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	HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE			
Half Term Monday 12 th February - Friday 16 th February	Dear Parents and Carers			
Thursday 22 nd February Year 9 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 – 7.30pm	On Tuesday evening, WSFG hosted the Waltham Forest Life Chances Commission as it met to discuss the borough's students' access to the Russell Group universities. I attended with a group of older students, invited to ensure that views from the young people of the borough and their teachers were included in this discussion. Our esteemed visitors, chaired by Conor Ryan, from the Sutton Trust, were very impressed by what our students had to say and how they are not afraid to make their views known to an audience of headteachers, local Councillors, and other representatives from the council, business and industry and higher educational institutions. My thanks to <i>Ubah (11W)</i> , <i>Aleeza (10W)</i> , <i>Firdaous (10F)</i> , <i>Erin (10G)</i> , <i>Zahrah (10G)</i> and <i>Tenzin (10C)</i> for representing the school with such maturity at the event.			
Thursday 15 th March Year 8 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 – 7.30pm	Also on Tuesday evening, students studying GCSE Geography and their parents met with teachers regarding the forthcoming GCSE Geography field trip to Norfolk.			
Good Friday Bank Holiday 30 th March -	On Thursday we had our Parents' Subject Evening for families of our Year 11 students who will had their final formal opportunity to discuss their daughters' progress to studies as they prepare for their GCSEs in the summer. I enjoyed seeing all our parents and carers of this year group once more. Our parental attendance at events so far this year has been magnificent!			
Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2 nd April				
Summer Term Start: Monday 16 th April End: Friday 20th July				

Also on Thursday there was a community event entitled 'Our Children, Our Schools, Our Future' at the Town Hall, chaired by Council Leader, Clare Coghill, to discuss the challenges the borough faces to continue to improve educational higher education opportunities for our borough's young people.

My thanks to members of staff who have supported students attending extra-curricular events this week. On Tuesday evening Ms Cornford and staff accompanied a group of Year 10 students to see *Belleville* at the Donmar Warehouse in Covent Garden, starring television actor James Norton in a sell-out production. On Thursday, Ms Philippou took a group of 30 Year 10 students to Forest School for a Careers and Higher Education fair. On Friday Mr Walker and Mr Salmon will be taking a group of Year 7/8 students to the BETT ICT Education Show at the Excel Centre to demonstrate the use of an app which WSFG was selected to trial in Mathematics. Students attending are: *Julia (7W), Maria (7F), Gwen (7F), Emily (7S), Paula (8G), Alishba (8G), Zahra (8W) and Selinay (8S)*. Thank you in advance to all staff and students for their contributions.

For our Year 11 students, next week there is a focus on the future as they having careers interview events, culminating in Professional Interview Day on Friday 2nd February. All very good preparation for their college interviews and longer term.

Finally, good luck to the following girls, who are due to represent the school at the Waltham Forest Borough trampolining competition on Monday: *Sophie (10G), Sophie (10G), Marley (10G), Eve (10H), Sienna (8S), Anna (8S), Ruby (8F) and Amber (8W)*.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Meeting for Ski Trip 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Please note: there will not be a meeting for parents and students who are coming on the school ski trip on **Wednesday 17th February**.

Apologies for any confusion.

Student leave during term time

A student's absence during term time can seriously disrupt the continuity of her learning. Not only does she miss the teaching provided on the days she is away, she is also less prepared for the lessons building on that after her return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement which we and you must seek to avoid. Therefore, the school **DOES NOT** authorise absence during term time for family holidays or trips abroad.

Parents or carers do not have the right to take their daughter(s) out of school for holidays and the school will only grant leave of absence in truly exceptional circumstances.

A student who is absent longer than ten days after an agreed return date, or without authorisation, can legally be removed from the school roll.

Parents or carers who take their daughters out of school without the authorisation of the Headteacher face court action and a fine.

In considering whether or not to authorise leave of absence, the school will look at each case individually, taking into account a student's overall attendance, her stage of education, (e.g. examinations), and the reason for the absence. It is very rare that any student is granted leave of absence.

Leave of Absence forms can be obtained from the school office and all requests should be submitted to our Attendance Manager **at least four weeks before the first day of requested absence.**

Arrangements for trips should **NEVER** be made before permission has been sought from the Headteacher.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager



Our School History

On 8th February 1918, women who were householders over the age of 30 (6 million women) got the vote. Here is an article about the campaign that was led by our students who participated in the local campaign, as well as school.

