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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spring Term 2018 End: Thursday 29th March

Thursday 15th March Year 8 Parents/ Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7pm

Wednesday 28th March Steel Pans 40th Anniversary Concert 7pm

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March

Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April

Summer Term Start: Monday 16th April End: Friday 20th July

Thursday 26th April Year 7 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7pm

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

International Women's Day on Thursday was a key event for the school again this year, with a host of activities taking place in all year groups to mark the occasion. Students in Year 9 enjoyed a "What's my Line" guiz with women volunteers from a

range of professions coming into school and students being tasked to find out what their career is by asking questions and receiving a "yes" or "no" response. I would like to thank these volunteers - who included an A&E doctor, an anaesthetist, a programmer for Ford, a technical director with the BBC, a Network Rail engineer and the Head of Human Rights for Amnesty International, along with other highly successful professional women - for giving up their precious time to come into the school and be part of our celebrations.

I would also like to thank Ms Desbenoit and Ms Janes for their hard work in putting the IWD programme together and co-ordinating events. Elsewhere in school students were: researching noteworthy women from all works of life, devising calendars, quizzing, celebrating the centenary of women being granted the vote and, in Year 7, dressing as inspirational women from Boudicca to Michelle Obama; the array of costumes included Malala Yousafzai, Emmaline



International Women's Day

Pankhurst and other Suffragettes, Serena Williams, Frida Kahlo, Adele and many more. Each student was able to speak about the achievements of the woman she had dressed as and what makes her inspirational.

Delightful as it was to see our younger students dressed as role models for IWD, ordinarily it is important for our students to be dressed in the correct school uniform. The green uniform is very distinctive and as representatives of the school the students should be smartly dressed in full uniform at all times, including correct footwear. In school we will be focussing on correct uniform throughout the year, alongside our Foci for the Fortnight. Thank you for your support with ensuring that your daughter is wearing the correct uniform, as described on our school website (in the "study with us" section).

I look forward to seeing the Parents and Carers of the Year 8 students for their Subject Parents Evening next Thursday (15th March) between 4.30-7.00pm. Year 8 students should be arranging appointments with their subject tutors on your behalf.

My thanks to all parents and carers who voted for one of the candidates for Parent Governor by the extended deadline of Friday 9th March. Candidates will be advised of the outcome on Monday and the name of our new Parent Governor will be announced next week.

Meryl Davies Headteacher

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.

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



WSFG Celebrating International Women's Day Thursday 8th March





International Women's Day

IWD 2018 winning LOGO design by *Lily Wild* 7C

All students will participate in a variety of activities: dressing up as an inspirational woman, writing short stories, designing a page of a celebratory calendar, playing "What's my line?" with women from different lines of work, listening to an inspirational speech and presentation on the suffragettes and competing in a quiz!

Celebrating International Women's Day at our school is crucial for many reasons.

We want our students to feel **confident and empowered** in our school to tackle issues such as gender equality, pay discrepancy, objectification of women in society, etc. and to challenge stereotypes and bias.

We want them to have a voice, to express their views and to celebrate women's achievements.

Students are very fond of this day and past students when they visit always comment on how our school inspired them to become outspoken and strong.



Ms Kelly, our LRC Manager, wearing her suffragette outfit

The International Women's Day 2018 campaign theme is <u>#PressforProgress</u>.

Ms Desbenoit. Diversity Coordinator.

Year 8 Parents/Carers Subject Evening Thursday 15th March 2018

Your daughter will be making appointments between **4.30 to 7pm** with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress

We expect all Year 8 students and **their parents / carers or a family member** to attend this consultation evening to discuss their daughter's progress and strategies to help them achieve their full potential at Walthamstow School for Girls.

It is **a crucial event** as it is your daughter's only parents' evening this year with an opportunity to discuss her GCSE targets with subject teachers. We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Careless – Pye Student Progress Leader, Year 8.

Year 11 Physics Lectures

Physics lectures will begin this week at Forest School 4-5pm.

All students are expected to make their own way there. The lectures have all been moved back a week. The lists of students attending will be put up outside G02. If your name is on the list it is expected that you attend. If you cannot attend and have already signed up you need to tell Mr Kerr directly.

- 1. Wednesday 7th March: Nuclear decay: alpha and beta as well as half lives
- 2. Wednesday 14th March: Reflection and refraction, comparing longitudinal and transverse waves
- 3. Wednesday 21st March: Fission and fusion
- 4. Wednesday 28th March: Specific Heat Capacity, latent heat and internal energy

The final lecture on March 28th will be taking place at WSFG not Forest School. Details to follow.

