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SCHOOL CALENDAR Autumn Term 2018 End Friday 21st

16 November 2018

Tuesday 27th November

December 2018

Year 8 Parent/ Carer information evening 6-7pm

Monday 3rd December Staff inset day school closed to

students

Thursday 6th December Presentation Evening Year 11

Tuesday
11th December
Early school
closure at

2.30pm for Community Party

Thursday 13 December College roadshow 6-7.30pm Year 11

Thursday 20th December Christmas Carol Concert

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The Waltham Forest Remembrance Day ceremony at the weekend was a solemn and respectful event and I am pleased that our students were able to play a part in it — I felt proud to see them represent the school in the parade and to lay the wreath they had made at the memorial. The project with Eden Girls' School means that these students now have a much better understanding of the sacrifices made by soldiers from many different racial and ethnic backgrounds during the First World War (please see Mr Morrow's report on page 3).

In school the GCSE mock examinations are continuing and the Year 11 students are focused on those. Elsewhere in school some of our Year 10 students went to see the Unicorn Theatre production of Grimm Tales on Tuesday, the final trip in a three year partnership WSFG has had with the Theatre. Our Year 8 students will have an opportunity to see the play in December as part of the school's ambition for all students to have the chance to experience live theatre. Year 9 students were also involved in drama on Tuesday in the form of a workshop delivered in school by Box Clever Theatre on Tuesday. On Monday next week a small group of Year 9 students will be visiting City Hall for an idea sharing session to develop a sequel to the Hate Play which all Year 9 students saw earlier in the year.

On Wednesday our Year 10 Art students had a local trip to the Vestry House Museum to do some observational drawing for their Collections Project, which is part of their GCSE course.

I received a letter from Great Ormond Street Hospital thanking the school for the money raised in the recent 5K run in Hyde Park. Ms Simpson and Ms Janes organised the run and encouraged students to participate. It was so successful that they have another run planned for December, this time it will be a 10K run (although there is a 5K option) and runners will all be dressed in Santa outfits! See page 4.

Finally, well done to the Alumnae Committee which organised the Quiz Night at school on Thursday evening. A good time was had by us all. Congratulations to the winning team. Over £350 was raised for Alumnae funds which are in turn used to support our students.

Meryl Davies Headteacher

Alumnae quiz night with Ms Kelly as compere





Together Walthamstow Remembers

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row"

On Sunday 11th November Walthamstow School for Girls joined together with Eden Girls' School to honour the fallen victims of the Great War. Ms Davies and Mr Morrow were joined by two student representatives (*Ornelda* and *Adjoa* from Year 9) to lay a wreath of poppies on the cenotaph outside the town hall.

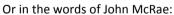


The laying of the wreath marked the final step in the

Remember Together project that both schools have been collaborating on for the past few weeks. The project was aimed at raising awareness of the contribution of Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs to the British war effort in World War One. It was also intended to celebrate the brotherhood and solidarity of these groups by creating a special wreath of poppies that would be laid at the War Memorial.

The ceremony was led by Mayor of Waltham Forest Sally Littlejohn and proved to be both a sombre and emotional service. Many of the different communities who had members that sacrificed their lives in the Great War were acknowledged in speeches made by the many guest speakers, each of whom told their own personal stories of how they remembered World War One. It was a moving and thought provoking service that left all those present deeply affected.

We would like to thank the hard work of all the staff and the students involved in the project and we look forward to continuing to raise awareness of the other groups that have been overlooked in the past.





"Take up our quarrel with the foe, to you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high."







Ms M Davies Headteacher Walthamstow School for Girls Church Hill London F17 9RZ

8 November 2018

Supporter Reference: 40156479

Dear all at Walthamstow School for Girls.

Thank you for raising a fantastic £563.17!

We hope you all enjoyed fundraising for us and are proud of the amount you have raised together. Thank you for choosing to support seriously ill children and young people at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) – please pass on our thanks to everyone involved!

Every day brings new challenges at GOSH. Every day, 618 children and young people from all across the UK arrive for treatments. Every day, doctors, nurses and scientists come together to make medical breakthroughs that change the lives of thousands of children across the world.

This extraordinary hospital depends on the support of people like you to help fund:

- · wards and medical facilities designed around children, which let the hospital treat more patients
- · pioneering research to find treatments and cures for complex childhood illnesses
- advanced medical equipment for treating the toughest conditions
- · support services that help make life in hospital as normal as possible for young patients and their families

Please keep in touch. If you would like a Schools Fundraising Pack at to let us know about any future fundraising activities we can support your school with, please email us at schools@gosh.org or call 020 3841 3131. To find out more about how your support is making a difference, or to download our free school fundraising materials, visit gosh.org/schools. We can even arrange a special assembly for you, to inspire pupils and teachers about the work of the hospital.

