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23rd November 2017

Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Autumn Term
2017 End: Wednesday 20th December
Monday 6th– Friday 24th November
Year 11 mock examinations
Tuesday 12th December
Community Party early closure (details to follow)
Thursday 14th December
Carol Concert 7pm
Spring Term 2018
Start: Thursday 4th January
End: Thursday 29th March
Half Term
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

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HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another very busy week, with plenty of visitors to welcome to the school.

The Parent Information Evening for Year 9 students on Tuesday evening was very well supported. It was good to see so many parents and students in the Hewett Hall, where there was standing room only. Thank you to Ms Jean-Baptiste and her team for organising this event. All presentations from the evening will be accessible on our website.

On Wednesday evening we hosted over fifty subject specialists from schools in the north of the Borough to our Waltham Forest Challenge Subject Network Meeting. This network allows our local schools to share good practice and approaches to the recent changes to the GCSE curriculum in their areas of expertise. We also welcomed teachers from outside Waltham Forest including colleagues from an examination board and the Music Service. Networking such as this has a very positive impact on our students’ education and I thank the staff members who gave up their time to host the meetings. There will be more such events as we become more established as a Teaching School.

Later on Wednesday evening I had the privilege to attend the borough-wide Jack Petchey Speakout Challenge, hosted by Lammas School. I was extremely impressed by the quality of the speeches made by the young people from Year 10 in Waltham Forest schools. They spoke with passion, candour and often humour about the issues that are close to their hearts such as respecting the old, discrimination, rumours and the generation gap. Congratulations to *Firdaous (10F)* who represented WSFG as one of 16 finalists chosen out of 536 students in Waltham Forest trained for the 2017 Speak Out Challenge. She spoke eloquently about stereotypes in Hollywood. Congratulations also to the student from Leytonstone School who was this year's winner.

Congratulations to our basketball team who won 6-4 against Buxton on Wednesday. Also on the sporting front, well done to *Malaika 7H, Mathilde 7C and Alannah 7F*, who were part of the Henry Maynard cross country team who won the best under 11s team at the Waltham Forest sports awards last week. Well done girls!

Again on Wednesday evening, Ms Cornford and Ms Wallace took a group of Year 10 GCSE Drama students to see Ibsen's *The Lady from the Sea* at the Donmar Warehouse, following a workshop in school last week to assist their understanding of this challenging play. The students were also invited to stay for Questions and Answers following the performance.

On Friday, we welcome a visit by Alex Galvin, SSAT Head of Curriculum and Achievement and Regional Lead for London. She will have an opportunity to meet students and hear about some of the development work we are currently undertaking here at WSFG.

In a couple of weeks we look forward to entertaining our local senior citizens at the school's community party. We would be very grateful if you could please let us have any unwanted gifts that would make a suitable present for one of our guests. (Please see page 4 for details).

This week we celebrated the retirement of Mrs Finamore, our School Community Liaison Officer for several years. As well as being a valued member of the school community, Mrs Finamore is well known to the many and varied community groups that use the school buildings in the evening and at weekends and also for her involvement in the life of the local community. Although she will be missed by her friends and colleagues at the school, I am sure she will continue to be involved with WSFG through the Alumnae Committee and her retirement will no doubt be busy. We hope it will be also be a long, healthy and happy one.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies
Headteacher



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Community Christmas Party.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year at WSFG we host a community Christmas party. This is a very special event which is really important to us when the whole school comes together to organise a celebration with food, gifts and entertainment for the elderly members of our community. We like to show them how much we appreciate and value them and to make sure they have a good time with some great company.

This year, our community party will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 12th December.

We are starting to organise the event and to send out invitations to our elderly guests.

If you have any elderly relatives, neighbours, friends or contacts who you would like to invite, please provide us with their full name(s) and address(es) so that we can contact them. This could be via phone (020 8509 9446) email (info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) or via your daughter(s).

Additionally, if you have any unwanted (brand new) gifts that we could offer our guests, please send them to the humanities office via your daughter(s). Last year was one of our best ever community parties and, with your support, we'd like to make sure this year is even more memorable.

Thank you.

Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher



Project Peru

Looking for gifts for your friends or little brothers and sisters?
Or perhaps a stocking filler?!

8G will be selling colourful, handmade friendship bracelets, finger puppets and Christmas cards every Thursday and Friday lunchtimes in the LRC. All crafts come from a women's co-operative in one of Peru's largest and poorest shanty towns.

All proceeds go to Project Peru, a small, totally voluntary UK based charity who support a refuge for children living in extreme poverty in the desert shanty towns of Lima. For more information on the charity visit <http://www.projectperu.org.uk>

Ms Landon

Follow this link to Christmas cards

<http://projectperu.org.uk/uk-activities/craft-sales/las-laderas-christmas-cards.htm>



PROJECT PERU SALE!

