please do look inside your child's bag so that you can celebrate their achievements with them.

#### PE news

A reminder that Kindergarten PE days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays and Year 3 PE days will be Mondays and Fridays

Next half term in double PE lessons, Years 7- 9 will be travelling by minibus to Old Loughts Hockey Club. Your daughter will need a hockey stick, shinpads and a gum shield. They will not be able to take part in the lesson without these. Astro trainers are also recommended.

Please note that the length of the hockey stick should come up to your daughters' hip. Hockey will take place on the following days:

- Year 7- Fridays
- Year 8- Tuesdays
- Year 9- Thursdays

#### Staff update

As you will already know, Mrs Thompson has moved to Normanhurst School and Mrs Barr has moved to Coopersale Hall School. Mrs Adams is the class teacher for Year 3 and 4 and Miss Ali is the class teacher for Year 1 and 2. Mrs Andreou (one of our midday assistants) has also moved to Normanhurst to join their midday team.

#### News from FOBS – trips

FOBS have kindly offered to pay for a trip to see Wicked at the theatre in March for Year 3-11. They have also paid for the cost of the travel (by coach) and the interval ice creams. FOBS are also paying for a trip to Ashlyn's Play Barn for Kindergarten to Year 2 in March. We are very grateful to them for providing a happy end to the spring term with these exciting trips.

### Events this term

You will have been made aware that we have had to cancel some trips that were planned owing to a minimum restriction of numbers by some of the venues. We are working to replace these with some other local events. The cost of any trips that have been cancelled will appear as a credit on your next invoice. We will notify you in advance of changes to events and visits.

### Wellbeing at times of assessment and exams

It is imperative that students who are revising for exams sustain good sleep and eating habits as well as a healthy relationship with screen time. Children must have a break from the screen and phone to enable them to revise without distraction and to be able to sleep without the glare of a screen. It is very important that they wake up in good time so they have a stress free morning before the exams begin.

### Dates for the Diary

Please make a note of the following dates for this term:

Tuesday	04 Feb	U11 7-a-side Tag Rugby Festival at Eton Manor
Friday	07 Feb	Year 11 Workshop Year 6 and Year 10 GCSE RS Pupils Trip to South Woodford Mosque
Monday	10 Feb	Year 7 – 10 Assessment Week
Thursday	13 Feb	Year 10 & 11 Art Mock
Friday	14 Feb	Year 10 & 11 Art Mock Year 3 – 11 House Cross Country

### Half Term Break

Monday	24 Feb	Year 11 Mock Week Year 4 – 6 OTG Swimming Gala
Tuesday	25 Feb	Year 7 British Museum

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or Miss Wood.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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