



# GREENSHEET



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**8th February 2018**

**Week 'A'**

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| Steel Pans 40th Anniversary Concert 7pm                                       | Dear Parents and Carers  |      |                                |       |
| Good Friday Bank Holiday 30 <sup>th</sup> March                               | What a delight it was to return to school on Monday to see the front gardens a mass of purple and yellow crocuses, planted by students years gone by. Snowdrops are also out in their glory in the small woodland at the back of the school from before the holiday.   |      |                                |       |
| Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April                              | The behaviour of all the girls this week in winter interform-yes they have been competing outside- has been superb and extremely good humoured. Thank you also to the sports staff for organising the whole event. The girls left school with many a rosy cheek!   |      |                                |       |
|   |   |      |                                |       |
|   | On Monday, almost a hundred students and staff left for the GCSE Geography residential field trip to Norfolk. They braved the elements on Cromer beach but were warmed up by their trip to Norwich. Once more, we were complimented for the excellent behaviour of our students. This was the photograph Mr Gunzi sent the staff to demonstrate that they did actually leave the centre. |      |                                |       |
|   | Thank you to Ms Fearnley and all staff for giving up their time for this trip.   |      |                                |       |

Tuesday marked 100 years since 8.4 million people became the first British women to be granted the vote. The 1918 Representation of the People Act was the culmination of a bitter, heroic, and frequently violent campaign for equality. We will be reflecting on this achievement in assemblies, but also in other ways. On Thursday evening I will be joined the Council Leader Clare Coghill and other Waltham Forest women in a commemorative photograph at the Town Hall. Ms Kelly, our Librarian also came along, wearing her wonderful suffragette outfit. The reason we introduced the colour purple into our school logo was to acknowledge the fight of women the world over to have equal status with men. A hundred years does not seem such a long time ago and there is still more to be done!



A reminder for parents and carers of Year 9 students that there is a Parent Subject Information Evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (4.30-7.00pm) in the week immediately after half term. Year 9 students have been making appointments for their parents/carers with their subject teachers, please ask your daughter for these appointments.

All parents and carers should by now have received a ballot sheet for the Parent Governor election either by email, where email addresses have been provided to the school, or by post (please see letter and attachments on the following pages). Please do take the time to read through the statements provided by our four very strong candidates and vote for one person who you feel will best represent you as one of our Parent Governors.

In sending out the ballot papers by email, each with an individual number, it has come to our notice that there are several parents who have not updated their email addresses on the school system. As email is the main channel of communication with you, it is important that we have up to date information on our system. Please contact the school asap if you have recently changed your email address and not yet notified the school and you will receive the necessary form to change the information we hold for you. Wishing you all an excellent half term

Meryl Davies  
Headteacher

### Parent Information

Dear Parents/Carers,



In an attempt to save time and paper, WSFG would like to keep you informed of important communication including our weekly Greensheet by using email. Please take a moment to inform us of your email address, if you have not done so already, via [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto: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



NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

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1<sup>st</sup> February, 2018

All Parents should have received a copy of this letter, together with the ballot paper and statements from candidates, by email or by post, by the end of this week.

If you have not received a copy, please contact Ms Royds in the school's front office – 020 8509 9448.

Dear Parent/Carer,

**ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR – February 2018**

As you know I have been requesting nominations from parents who wish to serve on the Governing Body. This request has been repeated in consecutive editions of the Greensheet which you will have received by email and the information has been displayed on our website.

By the closing date on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January I had received four nominations and as there is only one vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body it will be necessary to hold an election.

Each parent is entitled to one ballot paper, which should be returned to the school on or before Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. On the ballot paper you will be able to vote for one candidate. Papers with more than the permitted number of votes will be disallowed. Ballot papers may be returned via your child, or if you wish may be placed directly in the ballot box in the school office.

The voting paper should be sealed in an unmarked envelope which should then be sealed in an outer envelope marked "Parent Governor Elections" with your name on the outer envelope. Once the name has been checked against the list of those eligible to vote, the outer envelope will be discarded and the inner envelope placed in the ballot box.

The following are copies of the statements written by the candidates saying why they wish to become parent governors; these may help you to cast your vote.

