



# GREENSHEET



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Week 'B'

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September	Dear Parents and Carers,			
Open House	At this time last year I was writing to you about record breaking, stifling temperatures – what a difference a year makes, as we have shivered our way through the week!			
London 10-1pm	At the start of term, the school received some very good news in that we have been selected to become a National Teaching School and National Support School by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL). In addition, I have been appointed, along with seventy-four other school leaders nationally, to the role of National Leader of Education. This means that our school will be taking a leading role in recruiting and training teachers, supporting schools nationwide to raise standards and providing, in an alliance with other local schools and educational establishments, initial training and professional development to teachers. Please see the press release on page 2. This is a great honour for the school and we look forward to the challenges this will bring and to helping to make a difference to the education of young people, not just here in Waltham Forest, but also across the country.			
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## Press release



# National Leader of Education and Teaching School

14<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

## Headteacher at Walthamstow School for Girls chosen for key school support role

The headteacher and staff at Walthamstow School for Girls have been selected for top roles supporting schools in challenging circumstances and training new teachers.

Meryl Davies is one of more than 75 headteachers to be appointed to the role of national leader of education in the latest recruitment round.

National leaders of education, along with staff in their school, – appointed as national support schools – use their knowledge and experience to provide additional leadership capability in other schools in need of support.

The type of support provided is flexible and tailored to meet the needs of each individual school. National leaders of education also have responsibility for developing the next generation of NLEs and national support schools.

*Walthamstow School for Girls* is also one of over 65 schools that has been selected to become a national teaching school in the latest recruitment round, taking a leading role in recruiting and training new entrants to the profession.

Introduced in 2011, teaching schools are excellent schools that work with partner schools in an alliance to provide high quality school-led initial teacher training and professional development opportunities for teachers at all stages of their career.

They raise standards through supporting other schools, especially those in challenging circumstances, and ensure that the most talented school leaders are spotted and supported to become successful headteachers.

Meryl Davies said:

*“I am delighted that the school has been recognised as one which can support others. There is so much good practice at WSFG and across Waltham Forest in general which we are keen to share more widely. It is an honour to be appointed a national leader of education and I look forward to supporting other professionals to develop further in their roles and achieve their goals.”*

Roger Pope, Chair of the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL), said:

*“I’d like to congratulate Walthamstow School for Girls and Meryl Davies on being appointed as a teaching school and a national leader of education. They should be very proud of this achievement.*

*“Teaching schools and national leaders of education are at the heart of school improvement. They’re supporting other schools, attracting and training the best new teachers and developing the next generation of leaders. At NCTL, we want to do all we can to support their work.”*

Successful headteachers have been invited to attend a national induction event in Leeds next month.



As I look around the school, students in Years 7 and 8 (and in other years) are now all wearing our new uniform, introduced from September 2016 and looking very smart. Our new students and their families may be interested in the thinking behind the design of the new badge for the blazer and the school logo. It is symbolic for a number of reasons. The previous badge was designed in 1986 by one of our students and included hidden elements of the school, including: the rose garden, which was removed to make way for the car park, and the outdoor Greek amphitheatre, built in 1925 in which Dame Sybil Thorndike took on the role of Medea. The new badge retains a representation of the Greek amphitheatre, which the girls see as symbolising power, strength, knowledge and, interestingly, growth and which is also the site of our key transition celebrations in the school.

The date on which the school was founded was added, to illustrate the long tradition of quality education associated with this school. The lettering around the badge is in the same font, Albertus, as the font of our motto written in gold in the main Hewett Hall, named after another of the school's previous Headteachers. The acanthus leaf reflects our local links with William Morris and the Arts and Crafts movement, as well as the leaf design on the portico main entrance to the school and the pomegranate decorative design in the Hewett Hall.



