

Week 'B'

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7th June 2018

SCHOOL CALENDAR Summer Term End: Friday 20th July

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

Monday 11th June - Friday 29th June Year 10 end of year examinations

Friday 15th June - Sunday 17th June Barge Haybay weekend

Friday 22nd June Year 11 Leavers Day

Monday 2nd July - Friday 13th July Year 10 work Experience

Saturday 7th July - Friday 20th July Zanzibar African Adventure

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone enjoyed the half term break. Our students returned to school ready for the final half term of the academic year. For our Year 11 students, this means the continuation of their GCSE examinations. I would like to thank those members of staff who gave up some of their holiday to run revision sessions for these GCSE students. This week marks the start of the Year 10 end of year examinations also, with language orals this week and written papers beginning next week.

The Steel Pans band members were also in school at half term rehearsing

for their summer events and thanks are due to Mr Murphy for his dedication to ensuring the highest possible standard of performance is achieved at every event they are involved in.

During the holidays, the award winning sculpture 'Unwoven', designed and sculpted by our Artist in Residence, Ms West, was delivered to the school and now has pride of place on one of the terraces. It is made almost entirely from ceramic materials and has been displayed in various venues across the country for the past year.



'Unwoven', by Ms West

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Year 7 students enjoyed Humanities trips to Rochester and, contrary to last year, the weather stayed dry. The students visited Rochester Cathedral, Rochester Castle, dating back to the 12th century and undertook a survey in the High Street. Thank you to all members of staff involved in organising this event for the whole year group, this takes a great deal of planning. On Thursday, Ms Jean-Baptiste and I accompanied members of her year group who were invited to a Youth Gender Equality Summit held at City Hall. The students participated in debates with other students from across London. Also on Thursday, within school, there was a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshop for Year 8 students on "Green Economy". This workshop, the first of two, provided an excellent opportunity for these students to learn more about environmental issues, green careers and to work in small groups on practical tasks.

Congratulations postcards have been passed on to Ms Robinson's Challenge representatives Elif, Tulin (9S), Mahima, Lucy (9G), and Romy, Alba and Vanessa (7H), who co-led a training session for staff on Wednesday evening, and also to the Year 8 netball team, who following their recent wins against Chingford Foundation School remain unbeaten in the league and are set to be named as this year's Year 8 Waltham Forest Borough Netball Champions. Congratulations to Jessica and Roya (8W), Sylvie, Jessica, Rebeca, Jai-Ming and Arani (8F), Molly, Grace and Saffia (8G), Morenike and Deja (8H) – . See page 5

Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim colleagues and friends.

Meryl Davies Headteacher

Eid-al-Fitr Celebrations June 2018

The school requests that Parents / Carers inform Ms. King, the School Attendance Manager **in advance** of the day that their daughter will be absent for her religious observance.

Please put this information in writing. If you have not informed the school in advance as requested, you will receive an absence enquiry text as is school procedure.

According to the DFE and Borough guidelines, students are allowed three days' religious observance in an academic year. If your daughter's religious observance days exceed three in one academic year, the extra days will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Eid-al-Fitr Mubarak Ms King Attendance Manager

New Parental App – Request for up-to-date email addresses

Dear Parents and Carers,



We will be launching our new Parental App within the next few weeks so look out for further information on how you can access the new App via the Greensheet and Website in the next few weeks. In preparation for the launch we need to ensure we have valid email addresses for all Parents and Carers.

Please contact the school via telephone (0208 509 9446) or email

info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) to provide us with your email address if you have not already done so previously.

If you are regularly getting our Greensheet links via emails then there is nothing further you need to do for now.

We aim to be sending out letters explaining the new App and activation codes for you to register your usernames and passwords within the next few weeks via email. The registration process cannot be completed without a valid email address.

This is an exciting innovation for us, to be able to share information about your daughter's school life in a new smarter way, so we look forward to your feedback about the App once it is launched and starts becoming a more integral part of our communication strategy with you all.

Please check back on school website and Greensheet for further updates and developments.

Mr. Jalil Business Manager

100% Attendance for May

Well done to 7F, 8C, 9S & 10W for being May winners. Postcards have been displayed on your notice board.



Year to date winners are 7C, 8F, 9S & 10S.

Don't forget, winners for each term receive a Form treat and 100% attenders receive a new star badge

Our Headteacher has also sent postcards to the successful forms.

Ms King Student Attendance Manager

Walthamstow School for Girls. Focus of the Fortnight 11th – 22nd June 2018 NOT Eating and Drinking in the corridors and classrooms.

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is on the students NOT eating and drinking in corridors and classrooms. All students are allowed in their form rooms at break and lunchtime but to ensure that good behaviour is maintained there is a clear Code they have to follow. This is displayed on the wall of each form room and Students are now familiar with it's contents. All students are expected to follow the Code and NOT eat or drink in their form rooms or in the school corridors. There are clear designated areas of the school where eating and drinking are allowed. Thank you for your support in this and all other school matters.

Ms. Pratt Assistant Headteacher.



Eating and Drinking is ONLY allowed in the dining areas (inside and out) and in the school grounds.

Sanctions to be applied.

- If a student is found to be eating or drinking in banned areas of the school her Conduct card will be signed.
- If a student is found to be eating or drinking in her form room at break or lunchtime, her conduct card will be signed and she will be banned from the room for 2 days. On one of the days she will be required to spend the lunchtime in the Duty Room.

