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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spring Term 2018 End: Thursday 29th March

Thursday 25th January Year 11 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Half Term Monday 12th February -Friday 16th February

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

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

A Happy New Year to you all. The Spring Term has started apace, with Options Evening for Year 9 students and their parents/carers on Wednesday evening and the College Roadshow on Thursday evening for Year 11 students and their parents/carers. Around 22 providers of further education attended the Roadshow from colleges, schools and the National Careers Service to help our students make the very important decisions on the next steps for them, once they leave WSFG following their GCSE examinations in Summer 2018.

I hope the Roadshow will have inspired the Year 11 students, who continue to work hard in preparation for their examinations in the summer. Some of them have been sitting BTEC examinations this week and there is a Parents' Subject Evening for Year 11 students and their parents/carers approaching (25th January – 4.30-7.30pm) when parents and carers can meet with their subject teachers to discuss their progress in this important year for them.

Also this week, a group of Year 7 students were taken to the Royal Veterinary College in Central London and a team from Vaccination UK were in school on behalf of the Department of Health to administer vaccinations to any Year 8 students whose parents wanted them to have the HPV Vaccination. We are grateful to all of you who attended our Parent Information Evenings last term; those of you who put your names forward to engage more closely in consultation with us on various school matters will have been invited to complete a survey at the end of last term. Thank you for your responses, they are currently being analysed. If anyone else who was not able to attend would like to complete the survey, please could you contact the school office and we will send it to you.

I would urge parents and carers to read my letter in this edition of Greensheet (page 3) regarding the vacancy we have on our Governing Body. Although it is a serious commitment to make, I know that our Parent Governors have found serving on the Governing Body to be both rewarding and insightful and I hope you will consider putting your name forward for the role. It is vital to the school to enjoy the support of our governors and we are very grateful to Joe Billington, who has stepped down after four years as a Governor at WSFG, acting as Vice Chair for some of that time. His contribution has been invaluable in many ways during the past four years. If you are willing to make this commitment, we would be happy to hear from you. If you would prefer to receive a printed copy of my letter, this can be provided on request. Please contact my PA, Ms Royds, for a paper copy or if you would like any further information.

Meryl Davies Headteacher

Ski Trip 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

There will be a meeting for parents and students who are coming on the school ski trip on **WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY at 5.30pm**. The meeting will take place in the Norris Hall, which is just inside the students' entrance and will last until about 7.00pm.



Please note that this meeting is **for students** coming on the trip and **their Parents**. Please do not send an older sibling as your representative, as there are some important forms that will need to be signed by both students and parents.

The purpose of the meeting is to pass on important information regarding the ski trip including travel, accommodation, equipment and entertainment. We will also give a small demonstration of the type of clothing that is needed for the trip.

I will also be giving out details of dry slope skiing lessons for the beginner skiers.

If you are unable to make the meeting please let me know in advance, as all the forms must be completed before your daughter will be able to come on the trip.

Mr R Morrow. Ski Trip Leader



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Dear Parents/Carers

11th January, 2018

Walthamstow School for Girls has a vacancy for one parent or carer to serve as a school governor and I hope you will consider putting yourself forward. The Governing Body's role is the strategic and financial oversight of the school, and ensuring that students receive a high quality education which prepares them for the next stage of their education. This includes planning for future development and improvements, but not the day-to-day management of the school. For more information please see the governing body section of the school website.

If you would like to stand as a candidate please complete the reply slip attached and return it to the school no later than 3.30pm on Friday 26th January, 2018. If there is more than one candidate for the vacancy an election will need to be held, but this is a straightforward process. All you need to do is write a short paragraph (no more than one hundred words) saying why you want to become a Parent Governor; your statement will be sent to all parents and carers with a voting paper. Should only one parent or carer apply, then they will automatically become a Parent Governor. The term of office is four years.

The work of our governors is very important to the school in key areas such as oversight and development of the ethos and curriculum of the school; well-being of pupils; staff employment and use of resources as well as ensuring that the school maintains its high standards in all areas. You will be expected to attend an (evening) meeting of the Governing Body once or twice a term and to join one of its committees which also meets once a term. Governors are also encouraged to visit the school occasionally during the day and help in the oversight of an area of the curriculum as a link governor. We are not looking for any particular expertise, but rather a strong commitment to the school and its students, the inquisitiveness to question, and a willingness to give some of your time to governance. However, if you have specialist knowledge or relevant experience, do please mention this in your statement. Induction training is provided for all new governors and governors are encouraged to attend further training on specific areas of school governance paid for by the school.

As a school we are always mindful that the Governing Body should reflect the local community that the school serves and members of ethnic minority groups are therefore particularly welcomed on the Governing Body and are encouraged to stand for election as parent governors.

Please note that for the purpose of safeguarding, school governors are subject to an enhanced DBS check, administered via the school, which requires disclosure of any previous criminal convictions. Anything disclosed will not necessarily bar you from holding office and will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the school.

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Yours faithfully

Mery Davies







Please return this slip in an envelope marked for the attention of Ms Royds and return to
the school office by Friday 26th January 2018.

