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Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Autumn Term
2017 End: Wednesday 20th December
Monday 13th– Friday 24th November
Year 11 mock examinations
Tuesday 21st November
Year 9 Parent /Carer Information Evening 6-7pm
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

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HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week’s Parent/Carer Information Evening for Year 7 on Tuesday evening was well attended and we look forward to seeing the parents and carers of Year 9 students next Tuesday (21st) for the Year 9 Parent/Carer Information Evening (6pm-7pm) when important information will be shared, including an introduction to GCSE options (see p3). Slides from all these evenings can be found in the ‘Pastoral’ section of the website, on the relevant Year Team ‘s page.

On Monday, the whole school fell silent for two minutes at 11.00am in remembrance of all those of all who have lost their lives due to conflict, the world over.

On Tuesday we welcomed a number of academics from Michigan State University to the school. WSFG was one of three in London selected for this visit. They met with colleagues, students and also visited lessons. The group is looking at the English schools system and good practice and strategies used in London schools. Our visitors were very enthusiastic about WSFG and reportedly extremely impressed with what they saw here; indeed one was kind

enough to say....

“Walthamstow School for Girls. A Secondary School with the theme of Growth, Resilience, Energy, Empathy, and Newness. A most impressive learning environment, the school is known for beautiful green space, and high standards and achievement with a diverse student body in terms of race, social class, and religion. I saw some of the strongest examples of student engagement and student voice I’ve ever witnessed. The school has art, steel drum bands, gardening club, and a very cool “learning line” where students, teachers, and administrators all track their progress toward daily, weekly, quarterly, and annual goals.”

Bryan Beverly
Office of K-12 Outreach,
College of Education, Michigan State University

On Friday groups of Year7 students will be involved in anti-bullying workshops, just one activity which forms part of our focus during national Anti-Bullying week. Year 11 students have been hard at work on their written mock examinations this week. Elsewhere in school our Years 7 and 8 have been involved in activities with MyBnk, the school’s bank, to develop their knowledge of personal finance and the banking system. Also this week, some of our Year 10 students attended English based workshops at the British Library and a group of Year 9 students visited the Victoria and Albert Museum for a STEM “creative quarter” event. These and other activities undertaken by our students will feature in the forthcoming Bumper Greensheet, to be issued at the end of term.

A reminder, if you have not already done so, to Back the Bid for Waltham Forest to become the first London Borough of Culture - <https://wfculture19.co.uk/>.

Finally, with temperatures falling noticeably this week, I would like to remind parents that a plain black outer coat is the compulsory school uniform for all students in Years 7-9 from January 2018 and preferred for students in Years 10 and 11. Please also make sure that the coat has your daughter’s name inside.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Year 9 Parent/Carer Information Evening
Tuesday 21st November

Dear Parents / Carers,

You are invited to our Year 9 parent/carer Information Evening on **Tuesday 21st November** in the Hewett Hall. The doors will open at 5:45pm for a prompt **6:00pm** start.



The aim of this Information Evening is to provide you with details on key events your daughter will need to prepare for this year, in addition to other useful information:

Assessment System/ Measuring Progress
E-safety
Green rewards
GCSEs
Science at Key Stage 4
Introduction to our Safer Schools Officer

We would like all students to be supported at this meeting by an adult; no student will be allowed to attend without a parent or carer present. The Information Evening is expected to finish at approximately 7:00pm.

If you have any further questions regarding the Year 9 Parent Information Evening, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gunzi, Deputy Headteacher (KS 3) or myself.

Kind regards,
Ms Jean-Baptiste
Student Progress Leader Year 9

Year 10 Parents Evening

Last Thursday we had 93% attendance at our Year 10 parents evening! Absolutely FANTASTIC! Thank you so much for your support.

As I said, it is such a **crucial event** to discuss your daughter's GCSE targets with subject teachers and to develop strategies to help her achieve her full potential at Walthamstow School for Girls.

Ms Desbenoit
Student Progress Leader, Year 10.

Year 11 Mock Examinations 2017

The Year 11 Mock Examinations began on **Monday 13th November** and will finish on **Friday 1st December 2017**.

