



# GREENSHEET



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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

In recent times, snowfall has been rare in London so it was greeted with great excitement on Thursday. Our girls, and a few staff too, had fun at break and lunchtime as you can see from the photographs!

The other news item this week was our short Ofsted inspection (Section 8) on Tuesday. Thank you to all those parents and carers who responded to Ofsted's request for your views of the school using their Parent View survey, which were hugely supportive of the work we do for your daughters. Under the new Ofsted Inspection Framework a short, one day, S8 inspection cannot change the school's current status as "good" but can only confirm that the school remains "good" or that they recommend that there is a full Section 5 inspection in the next year or two with a view to converting the status to either "outstanding" or "requires improvement". The other option open to an inspection team, where there is a safeguarding issue, is to return the following day and to issue a Notice to Improve. The team were not in school again on Wednesday.

At present the outcome of our short inspection must remain confidential and will be communicated to you when Ofsted have finalised their report and a letter will be published confirming their findings. You will be informed as soon as it is possible to do so.

Summer Term  
Start: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
End: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Year 7 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7pm

I would like to thank our staff, students and the Governing Body for their support and co-operation during the inspection process, for the welcome they gave to the inspection team, their conduct during the day and the confidence with which they answered the questions they were asked during the inspection. It was a long and busy day for us, with the inspection team on site from 8am until 6pm to meet with myself, the Leadership team, Governors, middle leaders, teaching staff, support staff, beginner teachers, and of course the students, to observe lessons, examine our systems and look at key aspects of the school's operation.

Other events this week include the excellent news that Waltham Forest has won the bid to become the capital's first borough of culture. Congratulations to the bid team; we look forward to seeing some exciting new developments which will add value to the experiences of both our students and yourselves, as residents.

Our MP Stella Creasy addressed Year 11 students on Wednesday about the campaign to end sexual harassment. A number of students flagged up their concerns last year, so it is encouraging to see that the matter is now being given the weight of MPs in Parliament. In fact, it was due to be debated later that day. This week the focus of the Leadership team assemblies, accompanied by our Safer Schools Police Liaison Officer, has been about raising awareness and advising girls on how to report incidents.

On Friday, weather permitting, the final Unicorn Theatre trip will take place. This will mark the end of a three year programme which has engaged every student in the year group with regular live theatrical performances. This has been a phenomenal undertaking by the Performing Arts Faculty, and Ms Cornford in particular, and underlines the high regard we have at WSFG for the wider elements of the school curriculum and our commitment to ensuring that the girls have a broad education and range of experiences during the five years that they spend with us.

Wishing you an excellent, warm and safe weekend and a 'Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus'!

Meryl Davies  
Headteacher

## Parent contact information



Dear Parents/Carers,

In an attempt to save time and paper, WSFG would like to keep you informed of important communication including our weekly Greensheet by using email.

Please take a moment to inform us of your email address, if you have not done so already, via [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk).

Please ensure that the school has up to date contact details. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

Fun in the snow at WSGF



### Emergency School Closures or Severe Weather

In the event of an emergency school closure the decision on whether the school stays open will be taken by the Headteacher after carrying out a risk assessment.

In the event of severe weather, the school will remain open whenever possible.

**Information about any closure will be available**

**on the school's website:**

**[www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)**

**by phone:**

**020 8509 9446**

**or via a text message**

We aim to send text messages to parents and carers, although there are sometimes delays in getting these messages through promptly, so please check the school's website for up to date information. Please ensure that the School Office has on record up to date addresses and telephone numbers including a mobile number and the person to contact in the case of a student emergency. It is essential that the school has at least **one** land line and a mobile number.

### Information for parents/carers Safeguarding Issue

We have had a number of students who have purchased art / stationery kits locally that contain craft knives.



The students have not known or realised that these are in the kit and have innocently brought them into school.

**Please be clear that craft knives of any description are NOT allowed to be brought into school as they are a banned item for obvious reasons.**

If in any subject students are required to use a craft knife, they will be given a school knife to use under supervised conditions.

Parents / Carers and Students, please check any art / stationery kits that are being brought into school and remove any craft knives that are included in the kit.

Thank you for your support in this Safeguarding matter.

Ms. K H Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**19<sup>th</sup> February – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**  
**Acts of Kindness**

Dear Parents / Carers,

At WSFG the students and staff are rightly proud of our school environment and of our positive relationships with each other. We would like to encourage this sense of pride by supporting and rewarding students when they “do the right thing”.