The votes will be counted on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 and the outcome will be advised in the following edition of the Greensheet.

Yours sincerely,

Meryl Davies  
 Headteacher

Attached: Voting Slip  
 Candidates' statements.





Individual No: WSFG2

**BALLOT FORM – ELECTION FOR PARENT GOVERNORS – February 2018**

Please vote for no more than one Governor

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Mr Paul Julien   |  |
| Ms Claire Landon |  |
| Dr Rhys Morgan   |  |
| Mr Ifzal Rehman  |  |

Please put a cross in the box beside the name of the candidate you would like to vote for.

**There is a vacancy for one parent governor only.**

If you vote for more than one candidate, your paper cannot be included in the ballot.

Please return this ballot paper to the school on or before Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. Please enclose the ballot form in a plain envelope inside another envelope marked "Parent Governor Election" and with your name on the outside envelope only. Alternatively you are welcome to come into school and place the ballot form directly into the ballot box.

Each parent is entitled to one ballot paper **ONLY**.

Each ballot paper has an individual number to avoid duplicate voting.

### Statements from Parent Governor nominees

Parent Governor nominees were each asked to write a short statement explaining why they would like to represent the Governing Body of Walthamstow School for Girls as Parent Governor. These statements are reproduced below in the order that they appear on the ballot form.

I've served as a primary school governor and have had several charity Trusteeships. I would love to develop my skills at secondary school level.

I'm the parent of a pupil in Year 7, who loves the school and I'd like to become more involved.

I work as a senior manager in the charity sector, but I've also worked as a classroom assistant, special needs teacher and music teacher in my younger days – so could bring different perspectives to governance issues. I am currently also Chair of Governors at a local primary school.

Paul Julien

I'm running for parent governor because I'd love the opportunity to know WSFG from the inside. Our oldest is so happy in Year 7, already responding to the school's supportive, enthusiastic atmosphere. With another two daughters, we'll be part of the school community for the next 15 years.

My background is in journalism, communications and languages – areas where I'd be delighted to help.

Broadly speaking, my interests are: promoting the arts and humanities as a natural partner to STEM; encouraging confidence by exposing girls to mentorships and real-life work experience; and supporting state education amid increasing budgetary constraints.

Claire Landon

I have long-standing experience in UK education. I am currently Education Director at The Royal Academy of Engineering, the UK's national academy for engineering and also lecture at Imperial College London.

I advise Government policy to increase the number of young people studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects in school. I'm passionate about increasing diversity, in particular women and ethnic minority groups in STEM.

I've previously served as Chair of Governors at Kelmscott School for three years. I have a daughter in Year 7 and keen to use my experience to make WSFG even better!

Vote for me!

Dr Rhys Morgan

I have lived in the area (Waltham Forest) all my life and I want to give something back to the local community. My family has a long affiliation with the school with my sister, nieces and now daughter attending the school. One of my nieces is a teacher at the school.

From a professional perspective, I am a senior audit manager and qualified accountant at one of the leading accounting firms in the City. I have experience of dealing with commercial as well as not for profit organisations and I feel my background and experience would undoubtedly benefit the school. Even if I am not successful, I would like to support the school in any way I can.

Ifzal Rehman

**Year 9 Parents/Carers Subject Evening**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

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

We expect Year 9 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 Jean Baptiste  
Student Progress Leader, Year 9.

**Zanzibar Fund Raising**

Thank you so much for your continued support for our volunteering trip to Zanzibar.

If you would be so kind as to do your online shopping via this link - this will help us to raise more money for Zanzibar that will go towards the whole group's trip.



There is no other cost to the customer so we'd appreciate it if you could also share this with friends and relatives.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wsfg18/>

We're just 6 months away and while the girls have done really well so far, we still have a way to go to reach our target of **£31 000**.