On behalf of the children, families and staff at GOSH, thank you.

Best wishes,

Laura Savory Head of Community Fundraising 020 3841 3131 or schools@aosh.ora

We (Great Ormand Street Hospital Children's Charity and its trading subsidiary Great Ormand Street International Promotions Ltd.) will always treat your personal details with the utmost of care and will never sell or swap with other arganisations for their marketing purposes. For full details of what information we hold and how we process your data, please visit our privacy policy at gosh.org/privacy

The next Great Ormond Street Charity run will take place on **Sunday 9th December at Clapham Common, South London**. The race starts at 10am. This time there is a choice of a 5km or 10km run.

If you would like to run and help raise money for charity then collect a letter from **Miss Simpson in G13/G14.**

The entrance fee is £12 for those under the age of 16, £20 for adults. The entrance fee includes a Santa outfit! Watch the following video to get a feel for what the day is like:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Nb6KOgpZio

If you have any questions or queries about the run (which you can walk!) please see Miss Simpson for more details.

Attendance figures for October 2018.



The following are the attendance figures for October 2018 and total so far. Winners postcards have already been issued .

Well done to 7C, 8G, 9S, 10C & 11S for being October winners.

Year to date winners are 7F (it's so close!), 8G, 9S, 10H & 11G. Don't forget, winners for each term receive a Form treat and 100% attenders receive a new star badge.

Ms King Attendance Manager

Important dates for Parent / Carers

Parent Information Evenings 2018-19 (special information pertaining to your daughter's year group).

Tuesday 27th November 6.00-7.00pm Year 8

Thursday 13 December College Roadshow 6-7.30pm Year 11

See page 6 for details

Community Christmas Party.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year at WSFG we host a community Christmas party. This is a very special event which is really important to us when the whole school comes together to organise a celebration with food, gifts and entertainment for the elderly members of our community. We like to show them how much we appreciate and value them and to make sure they have a good time with some great company.

This year, our community party will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 11th December.

We are starting to organise the event and to send out invitations to our elderly guests.

If you have any elderly relatives, neighbours, friends or contacts who you would like to invite, please provide us with their full name(s) and address(es) so that we can contact them. This could be via phone (020 8509 9446) email (info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) or via your daughter(s).

Additionally, if you have any unwanted (brand new) gifts that we could offer our guests, please send them to the Humanities office via your daughter(s). Last year was one of our best ever community parties and, with your support, we'd like to make sure this year is even more memorable. Thank you.

Ms Philippou Assistant Headteacher





College Roadshow Thursday 13 December 2018: 6pm to 7:30pm

During this term students in Year 11 will be receiving information about continuing their education after they leave this school. Over the last few years more and more students have chosen to go to colleges/sixth form schools to extend their skills and qualifications. At the present time the number of job vacancies for school leavers is small. Employers increasingly prefer applicants with a good variety of skills, abilities and interests. Continuing education is one way of increasing these.

Our College Roadshow is an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss options with established providers of A Levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships. At least 25 stall holders will offer guidance and information about courses, University options, required GCSEs and job opportunities for Post 16 year olds.

We hope as many students as possible, accompanied by their parents/carers, will be able to attend this event.

Mr Shackson Assistant Headteacher

Faculty News

MFL

"El Viejo Saloon" at Forest School

Last week, Ms. Griffin, Ms. Bourboin and Ms. Prieto took us to Forest School to see a Spanish play. It was an amazing opportunity to visit the school and we felt privileged to be invited to watch this play. We were able to expand our vocabulary and learn a lot from this trip. We were delighted to find that we could understand



almost all of the language in the play. This was a very memorable experience because the play was very funny. It was also great fun to go with our friends. Therefore we would highly recommend this trip to anyone studying Spanish or thinking of studying Spanish in the future.

By Qaliya, Amal, Tiko and Marianne in 10H and Zaynab and Hafsa in 10C.

Ms Prieto Head MFL

Music

Earlier this week, *Tulin* and *Maui* from the Year 10 steelband were filmed playing at No 1 Hoe Street, in preparation for their participation in Waltham Forest's 'Borough of Culture' Opening Ceremony on January 11th 2019.

The likelihood is that their hugely magnified images will be projected on to the Town Hall during the ceremony.



Tulin, Maui, and the camera operator.