The colour green has obviously been retained as representing both our history as the 'Green School' in both colour and deed, but also our values which underpin our vision for the school, built on our commitment to developing independent citizens, prepared to take risks in their learning and to embrace challenge and change. Finally, the other colours: gold for excellence, reflecting aspects of the school's decoration as well as the achievement board lettering in the Hewett Hall, and purple, representing the achievement of women and the battle to secure equality with the vote, or suffrage, and liberation. So our school colours now reflect those of the Suffragette movement, which is a fitting reminder of the power our young students have to influence the world in which they live.

If you are interested in discovering more about the [history of Walthamstow School for Girls](#), you are welcome to visit the school this Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> September) when it is open to the public from 10.00am until 1.00pm as part of the London Open House scheme and tours will be available with staff and former students of the school who are now members of our Alumnae Association. They are eager to share many interesting facts about the architecture of the building. Please see page 17 of this Greensheet for further details. My thanks go to those who have kindly volunteered to give up their time on a Saturday to host visitors to the school.

Best wishes,  
Meryl Davies  
Headteacher



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8<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, the school changed the uniform requirement regarding the colour of outdoor coats last term from plain dark to black, to take effect from the start of this autumn term.

This was communicated to you via our weekly Greensheets from the beginning of June and your daughter was told about this change in assemblies. It was also made clear on the uniform section of our website, where parents are asked to ensure when purchasing new items of uniform, that they are of the permitted styles. The majority of students have returned to school with black coats or jackets and look very smart indeed.

It has been brought to my attention that a number of parents and carers had not seen this message in the Greensheet, nor had they been given the information by their daughters, and they have purchased new non-black coats during the holidays.

I have heeded your communication with the school and fully appreciate your concern on this matter.

As a result we have delayed the introduction of these changes, with the exception of Year 7 students.

Please note the revised uniform requirement regarding coats:

Year 7	Plain black outer coat	(compulsory)
Year 8	Plain black outer coat	(compulsory from January 2018)
Year 9	Plain black outer coat	(compulsory from January 2018)
Year 10	Plain dark outer coat	(as previously required)
Year 11	Plain dark outer coat	(as previously required).

If any parent or carer experiences financial hardship as a result of these changes, please contact your daughter's SPL directly.

Yours sincerely

Meryl Davies  
 Headteacher



**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**5<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**The Focus**  
**All aspects of UNIFORM.**



- If a student is wearing a non-uniform item, it will be confiscated and she will be asked to change into an item of correct uniform provided by the school. The student will collect any confiscated uniform items at the end of the day from her SPL. The conduct card will be signed.
- If a student is wearing a skirt that is too short, she will be asked to adjust it but if it is still too short, she will be asked to change into an item of correct and appropriate uniform provided by the school. The conduct card will be signed.
- Any items of non-uniform jewellery will be confiscated and Parents / Carers will be sent a letter asking them to collect the item just before the next half term holiday. This will NOT be returned at the end of the day. The conduct card will be signed.
- If the lanyard or conduct card are not worn, there will be an automatic one hour detention that Parents / Carers will be informed of by letter. The conduct card will be signed.
- Please see **page 9** of the Student Planner for uniform and jewellery regulations at WSFG.
- NO trainers / canvas sport shoes of ANY type allowed.
- Hoodies / denim / leather and leather look jackets are NOT allowed on school premises.
- NO acrylic / false nails allowed.
- Blazers are **COMPULSORY** for Year 7 and 8 and **MUST** be worn at all times during the school day unless permission is given by a member of staff to remove it.  
 Sanctions will apply if the blazer is not worn by Year 7 and 8 students.

## School Uniform Update September 2017/8 (First issued June 2017 )

Dear Parents / Carers and Students,

We are very proud of our school uniform at WSFG and we wish to ensure that all students and their families are clear about the high expectations that we have in terms of the standard of dress that is expected for school. The WSFG uniform is very versatile and students have a number of choices of uniform items.

Please ensure that if you are purchasing new items of uniform that they are of the permitted styles. The recommended suppliers stock the correct accepted items of uniform. Any items that are not listed below are not acceptable for school and you will be asked to change the item for one that is within the uniform rules.