Ms O Kelly,
LRC Manager

SUFFRAGETTES AT WALTHAMSTOW HIGH SCHOOL, 1912

How sensibly she dealt with what amounted almost to a revolution in Form II. It was the Osborne Bye-election of 1912, Sir John Simon was the Government candidate and the suffragettes came down in force. Simon must be turned out. All except two unhappy Liberals' in Form II became ardent suffragettes. Christabel Pankhurst was our hero. All over the weekend I sold "Votes for Women" on the Hoe Street corner, and Miss Hewett bought one. Then on Monday we turned our form room into a suffragette committee room, we hung the colours from the gas-brackets. The pictures were covered over with suffragette slogans. We barricaded our doors to all of different views. Form VI could not get through to their room. Even staff were barred out, and our two unhappy Liberals slunk miserably about the passages.

We couldn't break windows in Oxford Street perhaps but we could defend women's rights against the whole school if necessary. And while the excitement was at its height, Miss Hewett sailed along and we didn't quite like to bar her out. How I longed for her to order us to take down our notices, so that I could bravely refuse to do it. She was much too wise. Very pleasantly she looked round the room, and complimented us on our zeal.

Then she said, "I like to see my girls taking this keen interest in politics. I hope it is an intelligent interest, and not just rowdy partisanship. Let me give you a few simple questions to see if you know something about parliamentary procedure and how we are governed. Does parliament sit every day?" A petrified silence. What had that to do with votes for women? Then Irene Hitchman saved the situation. "No," she said firmly. Afterwards we rushed at her. "Shrimp, how did you know?" "Oh, well, I thought it wouldn't sit on Sundays!" But our revolution was over. We quietly removed our posters and life returned to normal.

Article from the 'Iris' magazine of December 1937 by Leslie M Greene (Campbell)

CELEBRATE WOMEN GETTING THE VOTE
LUNCHTIME in the LRC on
THURSDAY 8TH and FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY





Alumnae News

Last week end our oldest alumni Ethel Mattison celebrated her 106th birthday! Her are her memories of being at Walthamstow High School as it was known in 1923.



WSFG 1923-1929

I was at Walthamstow High School for one term with Miss Hewitt, the first ever Head Mistress, and then with Miss Norris, who was a Classics scholar, and it was she who had the Greek Theatre built. When excavations began, we thought it was going to be a swimming pool, but after the initial disappointment, I for one was delighted. It was opened by the Ben Greet Company with 'Medea', with Sybil Thorndyke in the title role. Later, when the school put on 'Androcles and the Lion', Miss Brown, the art teacher, made wonderful helmets for the Roman soldiers, from buckrum, painted with metallic paint.

Although there were still only 300 pupils since WHS was built in 1912, more facilities were needed in the advancement of education for girls, so during my stay the library and another laboratory were built and construction on the gymnasium had begun.

A group of us were once taken by three staff members to Germany, for a week to Goslar and Hilderheim in the Hartz Mountains, followed by a week on the Rhine visiting Cologne, KCoblenz and getting a wonderful view of the castles. Otherwise, our school trips were confined to England or the Isle of Wight. We were taken on fungus forays in Epping Forest every Autumn and on other field trips by Miss Dennithorne, mostly on Saturdays or for occasional weekends. We also went on visits to factories, notably Ambrosia, Yardley, Bryant and May and The Royal Mint. We even went by overnight train to Richmond in Yorkshire to see a total eclipse of the sun, but it clouded over so we didn't see the corona, but it was an exciting and eerie experience nonetheless.



Ethel aged 16

I was very proud of being at WHS. The school instilled a sense of social responsibility in its pupils and, even after all these years, I still find it obnoxious when I see people eating or drinking in the street, or dropping litter.

Ethel Mattison
(née Britton)

MBE for ex- Student

Janice Pettit née Warner student from 1965-1972

Janice a local Girl Guide leader has been recognised in the New Year's Honour's list with an MBE (Member of the British Empire) for spending for over forty five years volunteering with young people and the local community in the borough.

She also serves as regional chair of the Guides' awards committee for London which oversees groups in Waltham Forest. Her work with the Girl Guides led her to being offered a role in the 2012 London Olympic Games, as a "Games Maker". She was one of 70,000 picked from 240,000 applicants and volunteered for the 'Games' media team.



Congratulations to Janice from all at WSFG.



Year 11 College Information College Visits and Open Days

NewVic –Newham Sixth Form College Open Day Saturday 27th January 2018
9.30-12.30pm For further details go to www.newvic.ac.uk/

Sir George Monoux College Open Day Saturday 3rd February 2018.

Students Interview Invitation for LAE Tottenham

Our first alignment consultation date is set for Saturday 10th February.

Can you please inform your students to make sure that they are checking their emails on a regular basis to see the date and time for their interview (alignment consultation) with us? Also, if they are unable to attend, we ask that they inform us as soon as possible by email or telephone.