Their music will be blended with the contributions from other local musicians - as we left, a trumpeter was warming up.

Mr Murphy Teacher of Steel pans.

Language and Learning Department.



A group of Year 7 students took part in 'Making Bath Bombs' activity organised by the Language and Learning Department.

They learned how to make 'bath bombs' using skin loving ingredients like Epsom salts and lavender oil, while applying team working skills including:

following instructions on a

recipe, measuring ingredients, guessing and deciding when the mixture may be ready to be assembled and finally moulding them.

It turned out it was not as easy to make them as they thought at the beginning. The feedback shows they enjoyed the activity, which some found a bit messy and others fun.

Ms Gerdellja





BRITTENWar Requiem

One of the most profoundly moving and uplifting pieces of music ever written, drawing on the powerful poetry of Wilfred Owen and inspired by the pity of war.

Saturday 17 November 2018, 7.30pm

Walthamstow Assembly Hall, Forest Road, E17 4JF

London Forest Choir and South West Essex Choir

Choristers from Chingford Parish Church and Waltham Forest Forest Philharmonic orchestra

Jonathan Rathbone, Andrew Sackett and Mike Emerson conductors

Cheryl Enever soprano

Andrew Mackenzie-Wicks tenor

Quentin Hayes baritone

The event will also feature an exhibition and talk – please visit the websites below for more details.

£14-£18 in advance, £16-£20 on the door Concessions (students and benefit recipients) £8-£10; children £3

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ london-forest-choir-andsouth-west-essex-choir 07845 156494

www.londonforestchoir.org www.southwestessexchoir.org.uk



Waltham Forest



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Explore Your Archive at Vestry House Museum

Saturday 24 November 2018, 10.30am-ppm. Free entry.

Explore a display of archives and printed sources, browse local history society stalls and drop in for local history talks and book signings.

Waltham Forest Archives and Local Studies Library Vestry House Museum Vestry Road, Walthamstow London E17 9NH

020 8495 4391





Community Events

Friday 16 November, Candlelit tales St Mary's Church, Church End E17 9RL 45 minute tours very 15 minutes from 7.15-8.30pm. £4. Stmaryswalthamstow.org

Friday 16 November, Starlighters Presents One Night only. Waltham Forest Community Hub, 18a Orford Road E17 9LN. Starlighters Theatre company host for one night a musical fundraiser to showcase local talent. All proceeds to the Walthamstow toy library and Waltham Forest Community Hub. 7.30-10pm £10, wfchub.org

Saturday 17 November, Inspiration Sales, St Andrews Church, 153 Colworth Road, Leytonstone, E11 1JD. Monthly sale of Fair Trade food and crafts. 10am-2pm Free. See website for further details, <u>standrewsleytonstone.org</u>

Sunday 18 November, Hoe Street Market, Walthamstow Trades Hall, 61-63 Tower Hamlets Road, E17 4QR. Shop for Christmas and support local artists, makers and bakers, 12-5pm free.

Friday 23 November, E17 Designers Night Market, William Morris Gallery, Lloyd Park, Forest Road, E17 4PP. Annual William Morris Gallery Christmas Shopping. 6.30-10pm £1 entry donation to the gallery e17designers.co.uk

Saturday 24 November, Stones Throw Market, St John's Church, Leytonstone, High Road/Church lane E11 1HH. The first of two Christmas markets 11am-4pm free.

Sunday 25 November, From Monoux and Morris to Beer and Bacon and Jam. Meet at William Morris Gallery, Forest Road, E17 4PP. Guided walk exploring E17's fascinating history. 2-4pm, £12, £9 conc. With £1 going to Prostate Cancer UK. bit.ly/E17MoncrieffWalk

Thursday 29 November, Stow Film Lounge presents Mandy, (2018 cert18). Wild Card Brewery, Unit 2 Lockwood Way E17 5RB. Doors open 7.15pm, film 8pm, close 10.15pm. Tickets £8.50/con £6.50 on the door. Pre booked tickets incurs booking fee. Pre-booked tickets and pizza offer £15.25. stowfilmlounge.com

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Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Tuesday 9th January Year 9 options evening

Thursday 31st January Year 11 Parent/Carer subject evening

4.30- 6pm

Thursday 7th March Year 9 Parent/Carer subject evening

4.30-6pm

Thursday 21st March Year 8 Parent/Carer subject evening

4.30-6pm

Half Term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

May Bank holiday Monday 6th May

Thursday 9th May Year 7 Parent/Carer subject evening

4.30- 6pm

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019