I wish to stand as a candidate for election as Parent Governor at Walthamstow School for Girls.

First name:

Family Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms etc.):

Signed:

Home Address:

These details will appear on the ballot paper sent to parents.

Remember to include your statement (no more than one hundred words) saying why you want to be a school governor and what skills/knowledge you feel that the board will benefit from .

Year 9 students: GCSE Separate Sciences

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware from the Year 9 Parent Information Evening and presentations in Year 9 assembly, there are 2 possible routes of study in GCSE Science. Students can follow a combined GCSE course which includes an equal balance of Chemistry, Physics and Biology units and results in a double award GCSE with an average grade for the three subjects or students can follow a Separate Sciences route which results in 3 separate GCSEs (Chemistry/ Biology/ Physics).

In order that each student pursues the best science GCSE route to ensure that she achieves the best GCSE grades in science, students who would like to be considered for the separate science GCSEs are invited to sit a separate sciences assessment test on **Thursday 7**th **February**. This will take place in the Hewett Hall after school from **3.30-4.30pm**.

Students will be able to collect a permission letter from their science teacher in January if they wish to attend this assessment. The criteria that we are using will allow girls that achieve an "extending" level in this test to study the separate sciences. It is recommended that students prepare for the test by revising the following:

- Plant growth
- Photosynthesis
- Rocks and fossils
- Particles
- Word and symbol equations
- Forces
- Speed
- Heat and insulation
- Light
- Generating electricity
- Science investigation: linked to carrying out experiments

Please note students who wish to study the Combined Award (double science) are not required to sit this test.

If you have any questions regarding the routes available for study in science please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Kerr Head of Science

Focus of the Fortnight 15th – 27th January 2018 Litter in the School Environment

Dear Parents / Carers,

All members of our school community deserve to learn and work in a clean, healthy, litter-free environment. We have litter bins all around the areas of the school buildings and grounds where students are allowed to eat and drink. There are also bins with lids in each classroom. We want to keep our school environment clean and litter free. We expect staff and students to model good litter management by picking up litter when it is seen. By working together, we can keep WSFG litter-free.

Ms. K.H.Pratt Assistant Headteacher





We all have the right to learn and work in a clean, healthy, litter-free environment.



Staff and students are expected to pick up litter that is seen in order to model positive litter management.



During the Focus Fortnight, there will be rewards for picking up litter, so check any litter picked up **BEFORE** putting it in the bin as you may have won a prize which will be written onto the piece of litter!

Let's all work together to keep WSFG a clean, healthy, litter-free environment.

100% Attendance for December

Below are the attendance figures for December 2017 and total so far. Winners postcards are in form tutor pigeon holes ready for you to share with your form groups and pin on your noticeboards.



Well done to 7C, 8H, 9S, 10S and 11W for being December winners.

Year to date winners are 7C, 8C (Year 8 competition is so close), 9S, 10S & 11H.

100% certificates and pin badges will be given to the SPLs in the next couple of weeks. Please let the students know that they are allowed to pin the badges onto their lanyards.

Our Headteacher will also be sending postcards to the successful forms.

Ms King Student Attendance Manager

DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTERSCHOOL	
	12:30pm-1:00pm	3:30pm-5:30pm	
Monday	YEAR 7 NETBALL Sports hall -FCA		
Tuesday	GCSE PE YEAR 10/11 ONLY	YEAR 7 Football fixtures FCA	
,	Trampolining club – sports hall RWA		
Wednesday		YEAR 11 GCSE THEORY CLUB -W33 LWO	
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Thursday	YEAR 7 Football training - sports hall LWO	YEAR 9 Tottenham Football training - sports hall	
		YEAR 9 Football fixtures LWO	
Friday	YEAR 7-10 Badminton club-sports hall CBL		
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Community Events

Fawcett Society Fundraiser- Saturday 20th January

There will be a fundraiser at Pillars Brewery on the Ravenswood Industrial Estate on **Saturday 20th January** from 7pm to celebrate the centenary of the first votes for women. There will be an evening of comedy and music, and 10% of all profits will be donated to the Fawcett Society. You can book tickets online here. and tutor. For more information on the course <u>please email them</u>.

Pop up Pottery - Thursday 25th January

On **Thursday 25th January** between **7.15pm to 9.30pm** there will be a pop up pottery event at the Mill Community Centre on Coppermill Lane. Decorate a beautiful ceramic travel mug. £15 per person payable in advance. Limited spaces. Booking is required. To book email <u>info@themille17.org</u> or call 0208 521 3211.

Bicycle Exhibition- on until Sunday 25th February 2018

John Kemp Starley (1855 – 1901) was born in Walthamstow and played a key role in the development of the modern bicycle. Starley's modifications to the 'safety' bicycle enabled more people than ever before to access this form of transport, leading to the 'bicycle craze' of the late 19th century.

The exhibition, hosted at the Vestry Museum in Walthamstow village, explores Starley's developments, still reflected in bicycles today, and celebrates his legacy in terms of the bicycle's unimagined social impact on health, social mobility and sustainability throughout the decades both here and abroad.