The Focus of the Fortnight will concentrate on students and staff acting positively towards each other and supporting one another.

Students will have a Kindness Card that will be signed when an act of kindness is witnessed and they will be given a **GREEN** Empathy point.

During the fortnight, five signatures on a student’s Kindness Card will mean she will be entered into a Year Group prize draw.

Ms Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher

**Rewards will be given if staff witness any of the following Acts of Kindness:-**

1. Holding a door open for someone
2. Offering someone help
3. Picking up litter that is not yours
4. Emptying recycling in Tutor Rooms
5. Any generous act of kindness

“ Kindness is a  
simple smile on a  
rainy day. ”

- RAKtivist

March 1st 2018

# WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day, the LRC hosted a Book Quiz for Yr7 students.

All students will have also received a £1 Book Voucher, to spend at your local bookshop up until 25th March 2018. They can also use them with the Scholastic Book Club Magazines which are available in the LRC.

Here's a chance for everyone to join in the fun by trying to guess the name of the book shown in the pictures below.

Ms Kelly and Mrs Guest



1 2



3 4



5 6



7 8



9 10



Answers - 1 The Tiger Who Came to Tea 2 The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas 3 Cherry Crush 4 Spot the Dog 5 Geek Girl 6 Diary of a Wimpy Kid 7 Harry Potter and the Cursed Child 8 Opal Plumstead 9 Win the Witch 10 Tale of

**Performing Arts  
Extra curricular timetable**

**February—April 2018**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm</b>	<b>AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-5:30pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>YEAR 8 NETBALL CLUB- SPORTS HALL (RWA)</b>	<b>YEAR 7 NETBALL FIXTURES</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>YEAR 7 NETBALL CLUB - SPORTS HALL (LWO)</b>	<b>YEAR 10/11 GCSE THEORY CLUB F14 MUST ATTEND (LWO)</b>  <b>YEAR 8 NETBALL FIXTURES</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>GCSE YEAR 11/ 10 –MUST ATTEND PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT SPORTS CLUB (FCA)</b>	<b>YEAR 7-11 FOOTBALL TRAINING</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>YEAR 7-10 BADMINTON CLUB –SPORTS HALL (CBL)</b>	<b>GCSE YEAR 10/11 – MUST ATTEND</b>  <b>TRAMPOLINING CLUB</b>



## Design a logo for International Women's Day

The theme for 2018 is **#Press for Progress**

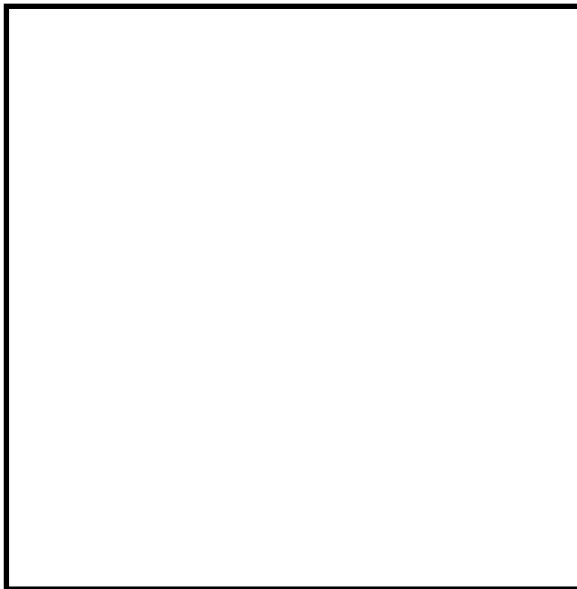
The winning design will be used on a variety of products such as bookmarks and badges.

The logo needs to be simple and memorable and must take up no more space than shown below (exact size). If you choose to use lettering these must be no smaller than 15mm (1.5cm) in height as they will be very difficult to print (or see) if they are smaller (use portrait or landscape).

You may create a design on computer or hand draw it.

Use bold and clear shapes as well as clear bold lettering. These will show up much better on the finished design.

Completed design must be handed to **Mr Streader or Ms Healy by Friday 2nd March**







## Alumnae wins Kenyon Medal

Newnham academic and former WSFG pupil is still breaking ground at 98 as she is awarded Kenyon Medal for her research – the first time a woman has received the honour September 28th, 2017

Classicist Joyce Reynolds has been awarded the Kenyon Medal 2017 for her life-time's contribution to the research and study of Roman epigraphy. She is the first woman to receive this award.