The MFL speaking mocks begin on **Monday 4th December** and finish on **Friday 8th December 2017**.

Students will have received copies of their individual Mock Examination timetables via their Form Tutors before half-term and there are details of these mocks on the school website:

<http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/page/?title=Exams+Information&pid=91>

Please ensure your daughters are in full school uniform and have all the equipment they need for these exams. They have worked very hard this week.

Many thanks.

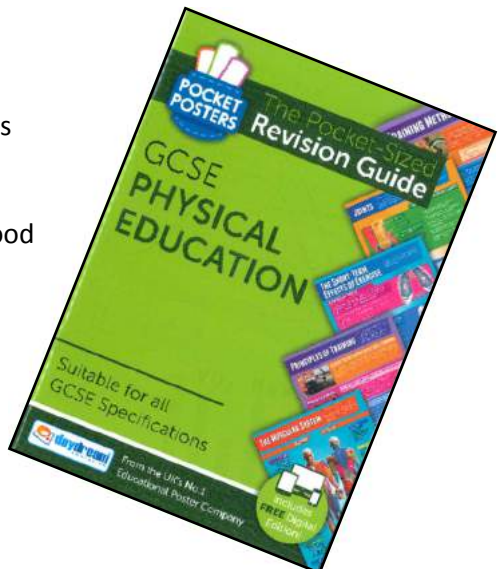
Mrs Brickett
Examinations Officer

GCSE PE Revision Guide

The P.E. department has revision guides for sale for £2.50p each.

Please ask your daughter to see Ms Wood in the PA office, if she would like to purchase one.

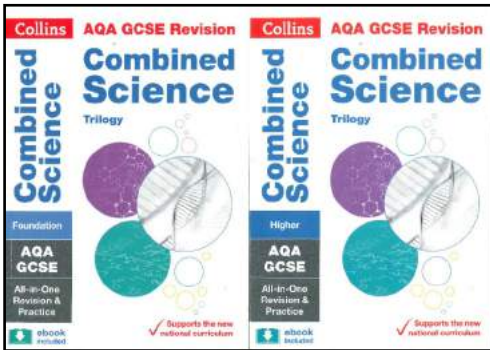
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Ms Wood



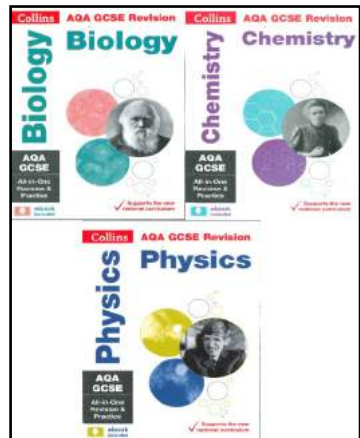
Year 9 & 10 Science GCSE Revision Guides.

The Science Department will be selling AQA GCSE Science Revision Guides to Years 9 & 10 at a much reduced price.

Your daughter is able to buy them from Student Services for the following prices:



Combined Science
(Higher or Foundation)
£8.00 (list price £16.99)



Triple, Higher tier only
(For students taking separate science)
£11.00 for all 3 books
(list price £32.97)

We would like to encourage all students to purchase the guide(s) as they will be an excellent aid to revision and learning.

Students entitled to Free School meals are able to purchase the books at half the price, £4 for combined, £5.50 for triple.

PLEASE NOTE: *If your daughter is paying by cash to Student Services, can you please ensure she has the correct money as change is not always available. The preferred method of payment is by sQuid.*

Mr Kerr
Head of Science

Focus of the Fortnight
13th – 25th November 2017
Lunchtime Behaviour

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is about the Lunchtime Behaviour of the students. All students are allowed in their Form Rooms at lunchtime but to ensure that good behaviour is maintained there is a clear Lunchtime Code they have to follow. This is displayed on the wall of each Form Room and Students are now familiar with its contents. All students are expected to follow the Code and Form Rooms are required to be clean, tidy and ready for learning and teaching at the end of break and lunchtime. Each Form Group has two “Room Reps” who have extra responsibility in ensuring that Form Rooms are used well and are ready for lessons. Thank you for your support in this and all other school matters.