8G are raising money for a charity called Project Peru who run a refuge for children living in extreme poverty in the desert shanty towns of Lima. We are going to be selling:

£2

**Finger
Puppets
&
Friendship
bracelets**



**THURSDAY
&
FRIDAY**

**LUNCH
TIMES**

IN THE LRC

For more information contact Ms Landon or 8G!

Free time during the weekends?

Bored nothing to do?



Are you a creative person?

Do you like making things?

If you have answered yes,

then why not get together with your friends
and make things during your spare time.



You can then sell your crafts at the
Christmas Craft Fair on 7th December
in the LRC at lunchtime.

Key rings



Jewellery



Cards



Please See Ms Kelly Mrs Guest in the LRC for more information

Kate Osamor M.P. visits WSFG

Below is a student's account of a MP's recent visit

Last week, Year 7 and 8 students were invited to attend a conference with local Labour M.P. for Edmonton, Kate Osamor. The conference took place in the Walthamstow School for Girls' library, and its duration was around an hour long.

Once the students were seated, Kate introduced herself. She mainly talked about being part of a community and helping one another. Afterwards, she gave priority to the Year 7's questions and then, the Year 8s had their 'fair share'. The questions varied from political to personal and Kate answered them all to the best of her abilities. The conversations went back and forth in an informal manner, with her answers giving us an insight on local politics and how the community is involved.

It has been a delight to have met her, and I'm sure that she is an inspiration to all girls at WSFG. We would love to meet her again, as well as meeting other local MPs, who inform and inspire us.



Visit to the Creative Quarter at the Victoria & Albert Museum

A group of Year 9 students had a very informative and enjoyable day at the Creative Quarter event at the Victoria and Albert Museum. They participated in a Theatre Design Workshop and attended lectures from two senior designers at Jaguar.

They also had a Q&A session with the inspirational Architect, Peter Ayres, Director at Beep Studio. The students participated in lots of drop in activities: Finding out what is involved in being a makeup artist for stage and television, what does creativity mean to you? watching a Fashion show and talking to many graduates involved in creative sectors.

This is what the students had to say about the day:

What I liked most about the day was the architect's talk, he explained how you can take lots of different skills into architecture and this helped me to improve my growth mindset.

Erin 9W

An eye opening experience to broaden your horizons for the future.

Eva 9C

The visit to the Creative Quarter was motivating and inspiring.

Naimah 9F

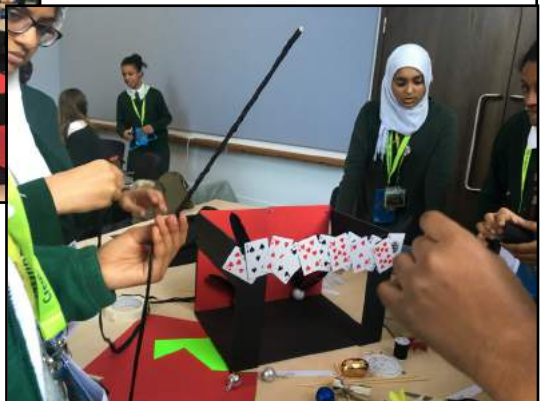


A fantastic experience, I was glad I took part in it. There were really inspiring talks and a variety of creative activities, overall a great day.

Leila 9W

This trip really broadened my mind and inspired me to take more opportunities available in the future.

Judah 9G



Ms Healy
STEM Coordinator

Write2-A-Life is supported by The Mayor of Waltham Forest, Councillor Grace Williams and Organised by Forest Radio of Waltham Forest.

Write 2-A Life

Poetry & Short Story
Competition
for Young People
(11 to 16 years old)

Doing something memorable for self & charity

Young Writer's Themes:

- Hope
- Health
- Life

Inspire young writers

Promote literary excellence

Encourage brighter futures

'Write2-A-Life' poetry & short story competition is open to all young people across Waltham Forest, in support of The Mayor's Charity, Diabetes UK fundraising for local diabetes care services.

Winners will be published in a book, and the books auctioned to high bidders across London and the proceeds given in support of The Mayors Charity Appeal, Diabetes UK to help local care services.

Email your entries to wayne@forestradio.co.uk

Deadline for the Write2-A-Life competition is 7th January 2018



Players from Leyton Orient Football Club team players will read the work of the competition winners on Forest Radio. There will be a book launch in the New Year. You can listen to details of the Write2-A-Life Poetry and Short Story Competition for young people, please visit Forest Radio at www.forestradio.co.uk/programmes

Write2-A-Life:

Poetry and Short Story Competition for Young People

How to enter:

1. Who can enter:

The competition is free to enter and open to young people between 11 and 16 years old living or attending a place of education, youth provision or youth services in the Borough of Waltham Forest.