Joyce was born in Highams Park on 18th December 1918 and was a pupil at our school, before winning a scholarship to St Paul's Girls School. She studied Classics at Somerville College, Oxford and graduated with a first class degree in 1944. She directed studies at Newnham from 1951-1979, was Lecturer in Classics from 1957-1983 and Reader in the Epigraphy of the Roman World at Cambridge from 1983-1984. Now age 98, she is working on what people scribbled on the walls at Pompeii.

She can be seen here, alongside one of her former pupils, Professor Mary Beard and Professor Pat Easterling. Mary commented on both of them: "Joyce and Pat are two of the greatest classicists and classical teachers in the world. I was unbelievably privileged to be taught by them. They taught me what it is to learn, there's nothing more important than that."



As part of our celebrations for International Women's Day, it is wonderful to think that some of our former pupils have made such an impact on the lives of others. An inspiration to us all.

Ms Kelly LRC

## Music for Youth Regional Festival

Last week, the Year 10 and 11 Steel Bands performed at the Music for Youth Regional Festival in Camden. It was a delight to see our students working as a team from the moment that they started to pack instruments into the van until they performed their pieces on stage.



There was a lovely sense of community and the performances were met with rapturous applause. Both groups received extremely positive feedback from the Music mentors. They were complimented on their energy, sense of ensemble and technical ability. It was an excellent day for all staff and students who were involved. A huge thank you to Ms Careless – Pye who drove the van, Mr Murphy who teaches the bands and Ms Cornford for coming with us.

Ms Bradshaw  
Head of Music



**Remember to reserve your tickets for the Steel Pans 40th Anniversary concert on March 28th as this event will sell out.**



# 40 YEARS OF PAN at WSFG

Fundraising  
Concert



**WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2018**

7PM HEWETT HALL £6 ADULTS & £3 CONCESSIONS

[lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED - Reservations must be made in advance on a first come first served basis. - Payment in advance to Lesley Winter or on the door on the night (reservations only).**

YOUR HEALTHCARE CAREER STARTS HERE...

# NATIONAL HEALTHCARE WEEKEND

“ It just blew my mind! I met healthcare professionals who were honest and now I feel as though I have made an informed decision to pursue the career that I really want. I have been to similar events before but there is just nothing this good! ”

Sophie Bridgewater Year 12

ALL PHOTOS ARE FROM REAL MEDIC MENTOR EVENTS

JOIN US ON...

**24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MARCH**  
**2018**

- LONDON
- BIRMINGHAM
- CARDIFF



**Medic Mentor**  
 Motivating Medical Minds

## CHOOSE FROM 4 HEALTHCARE CAREERS

National Weekend is made up of conferences and UCAS lectures, each dedicated to 4 specific healthcare careers:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Medicine
- Psychology

**MEDIC MENTOR IS THE ONLY NATIONAL MENTORING ORGANISATION FOR ASPIRING HEALTHCARE STUDENTS**  
 AT [MEDICMENTOR.CO.UK](http://MEDICMENTOR.CO.UK)

## UK'S LARGEST HEALTHCARE CAREERS EVENT

With 8 conferences at 3 locations across the UK on the same weekend! Over 300 healthcare professionals teaching 2000 aspiring students from 800 schools!

Suitable for students in year 10-12. Parents and teachers are also welcome.