Ms. K.H.Pratt
Assistant Headteacher.

The Sanctions

If a student breaks the Lunchtime Code, she will be excluded from her Form Room for two lunchtimes. She will spend one of those lunchtimes in the Duty as arranged by her Student Progress Leader. The conduct card will be signed.

Remember

- **Fresh air day rules to be observed for all Year Groups in KS3.**
- The school has a clear Lunchtime Code for use of Form Rooms which is on the wall of every Form Room in the school. Doors must be open, lights on and students seated on chairs etc.
- Please **respect** the fact that you have the **privilege** of going into your Form Room and ensure that it is used following the code at all times.
- If the code is not followed, individuals or the Tutor Group risk being locked out of the room by the SPL.

International VR Project Summer 2017

At WSFG our Year 7 students helped take 360 degree photos of the school, which we then forwarded to our link school Nuevo Chile School in Bogota, Colombia. We provided this school with two VR Google Cardboard headsets so that they could then view the photos.

The next stage in the project is taking place in our link school. They will be taking 360 degree photos of their school and sending them to us, so that we can show them at WSFG.

Here are the photos of WSFG

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<https://goo.gl/vrphoto/XAvnms2kyaeWVDWD2>

These can be viewed by clicking on the links but can also be used with Google Cardboard

Primary Link Project

We will be linking up again this year with The Federated Schools of Saint Mary's and Saint Saviour's Primary School. Their Year 6 students will be visiting us for a computing taster lesson. In the last academic year we used Scratch for the training (this is a graphical programming language). This year we will be introducing the students to the text-based programming language Python.

Visit by Vyners School

On the 24th November we will be visited by two computer science teachers from Vyners School who will be looking to see how we encourage our girls to choose computer science GCSE.

Mr Bryant
Director of ICT

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!

Our School History

Having welcomed our visitors from Michigan State University this week, I thought it would be appropriate to share Miss Hewett's writings about her time spent in America. This article is from the December 1921 edition of the *Iris*.

Ms Kelly LRC Manager

Impressions from America.

AMERICA is a country of superlatives. When one is trying to describe the vast expanse of prairie and wheat district, the variety and brilliance of the autumn tints in the woods, or the noise and rush of a great city, ordinary adjectives are quite useless: one finds oneself using the ubiquitous American adjective "wonderful," in spite of one's resolution, to find a more descriptive word.

In every city or district one visits there is one thing at least which exceeds in some way (frequently in size or cost) all other things of the same kind in the whole world: the guides say this and the guide-books corroborate. For instance, one city has more miles of Boulevard and Park drives than any other city in the world; another city possesses "the only building planned and constructed by women"; and another "one of the longest, widest and finest streets in the world": yet another boasts a monument which "is supposed to be the most wonderful piece of masonry in the world" (the Great Pyramid taking second place, perhaps). The list might be extended indefinitely from guide-books, but I will refrain and add two wonderful records personally endured—one is dirtier after twenty-four hours in a train going across the States than at any other time in one's life, and Chicago is certainly the noisiest city one could ever visit, with its overhead and surface street cars, its ear-piercing police-whistles regulating traffic (which the English visitor at first mistakes for a summons to assistance in a life and death struggle), the hooting of a thousand automobiles and the raucous yells of the newspaper boys. In Chicago life certainly shrieks.

Indeed, life and vitality (not always quite so unpleasantly manifested) are splendidly characteristic of America, for she is a young country and has consequently many of youth's best qualities. She has energy and vigour, a determination to set the world right, together with a firm conviction that there is a panacea, and a generous disposition for enthusiastic admiration, even for hero-worship. Her frankness in expressing this admiration and everything else is very different from the Old World's more critical attitude to people and their performances.

Education is of vital importance to America, Everyone is realising it. The papers daily contain articles on the necessity for more High School places: the schools themselves are full to overflowing, and still there is more demand. We share that problem in England. The other problem, that of welding together the mixed nationalities in the great cities, is felt only in a small degree with us. I have been in one school in America where there were thirty-one nationalities, several children entering without knowledge of one single English word.

