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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spring Term 2018 End: Thursday 29th March

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

May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Our annual Governors' Day took place on Thursday, when members of our Governing Body spent a day at WSFG, seeing the school in operation, participating in assembly and extra-curricular activities, seeing lessons in action, lunching with students and undertaking training. The Governors all have their own professional commitments and I thank them for devoting a day from their busy schedules to the school. I hope they found the day interesting and productive. During the day, Governors attended one of our Leadership assemblies, which this week focused on Restorative Justice. Mr Gunzi introduced our new KS4 mentor, Ms Epelle-Oboko, who is a specialist in this area.

This week there were several events for our students. On Tuesday a group of Year 7 students visited Goldsmiths College, New Cross. On Wednesday students in Years 7-9 took part in a writing workshop as part of a national Young Writers' competition. This competition, open to all students in Years 7-9, asked students nationwide to produce a "super hero" story to be judged by David Walliams. Thursday was DEAR Day (Drop Everything and Read) when students in Years 7-10 started each morning lesson with ten minutes' reading time. On Friday some of our Year 10 students will visit the Unicorn Theatre whilst others in the year group are involved in running an Enterprise Fete, which has involved them planning and developing a business idea and then selling items such as food, cakes, sweets, and healthcare products to other students and staff. Also this week our mosaic artists were back in school to finish work on the mosaic wall collaborative project. Students in Years 7-8 were involved in workshops to prepare and make the mosaic pattern, which is taking shape beautifully. Students, staff, and members of the local community, including local Councillor Saima Mahmud have all been popping into the art room to contribute to this piece of art. More information on this will follow in our Bumper Greensheet *next week*.

Congratulations to the Year 8 netball team, who played their first game of the season this week and beat a strong team from Lammas School. The final score was 18-5 and the girls worked hard throughout the game. Team members were: Molly (8G), Morenike (8H), Jai-Ming, Sylvie, Jessica, Deja (8H), Grace (8G) Rachel (8F) and Jessica (Player of the Match) (8W). We look forward to the next game against Frederick Bremer School next Wednesday and wish the team the best of luck.

At the end of last week, students from a range of year groups attended a presentation at the Town Hall, led by our Mayor, Councillor Yemi Osho, after having their short stories or poems included in a collection "Young Voices of Waltham Forest". It was a wonderful celebration of so many of our talented writers and Ms Kennedy, who attended the event, was incredibly proud of our students.

Next week also promises to be a busy one, despite being a shorter week with the Bank Holiday on Friday. Information regarding arrangements for the end of term and the start of next term is provided on page 4. On Monday next week, three Year 9 students will be representing the school at a debating competition taking place at Harrow School. Good luck to Amina (9S), Georgia (9W) and Evan (9W), who I know will make us proud. On Tuesday there will be a Philosophy Day event involving another group of students.

On Wednesday the term culminates with our celebration of 40 years of steel pans at Walthamstow School for Girls with an evening concert and I would take this opportunity to congratulate Richard Murphy on the impressive and inspirational work he has done with our students over these years, including winning national competitions and appearances by our bands at the Royal Albert Hall. This will be a memorable occasion for us all, commemorated by students and band members past and present.

During the Easter break, Mr Morrow will be leading a ski trip and I am sure the students and staff involved will have a fantastic time. I wish them a safe journey and ski-ing. Also during the break there will be Easter revision/booster sessions for some of our Year 11 GCSE students. A timetable of subjects and those involved will be circulated at the start of next week. Please encourage your Year 11 daughters to attend any sessions they are invited to.

Best wishes to students, staff and the wider school community for a happy holiday. Meryl Davies Headteacher

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Collaboration in Waltham Forest Schools

Last week teachers from across Waltham Forest Schools came together at Walthamstow School for Girls for a professional development event encouraging teachers in their career paths.

At the event a panel of deputy headteachers were quizzed about their journey into school leadership and then a series of break out sessions allowed teachers to explore areas of their interest.

It is one of the many ways in which teachers across the borough collaborate and share the excellent talent we have within Waltham Forest. We look forward to hosting future events and continue to build the strong relationships that are already exist.

Ms Kennedy Deputy Headteacher









Information for Parents / Carers and Students End of Term Arrangements

The final day of Spring Term is Thursday 29th March 2018

- ♦ ALL lessons 1 5 are as normal.
- There will be a normal breaktime and lunchtime offer in the canteen.
- Thursday 29th March will be a non-uniform day with proceeds going towards the Year Group Charity of choice.
- The cost of wearing non-uniform will be £1.00 and must be paid IN ADVANCE to Form Reps.
- The jewellery rules still apply on this day and lanyards **must** be worn.
- School finishes at 3.30pm

The first day of the Summer Term for students is Monday 16th April 2018

- All Students are expected in FULL school uniform and to be in school at the correct time for their Year Group.
- Further details will be in the green sheet and on the school website.
- The Focus of the Fortnight will be on correct Uniform and Lanyards.
- This will be a Week B.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday! Ms.K.H.Pratt Assistant Headteacher.