2. Email your entry only

- Please email your poem(s) or short stories as an attachment only (eg Word or .txt document) and include your name on each poem or short-story.
- In your main email please include your name, age, contact mobile number, email address and your postal address. You can use the address of your school, youth provision or service instead of your postal address as long as you are known and can be contacted at that postal address in Waltham Forest.
- Email your entry to wayne@forestradio.co.uk
- Entries will not be accepted by post
- Include your full name on each entry

3. Sorry we can't accept:

- Any previously published poems or short-stories
- More than two items (poems, short-stories or one of each) per entrant
- Poems exceeding 25 lines in length.
- Short-Stories exceeding 1,500 words in length.
- Any entries arriving after the closing date (7th January 2018 at 12 midnight)
- Any correspondence once a decision has been taken

4. Enquiries:

- By email only to wayne@forestradio.co.uk

There is a spoken version of the competition rules at:

www.forestradio.co.uk



Candlelit tours of St Mary's Church Friday 24th November

Experience St Mary's Church by candle light and discover the fascinating stories behind the stones with a guided tour.

Tour times 7.45pm, 8.02pm, 8.25pm

Free

No need to book, arrive 5 minutes before tour time.



Free refreshments.

Regret unsuitable for children under 8 years

Event repeated Friday 1st December 7.30 –9.00pm

For more details contact: Jaqueline Baker bakere17@yahoo.co.uk

Or: walthamstowchurch.org.uk



**E15 Light Show and
Winter Wonderland
Thursday 30 November
Stratford's Theatre Square**

On Thursday 30 November Stratford's Theatre Square is being transformed into a magical Winter Wonderland and playing host to a dramatic festive light projection show.

From 4pm everyone is invited to meet Santa and his elves, watch an exciting ice queen stilt-walking performance, enjoy some festive storytelling and feast on roasted chestnuts, popcorn and hot chocolate.

At 6pm the Stratford Illumination Show will be unveiled for the first time. This dazzling light spectacular celebrates Stratford town centre as East London's cultural hub and will be projected onto the facade of Theatre Royal Stratford East and accompanied by music.

The show will then run every night from 1 December to 23 December between 5pm-10pm.



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7.30pm

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African Adventures Foundation is delighted to launch its annual **Christmas Meal Appeal**. We want to hold Christmas parties at our partner projects in Ghana, Kenya and Zanzibar, providing each child with a special meal and celebration.

Over the last three years, thanks to our generous donors, African Adventures Foundation has raised over £10,000 to provide a festive meal and party to the 20,000 children we work with across our partner projects.

This year, we would like to raise another £3,000.

This year, we are raffling off a luxury Christmas hamper full of festive treats and African goodies, which African Adventures is donating, to our fantastic supporters to help raise the funds we need to make these parties happen.

£5 is enough for a project to provide a festive meal for ten children, so buying a few strips of tickets can make a massive difference. Plus, you'll have a greater chance of winning the hamper!

Can you help us reach our target?

DONATE NOW

To donate follow this link:

<https://aaf.african-adventures.co.uk/christmas-meal-appeal>

"EVERY YEAR THE CHRISTMAS MEAL APPEAL GIVES OUR CHILDREN THE SPECIAL MEAL AND PARTY THEY DESERVE."
FRED EGESA - KENYA CO-ORDINATOR,
AFRICAN ADVENTURES

**The draw will be on
Friday 22nd December**

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The jj Foundation Photography Awards for Young People



The jj Foundation Photography Awards for Young People is an opportunity for 13-25 year old students. This competition is free to enter, all you need is a maximum of three digital images within any of the following categories: portrait, landscape, street photography, still life/art and fashion.

Follow the links below to some resource packs with more information about how to take the perfect shots in each category, created by a professional photographer. You can see an example [here](#) or see the [Eastside website](#) for more information.

Prizes include:

- 1st prize - 1 day of professional studio hire in jj Studio London, with advice from the team's photographic assistants and a Nikon DSLR camera.
- 2nd Prize - 1 week work experience at jj Studios and a Nikon DSLR camera.
- 3rd Prize - Nikon DSLR camera.

Each category winner will receive an image printed by Touch Digital Fine Art Printers, following the exhibition in our London office

Students have until 30th November to apply for this competition.

For full information and how to apply please visit the [competition website](#). This is an excellent opportunity for talented, motivated pupils with a passion for photography .

For further details

Call the office on **020 7033 2380** or email Hannah on hannah@eastside.org.uk.

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Ms Davies

The SSE Women's FA Cup Final is back at Wembley Stadium for a fourth year running!

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With the success of the quiz night last month, please put this date in your diary for May 2018

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ALUMNAE FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 3rd May 2018

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 up to ten

Booking essential

To book a place please contact

Lesley Winter on:

020 8509 9410

Or email

lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

School Calendar for 2017-18

Autumn Term 2017

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

Monday 6th–

Friday 24th November

Tuesday 12th December

Thursday 14th December

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Community Party early closure (details to follow)

Carol concert 7pm

Spring Term 2018

Start: Thursday 4th January 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

Thursday 15th March

Year 9 Parents/Carers subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Year 8 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -

Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April

Thursday 26th April

Year 7 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Summer Term

Start: Monday 16th April

End: Friday 20th July

May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Monday 14th May -

Friday 22nd June

Year 11 GCSE Examinations

Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June