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Dear Parents

Re: **March 25 Headmistress's Letter**

Thank you for all your support as we navigate the Spring Term with some changes to staff and classes. Please be assured that any decisions we make have the children's best interests at the forefront.

GCSE Mock Exams – Feedback

It is imperative that Year 11 pupils are in school every day to receive the feedback from their final mock exams. Teachers will be going through the exam papers in lesson time to best support your daughters' final steps towards taking public exams in May. It is important that parents engage with these conversations at home by asking your daughter what they must do in order to direct their revision over the Easter holiday. A copy of their report will include their mock exam grade and areas for improvement.

Year 11 Leavers Day

Year 11 will have their final day in school on Friday 2 May 2025. They should be onsite before 9.00am. Year 11 are invited to a Special Leavers Assembly at 9:15am where the whole school will say farewell and wish them luck. The school will then give them a special 'send-off' in the garden after the assembly. Year 11 are invited to brunch following the assembly at around 10am. This will be at Molen's Brasserie in Loughton with Ms Coleman, Miss Barrett and me. FOBS have kindly paid for this event. We will be taken by mini-bus and your daughter must make her own way home from Loughton after the brunch, which we anticipate will be an hour.

Your daughter must take home all her books from her locker on Thursday 1 May in order to revise. Pupils can attend revision lessons on Tuesday 6 May with the usual teachers for Tuesday's lessons.

Assembly themes

Achievement Assembly and Themed Assembly are held on Friday morning for the whole school. Mr Masood will be exploring Ramadan and what it means for Muslims living in Britain. Mrs Doss will be leading an assembly on the week of World Book Day about the importance of reading for pleasure. Year 9 will be presenting an assembly on the Hindu festival of Holi and how it celebrated around the world. I will be exploring International Women's Week in March and illuminating the hidden histories and contributions of important women. We always have a 'Special Assembly' at the end of the term that celebrates achievements across the school.

PE news

I am delighted to tell you that Miss Barrett is expecting a baby in the Summer Term. She will be starting Maternity Leave in May. With this in mind, and to provide consistency for pupils across the school, Miss Jemal will be teaching pupils from Kindergarten to Year 10 to cover this period of time (Year 11 will be on Study Leave). I will also be teaching her PSHE and Religious Studies lessons. I am sure you wish Miss Barrett all the best of luck for her forthcoming Maternity Leave.

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 Loughtonians 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.

Year 7: Friday

Year 8: Tuesday

Year 9: Thursday

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 Playbarn for Kindergarten to Year 2 in March. We are very grateful for the support and for providing a happy end to the half term marked by exciting trips.

Events this term

I am pleased to be able to offer some local trips for Year 7 to Holy Trinity Church and Kindergarten to Year 4 will be having a picnic and trip to All Saint's in Woodford, where we will be practising map skills and using public transport to navigate. Please see the events and trips list at the end of this letter for the full offer of enrichment.

Uniform for the remainder of the year

Pupils from Kindergarten to Year 5 are able to wear the summer uniform after the Spring Break. However, I am mindful that some pupils may not have the summer uniform to wear. Therefore, pupils can wear either the summer or winter uniform for the summer term this year.

A polite reminder that pupils in Year 7-11 are expected to wear black tights until we notify parents that pupils can wear socks. We always assess the weather forecast and inform parents in good time when the change to socks is appropriate.

Dates for the Diary

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

Monday	03 Mar	Year 11 Mock Week
Tuesday	04 Mar	KG, Year 1 & 2 Church Trip
Thursday	06 Mar	World Book Day Year 9 Netball Vs Chigwell School
Friday	07 Mar	KS1 Sports hall Athletics @ King Harold
Monday	10 Mar	Junior Assessment Week
Tuesday	11 Mar	Year 9 Parents Evening Year 8 – 11 LAMDA Exams UKMT Team Challenge Bancroft Science Fair Year 7 & 8 Netball Vs Chigwell School Year 3 & 4 Trip to All Saints Church
Wednesday	12 Mar	U9 – U11 OTG Cross Country Relay @ CHS
Thursday	13 Mar	Year 8 – 11 LAMDA Exams D of E Practice
Friday	14 Mar	D of E Practice
Monday	17 Mar	Science Week / Senior Assessment Week
Tuesday	18 Mar	Junior Parents Evening Year 6 Junior Citizenship @ TA Centre Ilford
Wednesday	19 Mar	Junior & Year 7 LAMDA Exam
Friday	21 Mar	Whole School House Football
Tuesday	25 Mar	Spelling Bee @ Oaklands KG – Year 2 Trip to Ashlyn's Farm
Wednesday	26 Mar	Year 3 – 11 Trip Wicked @ Apollo Theatre
Thursday	27 Mar	Easter Egg Hunt
Friday	28 Mar	GCSE Drama End of Spring Term

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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