**Please note carefully the guidelines on shoes and outdoor coats which have been clarified for September 2017.** Also please note that your daughter will not be allowed to wear noticeable make-up that is not minimal or discreet. False nails or false eyelashes are also not allowed for school .

If you have any queries or questions about uniform for September 2017, please contact your daughter's Progress Leader.

Thank you

Ms. Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher



### **The compulsory uniform consists of:**

Dark, bottle green pleated knee length skirt or trousers in the acceptable school styles below:

- Dark, bottle green religious dress in plain, cotton fabric.

- Strictly no jeans style trousers, tight trousers or leggings are permitted.
- Plain white blouse with shirt collar to be worn by all. Shirts can be long sleeved or short sleeved.
- Plain white vest top can be worn under the school shirt if necessary.
- Dark, bottle green sweater, cardigan or sweatshirt without any logo. No other colours of sweater or cardigan are permitted.
- Plain black, white or bottle green knee socks, ankle socks or tights are to be worn at all times. **Over the knee socks are not permitted.**
- **Plain black low-heeled sensible shoes or boots. Trainers and higher heels are not permitted. Footwear must have black laces and not have pattern, colour or large branded logos.**
- **PLAIN, BLACK COAT OR JACKET that is suitably waterproof. See letter on page 5 for clarification. Denim, leather, faux leather jackets and hoodies are not permitted to be worn to or from school, or in school.**
- Hijabs must be plain white or dark bottle green with **no fringe** and must be worn pinned securely.
- School blazer with WSFG logo (see above) is **compulsory** for Years 7 and 8. This must be worn at all times. The blazer is **optional** for Years 9 -11.

#### **Uniform Extras:**

- Facial coverings are not permitted to be worn in school and if worn to or from school, must be removed once the student enters the school gate.
- Make-up, if worn, must be minimal and discreet. False eyelashes, eye lash extensions, acrylic or other types of nail extensions are not permitted.
- Students are permitted to wear one small stud in each ear (which should be no bigger than the size of a pea) and a wrist watch only. Facial piercings and visible body piercings (including tongue piercings) are not permitted. Any other jewellery items will be confiscated and will only be returned to parents / carers.
- Hair must be of a natural colour and hair of a non-natural colour is not permitted. All hair accessories must be small, discreet and plain.
- Coloured or patterned contact lenses are not permitted.
- The school reserves the right to ask a student who is not in correct uniform to remove non-uniform items or change into uniform items provided by the school for the day.
- The school does not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of any confiscated items.



## Breakfast Club for Year 7 and 8

September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to announce that WSFG has funding from Waltham Forest to run a Breakfast Club. This means that your Year 7 or 8 daughter will be entitled to a free breakfast **EVERY DAY** from **8:00-8:35** in the Dining Hall.



Our Breakfast Club has had a huge impact on students who have attended, including:

- Improved punctuality and attendance

- Improved confidence

- Developing social skills

- Providing a nutritious start to the day

- Managing stress

- And is also a great place to complete homework

We also know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day!

There are board games, books, newspapers, music and other activities available to provide students with the best possible start to their day.

This opportunity will be up and running for Year 7 and 8 pupils from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

I hope to see you daughter at Breakfast Club.

Yours faithfully,

*M Philippou*

Ms M Philippou

Assistant Headteacher

**Message for all Parents and Carers:  
Medical appointments during school time**

As you know the safety of students is paramount at Walthamstow School for Girls. We have a concern about students signing out of school to attend medical or dental appointments during school time.

Our attendance policy states that unless unavoidable or in emergency circumstances, **medical or dental appointments should be made out of school hours.**

If your daughter has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment, the school requires that you send in the letter or appointment card as well as an accompanying letter from yourself requesting that your daughter be allowed to leave school.

The school needs to see evidence of the appointment before we allow the student to leave the premises. We will also be 'spot checking' by telephoning parents and carers of students who wish to leave the premises to ensure the appointment is genuine.