Year 8 Netball Success

The Year 8 netball team played on Wednesday night. The girls had a double header, playing both Chingford A and Chingford B teams. They were fantastic, we had some new members to the team who played incredibly well. Our girls won both games (match one 7-2 and match two 9-0) which means they are unbeaten in the league. We are still waiting to see who will be the Year 8 Waltham Forest Borough Netball Champions.

Please congratulate the girls if you see them on this fabulous achievement:

Jessica 8W Roya 8W (captain of first game) Molly 8G (captain of second game and awarded player of match one) Grace 8G Saffia 8G Sylvie 8F (awarded player of match two) Jessica 8F Rebeca 8F Jai-Ming 8F Arani 8F Deja 8H Morenike 8H

Their next game will be Wednesday 28th June against Fredrick Bremer.

Ms Warren



Year 8 Workshop

Dear Parents / Carers,

I have organised for Year 8 students some Trans inclusion workshops on Wednesday 20th June. The workshops will take place in my classroom for one hour.

The aim of these workshops is to give our students an opportunity to engage with issues around sexual orientation and gender identity in a **safe and open environment**.

The key messages are ones of **kindness**, **respect and equality**. In our school we want students to feel free to express themselves and **feel valued** for their uniqueness.

The main focus of the workshops is to listen to LGBT volunteer role models whose **powerful stories** give an insight in to the experiences of LGBT people. A **Q&A** and interactive activities will follow which will help develop their empathy, understanding and acceptance and challenge stereotypes and prejudice.

I hope they behave impeccably and enjoy the session. Thanks for your support.

Ms Desbenoit Diversity Coordinator.



Key Stage 3 Art Clubs

Monday Year 8 printing Tuesday Year 7 ceramics

Ms Wills





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Our School History

Here is a poem from the December 1927 *Iris* magazine, which many of our current students taking exams and tests will be able to relate to. The title is ironic, as you will see when you read the poem.

Ms Kelly LRC Manager

Our Carefree Youth.

LAST night we decided to get up at five And 'swot-up' some words that from Latin derive, Prepare last week's history, an essay to write, To translate some French at the very first sight, To juggle with x's, with y's and with z's, And generally cudgel our sleepy young heads. Alas! though at eight the alarm clock went off, We shiver and growl as our nightdress we doff. Five minutes for breakfast, no more can we stay, We put on our hats and then run all the way. We think of the test we've been promised to do In Latin, and English and Arithmetic too. We shudder and groan as we enter the room, "Rough note-books and pencils" – those words full of doom; Well-known and expected they fall on our ears, As hopeless and helpless we burst into tears.

G. McFarlane (Va)

All about The 2018 Play

GREEK THEATRE PLAYERS * 2018 * Production As You Like It "The fool doth think he is wise

Wednesday 27th - Saturday 30th June 2018

The Greek Theatre Players

7.30 p.m. (and a 3 p.m. Saturday matinee)

(Doors open half an hour before)

£9, £7 for concessions, £3 for students

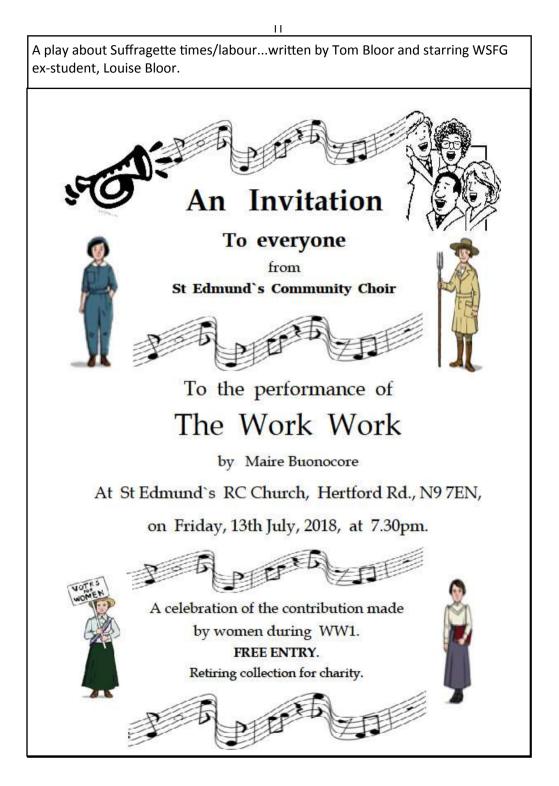
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"The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.."



Rosalind and Celia are forced to flee the tyranny of the court, and find sanctuary in the near-mythical forest of Arden. There - amongst the clowns and the cynics, the romantic youths, the shepherds and shepherdesses and the banished Lords living like Robin Hood's merry men - they come of age and learn the true value of love and friendship.

We are pleased to present Shakespeare's golden and much-loved romantic comedy. The one where brother is set against brother and girls pretend to be boys pretending to be girls. With four weddings and no funeral, two fights, one deer, and music and song aplenty.



School Calendar for 2017-18

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*REVISED School Calendar Dates 2018-2019 *

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3rd September to Friday 21st December 2018

Monday 3rd September 2018 Staff Training Day - School closed for students **Tuesday 4th September 2018 Lessons begin for students** - **Week A** Thursday 11th October 2018 Early school closure at 2.30pm for Open Evening

Half Term: Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October

Thursday 6th December	Presentation Evening
Tuesday 11 th December	Early school closure at 2.30pm for
	Community Party

Spring Term 2019 Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019

* Please note there will be three INSET days to be confirmed