Mr Kerr Head of Science



The snow last week wreaked havoc in the building, salt was carried in on everyone's shoes, leaving a trail of white across all the floors. The premises team were busy all day ensuring that the floors were safe, but until this sort of thing happens, you don't realise how many people are constantly moving round the building.

Our School History



I came across a letter by Phyllis Helps, who left the school in 1918, which shows the cleaning routine in the school at that time. I have also left in the part about the teacher's clothes. As we are celebrating International Women's Day, it is worth noting that our female staff were not only restricted politically but physically too.

Ms Kelly LRC Manager



Any ink marks on the floor had to be rubbed out with glass paper, and supervised by a teacher in the cloakrooms seeing that we changed into plimsolls on arriving and never leaving without our gloves on.

Our headteacher was Miss Hewett, supported by Miss Richardson and Miss Goldwyn, both wearing lace fronts to their blouses with bone supports. And of course gold chains with watches tucked into their waists. Miss Hewett was a little more modern.

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TICKETS ARE LIMITED - Reservations must be made in advance on a first come first served basis. - Payment in advance to Lesley Winter or on the door on the night (reservations only).

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40 YEARS OF PAN at WSFG

VOUR HEALTHCARE CAREER STARTS HERE.. NATIONAL HEALTHCARE WEEKEND

It just blew my mind! I met healthcare professionals who were honest and now I feel as though I have made an informed decision to pursue the career that I really want. I have been to similar events before but there is just nothing this good! Sophie Bridgewater Year 12

JOIN US ON ...

24^{TH &} 25TH MARCH 2018

- LONDON
- BIRMINGHAM
- CARDIFF

Medic Mentor Motivating Medical Minds

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CHOOSE FROM 4 HEALTHCARE CAREERS

National Weekend is made up of conferences and UCAS lectures, each dedicated to 4 specific healthcare careers:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Medicine
- Psychology

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UK'S LARGEST HEALTHCARE CAREERS EVENT

With 8 conferences at 3 locations across the UK on the same weekend! Over 300 healthcare professionals teaching 2000 aspiring students from 800 schools!

Suitable for students in year 10-12. Parents and teachers are also welcome.

There is simply no comparison between students who have access to comprehensive application information combined with our mentoring support beyond the events. As a result, we have seen an increase in the number of more informed, successful and knowledgeable applicants

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Date	Title	Organisation	Activity (use key)	Age	Duration / Time	Location	Page
09.04.18	Multi sports	Leyton Orient	Sports	11-19	5 days, 10am – 3pm	Leyton	19
09.04.18	Mountain Biking and Watersports	The Lesside Trust	Sports	11-16	5 days 10am - 3pm	Walthamstow	20
09.04.18	Trampolining	Waitham Forest Sports	Sports	11-16	5 days 10am – 11am or 11am – 12pm	Leyton	21
09.04.18	Squash	Waltham Forest Sports	Sporta	11-16	5 days 9:30am - 1:30pm	Walthamstow	21
09.04.18	Animal Academy	Suntrap	Environmental	11-14	2 days 10:15am – 3:30pm	Epping	19
09.04.18	Lights, Carnera, Act!	Dolly Dimples	Performing Arts	11-16	5 days 10am - 3:30pm	Chingford	19
09.04.18	Playback Drama	Beartuza Theatre Company	Performing Arts	11-16	5 days 10am – 3pm	Walthamstow	20
11.04.18	Bushcraft	Suntrap	Environmental	11-14	3 days 10:15am - 3:30pm	Epping	21

All activities must be booked via http://wfholidayactivities.eventbrite.co.uk

Raising money for good causes STARLIGHTERS PRESENTS: A moment in time A moment in time A century of entertainment. A century of entertainment. Sat 28th/Sun 29th April 7.30pm

WF Community Hub, 18A Orford Rd, E17 9LN



Tickets: 07391 595792 or 07885 099468 Adults £8, cons £6 booked in advance or £10 on the door

www.starlighterstheatre.wix.com/home starlighterstheatrecompany@gmail.com



Year 11 College Information College Visits and Open Days

National Healthcare Careers Weekend and Partnering with Medic Mentor. See page 9 Hundreds of healthcare professionals from across the UK will be volunteering to present and network with students who are interested in:

Medicine Veterinary Medicine Dentistry Psychology

at National Healthcare Weekend on the 24th and 25th March taking place in London and Birmingham: 8 conferences on different specialties on the same day! Registration is £25 for students on the Saturday conferences and there is an optional UCAS lecture available on Sunday for each specialty.

Students can register on the Medic Mentor website and <u>find out more about the events</u> <u>here</u>.

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May Bank Holiday Monday 7 th May					
Monday 14 th May - Friday 22 nd June	Year 11 GCSE Examinations				
Half Term Monday 28 th May - Friday 1	.st June				