I hope that you understand that we require this further information to ensure the safety of your daughter at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation in this and all school matters.

Ms King  
Student Attendance Manager

## 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



## Parent 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. We do produce a small number of paper copies.

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

### Attendance League for Year end 2016/17.

Below are the attendance figures for year end 2016/17. The competition was really close in Year 7 and 8.



Well done to the overall winners for the year, who are;

8W (last year's 7W) 96.31%,  
9S (8S) 96.63%,  
10F (9F) 96.15%  
11W (10W) 95.24%.

There will also be a raffle for each year group. The students that have 100% attendance for the whole year will go into the draw to win a prize. This will be done during an assembly sometime this half term. The termly pin badge rewards and have three new colours for this year.

For those of you that are new to the school, please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

Ms King  
Student Attendance Manager

**Performing Arts  
Extra-Curricular Timetable**

**Autumn Term 2017**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm</b>	<b>AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-4:30pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Year 9 Netball training</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Year 10/11 Netball Training</b>	<b>Year 9 Netball fixtures</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Year 7-11 Basketball Training</b>	<b>Year 10/11 Netball fixtures</b>  <b>Year 7-11 Trampolining club</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Year 7-11 Football training</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Year 7-11 Badminton club</b>	



**DRAMA**



## Green Awards in the LRC

Well done to all those students who took out books from the LRC during the first week back to school. You have all received a Growth Award. Choosing to read a book shows that you are committed to expanding your knowledge and are open to new ideas.

Evidence from exam results shows that students who develop a regular reading habit do better in their exams.

So keep reading!

Ms Kelly and Mrs Guest



### Year 7 Origami Club – Tuesday Week A

**This will commence on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, from 3.30-4.30pm in Room F38**

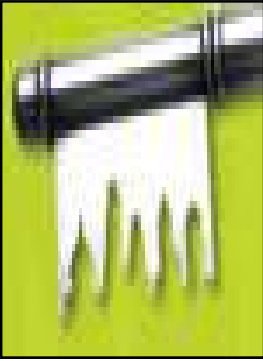
There will be 20 places in the first instance.

See Ms Robinson in F03 if you would like to express interest in joining.

Ms Robinson



## OPEN HOUSE LONDON 2017



It was lovely to see all the positive responses about the plaque commemorating Patricia Marino.

If you are interested in coming back to see your old school, we are intending to take part in

**Open House London 2017**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**10-1pm.**

This festival focuses on architecture and urban design. There will be guided tours of the school grounds, including the Greek Theatre, the Grade II listed Edwardian building and our award-winning buildings of 2010.

For further information about Open House events you can look at these links:

Facebook ([www.facebook.com/openhouselondon](http://www.facebook.com/openhouselondon)) and

Twitter ([@openhouselondon](https://twitter.com/openhouselondon)) with the [hashtag #openhouselondon](https://twitter.com/hashtag/openhouselondon)



**The main entrance**



**The crest over the door**



**Alumnae News**  
**Open House London 16th September 2017**

Open House is a free London wide event where buildings are open to the public. The emphasis of the event is architectural. For the third time, our school will participate in this event and open its doors to the general public to showcase its beautiful architecture and history.

It would be great to see more past students and staff at the event, as your memories and stories will be of great interest to the general public and other alumnae.

Guided tours will be available from **10am – 1pm** by members of our Alumnae Committee and volunteer staff and students.

Given the success of last year's AGM, we will be hosting the AGM on the same day, 1.30pm arrival for a 2pm start. It will finish no later than 3.30pm.

Whilst it is free to attend, we will be providing light refreshments therefore donations are welcome. We will discuss what we achieved in 2016-17 and what our plans are for 2017-18 and we would love to hear your ideas.

Please RSVP to Lesley Winter (WSFG Alumnae) at the school address no later than **Friday 8 September 2017:**

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

Telephone: 020 8509 9410

**It is important that we know in advance the numbers attending the AGM for catering purposes.** Therefore please confirm your attendance and encourage former school friends and teachers to come along to the Open House and the annual Alumnae AGM.