Building, as in England, is very difficult. To provide more school places, in some towns the double session is used: in others, they have a system called the Work-Study-Play plan, an arrangement by which every class-room, the auditorium (assembly hall) and the playground are all in use the whole time-thus, a school which has school places for six hundred pupils has over a thousand in attendance. This means that no one has a definite place in school or class-room. Here is an uncomfortable example of Individualism yielding to Communism.

The arrangement of the curriculum is different from the English plan. Each State makes its own regulations and there are consequently minor differences. The High School age is fourteen to eighteen years, though there are some Junior High Schools beginning two years earlier; the schools are free; a pupil may enter and leave at any time (in some States not before sixteen); there are no maintenance grants. But the fundamental difference is that no pupil "carries" more than four major subjects at once. For instance, a First Year's Course may be: English (compulsory during every year), Algebra, French, Domestic Science, and listening to members of the Senate and the House of Representatives carrying on the government of the United States. Now I am in Philadelphia, and in another week I shall be in New York, which with Boston will be the end of my wanderings on this side of the Atlantic.

I expect to be home almost as soon as this article is in print, and then if you have any desire to hear more, your curiosity can be gratified more easily than by the painful process of writing.

America is, as I said, a country of superlatives: I add one more- Americans are superlatively kind to a stranger, even kinder than one would have expected. The knowledge that one is English only adds to their readiness to help one and make things easy. I am hoping that several from my host of kind friends in America win be able to visit us in Walthamstow. We would like to give them an English welcome.

B. Hewett.

Our visitors from Michigan State University with Ms Davies and Mr Gunzi.



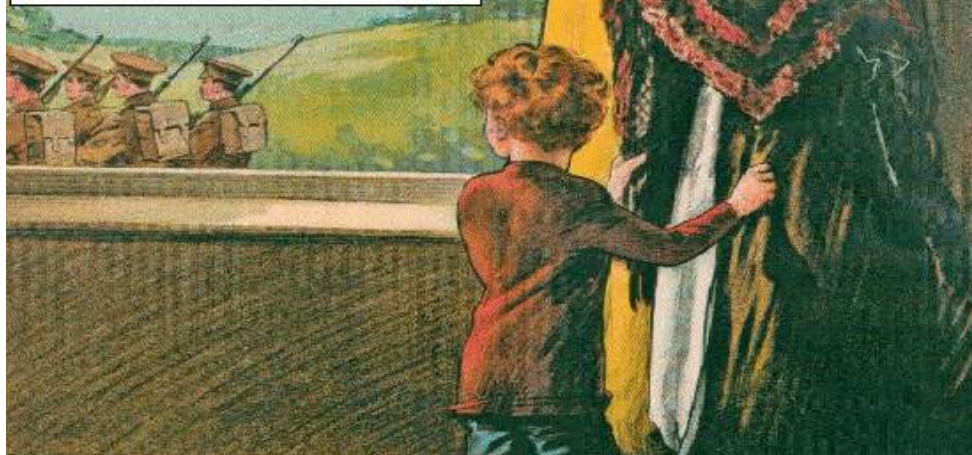


World War One

Exhibition at Wood Street and Hale End
(Highams Park) Library, 7th to 18th November

“GO!”

The display is from Walthamstow School for Girls archives, with an emphasis on women. It includes, War Weddings, Poetry, Refugees in Wood Street, 'Our Boys', Fundraising in Australia, Nursing and Suffragettes. We also have diaries from women stranded in Europe, detailing their journey back home.





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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.

English Conversation Classes Hale End Library

Every Wednesday from 1st to 21st November -

Free English Conversation Classes at Hale End Library, Highams Park, E4

Time: 4:15 pm

For more details email conversationclub.als@walthamforest.gov.uk or www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk or phone 020 8496 1130

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.

We regret this event is 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

walthamstowchurch.org.uk



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Ms Davies

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

WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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

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Spring Term 2018

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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

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 -

Year 11 GCSE Examinations

Friday 22nd June

Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June