Many thanks,  
Ms Philippou and Ms Desbenoit

## Origami for Mindfulness

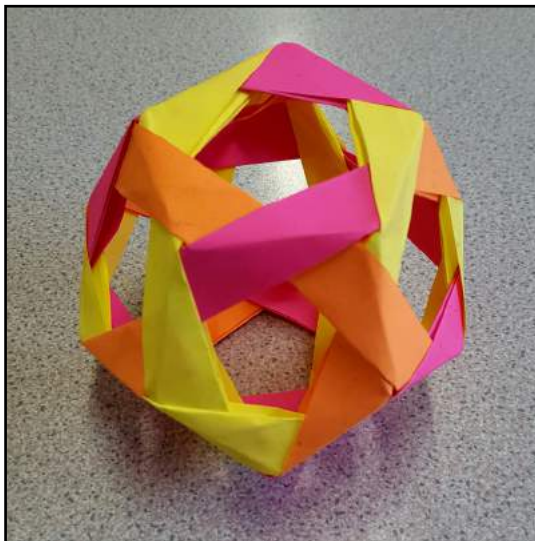
This week the girls worked collaboratively to make an origami dodecahedron, using instructions from a Maths Craft Group in New Zealand:

[www.mathscraftnz.org](http://www.mathscraftnz.org)

Lena, Cerika, Maahirah and Rose made the 30 modules and Vicke constructed the model.

New members are very welcome to join after half term.

Ms Robinson  
Challenge Coordinator



## BETT Show Trip



WSFG was invited to attend the BETT show this year. This came about due to an exciting new app that the maths department was selected to trial on behalf of Learning By Questions. At the BETT show, (a huge trade show where all the latest and greatest technological developments in education are show cased), WSFG students were tasked with demonstrating the app.

Seven students, Julia (7W), Maria (7F), Gwen (7F), Emily (7S), Paula (8G), Alishba (8G), Zahra (8W), Mr Salmon and myself made the journey to the Excel Centre Ms Davies sent us on our way and set the girls the challenge of bringing interesting, fun and free goodies back. The girls really took this challenge to heart. By day's end we had 50 plus pens, mouse pads, stress balls, sweets, chocolates, show bags and a bike bell.



Alas the free T Shirts alluded us.



The demonstration itself was very well received by the public and the organisers alike. The girls were a credit to WSFG in the confidence they showed and their willingness to get involved and explain their learning.

A great time was had by all with just the one

blemish to the day, the loss of the school phone on the bus back to school. But even this had a happy ending with a Venezuelan boy, showing honesty beyond belief, contacting me. With next to no English, just Spanish, we managed to meet over the weekend to retrieve said phone. The whole family turned up with him to ensure his safety and my Spanish was really put to the test in organising the meeting and in expressing my gratitude. Faith in humanity restored.

Mr Walker





## Professional Interview Day 2018

Last week, Year 11 had their Professional Interview Day (PID). This is one of the ways that we help to prepare students for real life and to gain some of the necessary skills and experiences. In preparation for the day, they had the opportunity to look at some real life job adverts and to complete a CV and a cover letter.



On the day, they came dressed in professional wear and had a 30 min slot with an interviewer. We welcomed 21 volunteers from the world of work who generously gave up their time to come and support this event.



During the interview, students were asked interview questions and also had the chance to get some feedback on their CVs and cover letters and on their interview technique.



I have to say that the students did us proud – and more importantly, did themselves proud.



They really immersed themselves in the experience and it proved to be an incredibly valuable day. They dressed very appropriately and looked super professional!



A huge well done to all of the students who took part in the day and a big thank you to all of our volunteers, and to Ms Janes for all her help too.

Ms Philippou  
Assistant Headteacher

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## Year 11 College Information College Visits and Open Days

### Students Interview Invitation for LAE Tottenham

Our first alignment consultation date is set for **Saturday 10th February**.

Karel Morris | Marketing and Admissions Coordinator

Phone: 020 8352 6020 Email: [karel.morris@laetottenham.ac.uk](mailto:karel.morris@laetottenham.ac.uk)

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**UniDentists's Dental School** is running a preparation course on **Saturday 24th February** in South Kensington, London. Places are limited and can be booked on their website: [www.unidentists.com](http://www.unidentists.com)

## School Calendar for 2017-18

### Spring Term 2018

**End: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

### Half Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Year 9 Parents/Carers subject Evening 4.30 –7pm

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

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

### Good Friday Bank Holiday 30<sup>th</sup> March -

**Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

### Summer Term

Start: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April End: Friday 20th July

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

### May Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 11 GCSE Examinations

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

### Half Term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1st June