We look forward to building a stronger alumnae community and supporting the school– let's do it together as fellow ex-students and staff of the school!

Kind regards,

*Danielle Ferguson*  
WSFG Alumnae Chair



## Cycling Course Year 7



The course starts on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**3.45pm – 5.15pm**

Places are limited - 8 girls in the group;

### Dates and Times

Monday 25th September 2017,	15:45-17:15pm
Tuesday 26th September 2017,	15:45-17:15 pm
Wednesday 27th September 2017,	15:45-17:15 pm
Thursday 28th September 2017,	15:45-17:15 pm
Friday 29th September 2017,	15:45-17:15 pm

Your daughter must be able to stay on a bicycle with a level of control to be able to participate in this course.

She must wear comfortable clothing jogging pants are suitable, flat shoes or trainers.

**Meet at Muga 3.30pm until 5.15pm each day.**

She must not be late.

Our School has bikes and helmets for use so no need to own her own Bike.  
 If she is interested she should collect a letter from Mrs Dominique in G38.

**Mrs Dominique**

**Key Stage 3 Learning Mentor**

## Parents and Carers



### First 6 weeks free!

Our weekly **Yoga and Relaxation** classes for **Parents, Carers and Staff** begins on **Thursday 14th September.**

Sessions are suitable for complete beginners and take place at **WSFG** from **4 – 5pm.**

### Some of the many benefits of yoga include:

- Managing stress through breathing, meditation and movement
- Increasing confidence and positive self-image
- Physical fitness
- Improved sleep

Ms Wilkinson, who is certified by Yoga Alliance UK, said: ‘Yoga is a wonderful way to escape the pressures of busy modern life. For an hour each week we take time out to stretch out and simply to relax. One attendee even called our sessions her *‘weekly sanity spot’!*

*‘Sessions are very inclusive – everyone is welcome, regardless of experience or fitness level. It’s a small, friendly beginner level class, and a pleasure to teach. Of course, I am also delighted the students have reported very real benefits since they began practising.’*

### Testimonials include:

*‘I feel energised after class and I positively bounce home’*

*‘I feel that my posture is better and I’m more aware of how I walk and move generally’*

*‘The gentle stretches and relaxation were a treat after a stressful day!’*



Contact Ms Wilkinson on [swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) to sign up now for your place.

**Walthamstow School  
for Girls  
Alumnae**

**FUNDRAISING  
QUIZ NIGHT**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
7.00 p.m.**

**Tickets £5.00 per person**

Adults only - open to staff, parents,  
alumnae and friends over 18

Bring YOUR own food and drink

Tables of ten

**Booking essential**

To book a place please contact

**Lesley Winter on: 020 8509 9410**

**Or email**

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

## School Calendar for 2017-18

### Autumn Term 2017

**Start: Monday 4th September      End: Wednesday 20th December**

Saturday 16th September	Open House London 10 -1pm WSFG alumnae AGM 1.30– 3.30pm
Wednesday 27th September	School closure 14.30pm staff inset
Thursday 12th October	School closure 14.30pm open evening
Friday 13th October	Staff Inset Day school closed to students
Wednesday 18th October	Year 7 Settling in afternoon

### Half Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Monday 6th– Friday 24th November	Year 11 mock examinations
Thursday 9th November	Year 10 parents/carers evening 16.00 –19.30pm

### Spring Term 2018

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

Thursday 25th January	Year 11 parents/carers evening 16.00 –19.30pm
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### Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Thursday 22nd February	Year 9 parents/carers evening 16.00 –19.30pm
Thursday 15th March	Year 8 parents/carers evening 16.00 –19.30pm

**Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -  
Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April**

Thursday 26th April	Year 7 parents/carers evening 16.00 –19.30pm
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### Summer Term

Start: Monday 16th April      End: Friday 20th July  
May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Monday 14th May -	Year 11 GCSE Examinations
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Friday 22nd June

### Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June