



# GREENSHEET



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Week 'A'

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

You will no doubt be aware that last week we had a serious problem with the telephone lines into and out of school, which was entirely beyond our control, but left us without telephones. We were in constant contact with BT and our telephone equipment provider to try to resolve the problems as a matter of extreme urgency and BT engineers were on site for several days in an effort to rectify the fault. We appreciate that this was extremely inconvenient and frustrating for everyone and thank you for your patience last week.

Opposite:  
students  
enjoying the  
sun in our  
grounds this  
week



Following last week's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshop for some of the Year 8 students, there were workshops delivered by the Smallpeice Trust this week for groups of students in Years 9 and 10.



It is important that there are more women in careers in the technical STEM areas, where they are under-represented in the workforce. We hope that the students found these workshops inspirational and encourage their interest further.



The GCSE written examinations start on Monday 14th May, we wish all our students good luck, also we know that all of our younger students will be doing their best during the KS3 examination fortnight.

Ramadan Mubarak to all members of our Muslim community!

Meryl Davies  
Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please accept our sincere apologies for the problems with the school's phone lines. We do our best to ensure that BT resolves our issues as swiftly as possible and trust that these issues are now behind us.

Engineers have been working on site to restore our phone lines as a matter of urgency. Thank you for your patience but please understand this situation is beyond our control.

Kind regards,  
Mr Ramlagan.  
IT Manager

**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
**Banned Items**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is on Banned Items. Please see page 5 of your daughter's planner for clarification of the items that are banned at WSFG. See also the list below. If a student is found to have a banned item in school, it will be confiscated and her conduct card will be signed. When appropriate, Parents / Carers will be contacted and will be asked to collect the item.

**PLEASE NOTE** - if your daughter has her mobile phone confiscated, she is NOT automatically entitled to have it back the next day. The school rule is that the phone will be returned to the Parent/Carer the week before the next school holiday. Parents/Carers will receive a letter asking them to collect the mobile phone from the school office on a given date. If Parents/ Carers wish to speak with the school about the confiscation of a mobile phone, please telephone the school and ask for Ms. Pratt. Please do NOT come into school and ask for the phone to be returned unless an arrangement has been made with Ms. Pratt for its collection. We do have arrangements for mobile phones to be handed in at the office at 8.30am for safekeeping during the school day as they are NOT allowed to be carried in school from 8.45am – 3.30pm.

In order to support your daughter and the school with this Focus, please ensure she is clear about the banned items at WSFG.

Ms. K.H.Pratt  
 Assistant Headteacher



**Sanctions to be applied.**

- If a student is found to have a banned item in school, it will be confiscated and the conduct card will be signed. When appropriate, Parents/ Carers will be contacted and will be asked to collect the item.
- If the item is dangerous, further sanctions will be taken according to the School's Positive Behaviour for Learning Policy.
- Banned items are as follows:- Illegal items, dangerous items, mobile phones, all electrical items, headphones, chewing gum, aerosols, liquid paper, glass bottles and non-uniform items (see page 5 of the Student Planner).

## Parent Carer information Ramadan

Dear Parents/Carers

Could you please ensure that if your daughter is fasting, she does so according to the sunnah method. That is they should have a full and nutritious breakfast (SEHRI) before keeping the fast.

Your daughter should not keep fast if she is feeling unwell. In addition, in the rare event of feeling very ill during a fast, she should break the fast rather than allowing her condition to get worse.

As agreed by medics, fasting is not at all detrimental to our health and in fact it can be physically very beneficial. However, the correct method of fasting should be adhered to.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

Mrs Ahmed & Ms Siddiqui

## Parent contact information

Dear Parents/Carers,



In an attempt to save time and paper, WSFG keeps you informed of important communication including our weekly Greensheet by using email, as well on our website. 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.

Thank you.