This exhibition runs from Saturday 9th September until Sunday 25th February 2018.



See the commemorative plaque on our school wall

Dear Students at Walthamstow School for Girls

Short Story Writing Competition – Soroptimist Society

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement working together to transform the lives of women and girls. There are 80,000 club members in 132 countries and we work at a local, national and international level to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls.

We are launching a competition to celebrate literacy and as an opportunity for you to learn something about girls and women in other countries. You will find a number of photographs displayed around school, including the noticeboard outside the front office and on page 15, together with the name of the country where each was taken. To enter the competition, please write a short story using the people in one of the photographs as your inspiration. Use your imagination! Please include some details about the country where your chosen photograph was taken in your story.

Word limit: max 1000 words

Our Club will award book prizes for the winning entries. We look forward to reading your stories!

Please submit your entries by Friday 19th January, 2018 to the school's email address <u>info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk</u>; with "Soroptimist Competition" in the subject line and marked for the attention of the London Central and South West Soroptimist Club and these will be passed to the competition adjudicators shortly after the closing date. Please include your name, the number of the photograph and country you have chosen to write about.

Thank you for taking part,

Yours sincerely

The London Central and South West Soroptimist Club

Soroptimist Society Short story writing competition

WORD LIMIT 1000 words

Please email entries to: <u>info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk</u> Add **"SOROPTIMIST COMPETITION"** in the email subject line and include:

- 1. Your name and form
- 2. The number of the picture selected
- 3. The name of the country you have selected to write about

Before the deadline on Friday 19th January, 2018



1. Rwanda 1



2. Rwanda 2



3. Syria



5. Nepal



4. Nigeria



6. Pakistan

Olive Dining Menus for the Spring Term

All menus are subject to change. This week we are on Menu Week TWO.

Please note the cost of a school meal is £2.15.

A reminder to parents/carers that if you wish to pay for your daughter's school meals by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'Olive Dining Ltd'.

All students have also been given usernames and passwords to enable payments to be made online via our SQUID system (see the school website for details). If you would like a reminder of your daughter's username and password please contact the school on the usual numbers.





Year 11 College Information College Visits and Open Days

Holy Family will be in school for a lunch time visit next Monday (15th January).

Tech City College Open Evening event at takes place on Tuesday 16th January 2017 from 4.30pm – 7.30pm. 263-269 City Road, Islington, EC1V1JX.

Beal High School Sixth Form Progression Evening on Tuesday 16th January from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

This is not an Open Evening and only for students who are seriously considering applying to Beal High School Sixth Form and are on track to meet their entry requirements. Invitation to this event has only been extended to a couple of schools and we have been selected as a number of our ex-students have gone on to study at Beal Sixth Form.

There are only 20 places available for WSFG students and if you are interested you must collect a letter from Ms Warren in G05.

Letters will be distributed on a first come first served basis and if you are given a letter you are committing to attending the event. Only students who have an invitation letter will be allowed at the event.

Heathcote Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 17th January 2018.

Highams Park School Open Evening on Thursday 18th January from 6pm.

Isaac Newton Academy Open Evening on 18th January 2018 6pm – 7pm

Chingford Foundation has confirmed a visit for Tuesday 23rd January.

Richard Harrison, Regents High School, lunch time session on Monday 29th January.

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

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

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/





Would you like to be able to speak English with more confidence? Then why not join an English Conversation club. Run by trained volunteers, English Conversation Clubs allow you to practise speaking English in an informal, relaxed environment. The clubs are **free** and take place on different days and in different venues across the borough. You will make friends and get the opportunity to discuss lots of different topics. Each week you will find that you can express yourself better in English. There is no need to book in advance, you can just drop in.

Tell me more:

Who for? Speakers of other languages who wish to be helped to improve their English language skills.

What can I expect? A range of spoken activities (games, conversation on chosen topics, etc.), tailored to the appropriate level(s) of those attending.

Who runs the Clubs? Volunteers who have been trained by the Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service.

Any charge? These English Conversation Clubs are completely free. There is no need to book in advance – just turn up.

I have very little spoken English – does that matter? No – you would be very welcome!

Is there written work? No – unless participants wish to pursue activities which require some writing.

Where and when? Hale End Library in Highams Park, 13:45 to 15:00 hours, on Fridays 12th, 19th, 26th of January and 2nd February.

Contact for more information, or classes at different times: <u>Conversationclub.als@walthamforest.gov.uk</u> Or Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service 23 North Birkbeck Road Leytonstone E11 4JF Direct line: 020 8496 1130

Or follow this link to see other venues across the borough http://www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk/main/english-conversation-clubs/#.WIXeV7dl X4



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Good Friday Bank Holiday 30 th March - Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2 nd April				
Thursday 26 th April	Year 7 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm			
Summer Term Start: Monday 16 th April May Bank Holiday Monday 7 th				
Monday 14 th May - Friday 22 nd June	Year 11 GCSE Examinations			
Half Term Monday 28 th May - Friday 1st J	une			