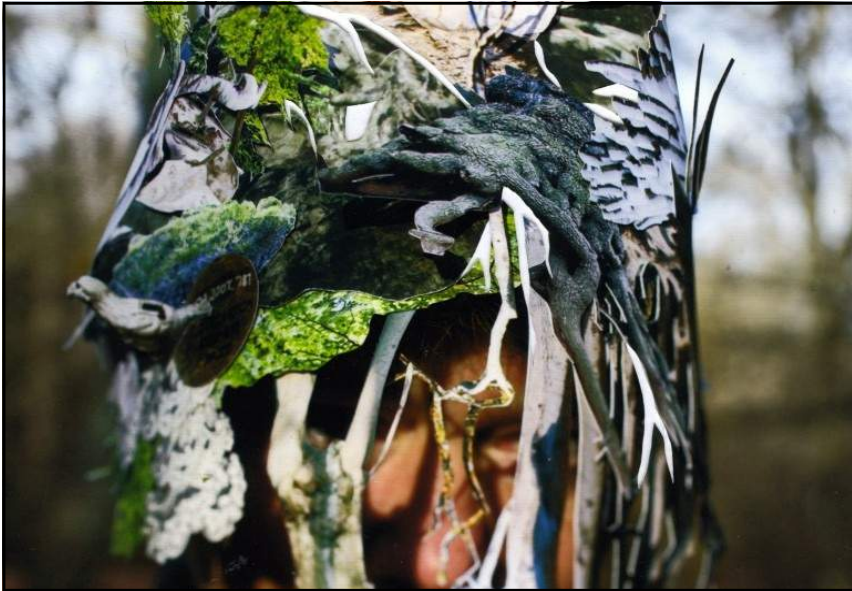
There is simply no comparison between students who have access to comprehensive application information combined with our mentoring support beyond the events. As a result, we have seen an increase in the number of more informed, successful and knowledgeable applicants

## Community Events



Gayle Chong Kwan's *The People's Forest* is an exhibition of new photographic and sculptural work exploring the history, politics, and people of London's ancient woodland, Epping Forest.

3rd March to 20th May 2018 *Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am - 5pm; free*



The exhibition is the culmination of Chong Kwan's two-year engagement and research investigating the Forest as a liminal threshold between rural and urban, as a site of historic and recent protest, as a shared and contested resource, and the conflict between capital and common.

Lloyd Park, Forest Road  
Walthamstow, London,  
E17 4PP  
020 8496 4390

Wednesday to Sunday, 10am-5pm

Free entry

## EASTER DAZE 2018



Ages 11-19

To find out more information about the Easter Activity Programme and other providers across the borough visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/easter](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/easter)

WHAT'S ON GUIDE –  
EASTER 2018



Date	Title	Organisation	Activity (use key)	Age	Duration / Time	Location	Page
09.04.18	Multi sports	Leyton Orient	Sports	11–19	5 days, 10am – 3pm	Leyton	19
09.04.18	Mountain Biking and Watersports	The Leaside Trust	Sports	11–16	5 days 10am – 3pm	Walthamstow	20
09.04.18	Trampolining	Waltham Forest Sports	Sports	11–16	5 days 10am – 11am or 11am – 12pm	Leyton	21
09.04.18	Squash	Waltham Forest Sports	Sports	11–16	5 days 9:30am – 1:30pm	Walthamstow	21
09.04.18	Animal Academy	Suntrap	Environmental	11–14	2 days 10:15am – 3:30pm	Epping	19
09.04.18	Lights, Camera, Act!	Dolly Dimples	Performing Arts	11–16	5 days 10am – 3:30pm	Chingford	19
09.04.18	Playback Drama	Beartuza Theatre Company	Performing Arts	11–16	5 days 10am – 3pm	Walthamstow	20
11.04.18	Bushcraft	Suntrap	Environmental	11–14	3 days 10:15am – 3:30pm	Epping	21

All activities must be booked via <http://wfholidayactivities.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Raising money for good causes**  
**STARLIGHTERS PRESENTS:**

**A moment in time**  
*A century of entertainment.*

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup>/Sun 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
**7.30pm**

**WF Community Hub,**  
**18A Orford Rd, E17 9LN**



**Tickets: 07391 595792 or**  
**07885 099468**

**Adults £8, cons £6 booked**  
**in advance**  
**or £10 on the door**

WF Community Hub

[www.starlighterstheatre.wix.com/home](http://www.starlighterstheatre.wix.com/home)  
[starlighterstheatrecompany@gmail.com](mailto:starlighterstheatrecompany@gmail.com)



## Year 11 College Information College Visits and Open Days

### National Healthcare Careers Weekend and Partnering with Medic Mentor. See page 9

Hundreds of healthcare professionals from across the UK will be volunteering to present and network with students who are interested in:

- Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine
- Dentistry
- Psychology

at **National Healthcare Weekend on the 24th and 25th March** taking place in **London and Birmingham**: 8 conferences on different specialties on the same day!

Registration is **£25** for students on the Saturday conferences and there is an optional UCAS lecture available on Sunday for each specialty.

Students can register on the Medic Mentor website and [find out more about the events here](#).

## School Calendar for 2017-18

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**May Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Year 11 GCSE Examinations
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June		

### Half Term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June