Ms N Janes  
Administrative Manager

## Houses of Parliament Trip

*During the Easter holidays, myself and some other students were lucky enough to go on a trip to Parliament. We were taken on a private tour and on that tour we all saw an array of things. From beautiful paintings to one of the oldest flushing toilets. We were also able to look at the Queen's changing room and it was huge. Overall it was a really fun day and a fantastic opportunity.*

Ornela 8C

*I really enjoyed the trip. It was fun to see all the places you see on TV and having the privilege to see historic places. My favourite place was the cupboard the suffragette hid in and the balcony view. It was a really nice day and I'm happy I had the chance to go*

Morenike 8H



The statue is the one that the suffragette chained herself to.  
(Marjory Humes, on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1909.  
The spur of the right boot broke off)

Ms Careless Pye  
Student Progress Leader Year 10

## Year 8 IET Challenge Day



WSFG welcomed Year 8 students from Highams Park School to participate in a busy and challenging STEM day. I was very proud of the students for their enthusiasm and work ethic throughout the day. This is what they had to say about the experience.

*Last week we took part in the IET Faraday Challenge Day in partnership with the Jack Petchey Foundation and Thorpe Park. Our task for the day was to design and develop an attraction for Thorpe Park, we designed a marine rollercoaster. We enjoyed the day and learnt a lot.*

*Eliza 8W, Keira 8F, Ruby 8C, Ladchumi 8S, Kasia 8C, Amanta 8S*

*We learnt many things for example: How to make a pressure pad with a sensor, how to work together to incorporate everyone's ideas. We have bonded and worked with new people. It was challenging but we were resilient and in the end we worked it out. We have really enjoyed the day and would definitely do it again.*

*Jessica 8W, Jai Ming 8F, Lulu 8C, Molly 8G, Emily 8S, Hannah 8G*

*Our team did really well, we struggled at times but all contributed lots of ideas. We learnt a lot throughout the day and were really proud of our finished project.*

*Amira 8W, Diana 8S, Layla 8C, Tabassoum 8H, Ornelda 8C, Emira 8F*

*Today we took part in the STEM project which was fun, interesting and challenging. We learnt how to work as a team, overcome challenges and solve engineering problems. We were very proud of our winning idea of an ice skating experience based on a maze.*

*Romayssa 8W, Maryam 8S, Mominah 8G, Sasha 8C, Sydney 8H, Rada 8W*

The winning team presented with their trophy and Amazon vouchers!

I am looking forward to next year's challenge day already.

Ms Healy  
STEM Coordinator





## Write2-a Life Poetry Competition

Write2-A-Life Poetry & Short Story competition was open to all young people (12-16 years) across Waltham Forest, in support of The Mayor's Charity, Diabetes UK, fundraising for local diabetes care services.

The competition is supported by the Mayor of Waltham Forest & Councillor Grace Williams, Lead Member for Children and Young People.

The themes were Hope, Health and Life (or any combination of these).

The following poem won third prize in the Write2-a Life, and was written by *Keira* in Year 8.

### Courage

*“Courage is being yourself in a world that tells you to be someone else”*

*We're here, we're queer and we want wanna shout  
In a society that might hurt us if we come out.  
Some of us are lucky– we can make it every day  
Just being ourselves and knowing that's okay  
Still, there are others living constantly in fear  
If they let on who they are, they'll lose all they hold dear*

*You've got some privileges with you being straight  
The least we're asking of you is that you don't hate  
Because too many people have lost their voice  
Being bullied for something that isn't their choice*

Well done *Keira*



## Alumnae News Quiz Night May 2018



Last week the Alumnae Committee held their second Quiz Night. The night was well attended by a wide range of people from the local community, who had hurried back from casting their votes at the local council elections. Ms Davies, our Headteacher, had spent the day in Cambridge and still stayed on for the event and Richard Murphy came after teaching Steel Pans. We welcomed back Alumnae members, school support staff, Henry Maynard Primary School staff and a host of other friends, including all in Orford Road.