Any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Many thanks

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Access London (Shoreditch) located on the Hackney Community College Shoreditch Campus. 50 Hoxton Street, Shoreditch, London, N1 6LP. Tel: 0207 613 8380

Open Day Thursday 15th February booking essential

Taster Day Saturday 24th February booking essential

For further details go to <http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/london-shoreditch/>

London School of Economics and Political Science

Year 11 Summer School Monday 2nd –Friday 6th July 2018

Programme non-residential 10am-4pm daily

Student application deadline Sunday 25th February

Teacher reference deadline Sunday 11th March

Lunch and all materials included at no cost, travel costs reimbursed at the end of the week.
 Programme consists of:

- Classes, lectures workshops and group discussions
- Opportunities to develop team-work, problem solving, project and presentation skills
- An off-site trip relevant to academic sessions
- Interaction with current LSE students and advice on applying to university
- An LSE certificate presented in a closing ceremony

For further details email: ARD.year11summerschool@lse.ac.uk

Or website: lse.ac.uk/year11summerschool



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Information Evening
Anglo European School
Willow Green
Ingatstone
CM4 0DJ

Thursday, 1st February 2018, 6pm – 7.30pm

We would like to invite Lower Sixth (Yr 12), Yr 11, Yr 10 and Yr 9 students who are interested in pursuing a career in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths to our STEM information evening on the above date. This is an excellent opportunity for students and their parents to hear first hand from respected admissions tutors and professionals on both the characteristics of a successful university application and examples of what a career in a STEM related occupation involves on a day to day basis.

Exploring the academic aspects of studying STEM subjects we have Dr Simon Fairclough from the department of Physics, Kings College London, a Higher Education Adviser from the University of East Anglia who will cover topics such as how to make a competitive application and the range of STEM subjects available at university, Aerospace Engineer, Mrs Dee Amos, who is currently working in the Aviation and Aerospace industry who will talk about her career path and career highlights, plus the advantages and disadvantages of a career as an Engineer, Mr Gregory Bowlt who is an ex Anglo European student currently on an engineering apprenticeship at Revolve Technologies as well as other speakers from industry and Civil Engineering. At the end of each presentation there will be a short period to allow our speakers to receive questions from the audience.

We hope that this will be an informative evening which will provide invaluable advice to students and parents alike about future career options in this fascinating field. Therefore, if you wish to attend the evening please email stem@aessex.co.uk and we look forward to seeing you on the 1st February.

Yours sincerely
 Mr S Newton
 Director of Sixth Form



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LEADERS PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL

Time:	Singing:	Drama:	Dance:
2:00 - 3:00 PM	10 - 13 Years	14 Years +	7 - 9 Years
3:10 - 4:10 PM	14 Years +	7 - 9 Years	10 - 13 Years
4:20 - 5:20 PM	7 - 9 Years	10 - 13 Years	14 Years +

You can book for a block of sessions as follows:

Block One: 25th November - 16th December & 6th January - 10th February [10 Weeks]

Block Two: 17th February - 31st March & 14th April - 28th April [10 Weeks]

Block Three: 5th May - 26th May & 9th June - 14th July [10 Weeks]



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You must be 7 - 18 years old to apply, you must sign up for a whole block, you must live in one of the following boroughs:
Waltham Forest, Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham, Redbridge, Barking & Dagenham, Havering or Haringey



CARIBBEAN STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

AN INSPIRING EVENT AIMED AT
RAISING THE ASPIRATION OF
STUDENTS OF CARIBBEAN DESCENT.

24 FEB
2018

**NEWNHAM COLLEGE
SIDGWICK AVENUE, CB3 9DF**

10 AM TO 4 PM

ELIGIBILITY

To apply you must meet two of the following criteria

- Be of Caribbean descent
- In Yrs 10/11 and studying at a state school
- In Yr 12, studying at a state school and on track to achieve AAA or higher at A-Level

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
- THURSDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 2018-**

APPLY HERE: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cusucaribb

For further information contact Olivia Hylton-Pennant,
CUSU Access Officer access@cusu.cam.ac.uk

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LEGO MASTERS



Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed pairs of all ages to register interest in a second series of 'LEGO MASTERS' on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Applicants must be 9+.

TUESDAY'S CHILD

School Calendar for 2017-18

Spring Term 2018

Start: Thursday 4th January End: Thursday 29th March

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Thursday 22nd February Year 9 Parents/Carers subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Thursday 15th March Year 8 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -

Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April

Summer Term

Start: Monday 16th April End: Friday 20th July

Thursday 26th April Year 7 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Monday 14th May - Year 11 GCSE Examinations

Friday 22nd June

Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June