We had a few technical hiccups - no microphone, so we had two "Quiz Mistresses", myself and Rhiannon Finamore (I had lost my voice by the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of questions). I was also concerned about my 'voice projection', as there was a table of *Greek Theatre Players* in the room, who would have undertaken the task with ease. I also didn't realise that when I dimmed the lights for the 'Celeb Kids' round that the eco settings on the lights would plunge the hall into darkness for half of the next round!



Ms Jolliffe and her family devised the questions and also asked local businesses for prizes. Debbie Bliss, Froth and Rind, Spar and Nisa, all of Orford Road, kindly donated items for the raffle and Mrs Barham cooked flapjacks to sell on the night.

The questions from the *Famous Quotes* round had a favourite of mine by Salvador Dali, "*The only difference between me and a madman is that I'm not mad.* I know the feeling!

We managed to raise **£427.50**, which will go towards funding extra-curricular events at the school.

I would like to thank Ms Jolliffe and the Alumnae Committee and everyone who helped towards making this event so successful and such fun, and hope to see them (and others) at our **Xmas Quiz on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.**

Ms Kelly  
LRC Manager

## Lost Property

Reminder to parents/carers.

**Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled.**

Students are reminded that you can collect lost property at **3.30pm** every day.

Parents and carers may also collect lost property **any day after school**.

Ms Jolliffe  
Student Services



Come to our  
**OPEN DAY**  
Saturday 12 May  
10am to 2pm

The College of  
Haringey, Enfield  
and North East London

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Photography Competition 2018

# Patterns in nature



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Closing date:  
31 July 2018

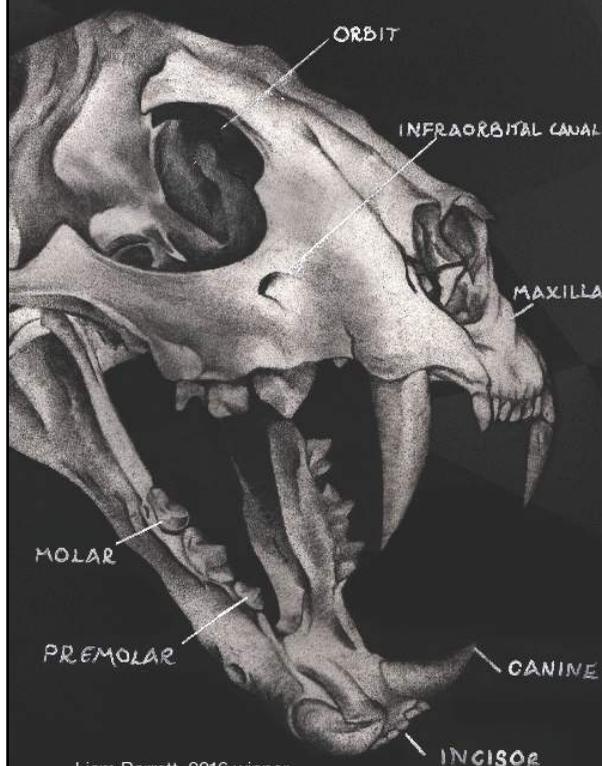
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# The Nancy Rothwell Award



Liam Barrett, 2016 winner

Draw, paint, sketch  
or digitally create  
artwork capturing the  
anatomy of plants  
and animals

Open to pupils aged 7  
to 18 years old

**RVC**  
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Veterinary  
College  
University of London

**Closing date: 10 September 2018**

[rsb.org.uk/nancy-rothwell-award](http://rsb.org.uk/nancy-rothwell-award)

## School Calendar for 2017-18

### Summer Term

Ends: Friday 20th July

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

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 11 GCSE Written Examinations

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

### Half Term

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

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Year 11 Leavers' Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July Summer Music concert 7pm

## School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

### Autumn Term 2018

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 Staff Training Day - School closed for students

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Lessons begin for students - Week A

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Early school closure at 2.30pm for Open Evening

#### Half Term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Early school closure at 2.30pm for Community

Wednesday Party 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 End of Autumn Term

### Spring Term 2019

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### Half Term: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Summer Term 2019

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

#### Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019