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Walthamstow School for Girls. Focus of the Fortnight 26th March – 20th April 2018 UNIFORM Clothing, Jewellery, Lanyards, Conduct Cards, One-Card.

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight will be on all aspects of the school uniform. This will include clothing, jewellery, lanyards, conduct cards and one-card. It is vital that your daughter is correctly equipped for school, including wearing the correct uniform. The school has clear rules about uniform and jewellery which are detailed on page 9 of your daughter's Student Planner. The sanctions for not following the school rules are detailed below.

In addition, we are also asking that your daughter does not wear brightly coloured underwear that shows through her white school shirt as this is inappropriate for school. She must also be wearing a school skirt of a modest length and there will be a sanction applied if she is not. We expect all our students to be dressed modestly for school and if the uniform rules are followed correctly this will be the case.

Thank you for your support of the school in this Focus and in all other matters.

Ms.Pratt Assistant Headteacher

 If a student is wearing a non-uniform item, it will be confiscated and she will be asked to change into an item of correct uniform provided by the school. The student will collect any confiscated uniform items at the end of the day from her SPL. The conduct card will be signed.



- If a student is wearing a skirt that is too short, she will be asked to adjust it but if it
 is still too short, she will be asked to change into an item of correct and appropriate
 uniform provided by the school. The conduct card will be signed.
- Any items of non-uniform jewellery will be confiscated and Parents / Carers will be sent a letter asking them to collect the item just before the next half term holiday. (This will NOT be returned at the end of the day). The conduct card will be signed.
- If the lanyard or conduct card are not worn, there will be an automatic one hour detention that the Parents / Carers will be informed of by letter. The conduct card will be signed.
- Please see page 9 of the Student Planner for uniform and jewellery regulations at WSFG.
- Blazers are COMPULSORY for Year 7 and 8 students and they MUST be worn at all times in school unless permission is given by staff to remove them. Sanctions will be apply if the blazer is not worn by Year 7 and 8.

6 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

Key Stage 3 Information

Music Practice Rooms: These are still off limits unless you are a GCSE Music student. If you are found in there you will be given an hour's detention.

Music Instrumental Lessons:

All instrument lessons must be paid for by Friday 23rd March or you will not receive lessons next term. This includes new starters.

Years 7, 8 and 9. Applications for the Young Writers' competition are now available from English Teachers or the English Office.

Applications should be submitted to the English office by 23rd April at the latest.

Philosophy Day – Tuesday 27th March The students involved in Philsophy Day need to register as usual, then spend the day in the LRC.

Ms Robinson

Key Stage 4 Information

Year 11 Business Studies Coursework Final Deadline Ms Begum's Business Studies group need to hand in all BTEC Business coursework Units 1.3&4

by 3.30pm on Friday 23rd March 2018.





Mr Straker's Business Studies group need to hand in all BTEC Business coursework Units 1, 3 & 4

by 3.30pm on Tuesday 27th March 2018.

This is a FINAL submission, so ensure all assessment criteria has been met. Coursework catch-up is on Mondays after school in F14.

Year 11 Music Intervention:

This is on every night this week and **Saturday 10am - 1pm.** Please attend if your coursework is incomplete Ms Bradshaw.

English

Year 11 Literature Revision - Poetry Lectures 2018

Lectures will be 1 hour and take place in Norris Hall. Each lecture is open to all students but you must be punctual (lectures will begin promptly at 3.45pm), you must stay for the duration of the lecture and you must come prepared to listen and make notes.

Lecture 4 – Thursday 19th April

The Manhunt A Wife in London The Soldier

Lecture 5 – Thursday 26th April

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Y11 GCSE Product Design

A reminder that there are support sessions on **Thursdays after school**. Don't forget to use pop in time to get things organised especially if you have requested something to be cut out. Please see Mr Streader any lunchtime for this. Mr Streader

Year 10 & 11 students interested in studying medicine

Ex-student Molly Kavanagh will be coming into school at lunchtime on Monday 26th March to speak to Year 10 and 11s interested in studying medicine after leaving WSFG. Molly is currently at University studying medicine and has kindly offered to come in and talk to students about preparation for medical school, entry requirements and what it is actually like to study this course.

This will be in the Hewett Hall and will start at 12:40pm, no students will be allowed entry after 12:45pm.

Ms Warren

WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2018 lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

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).

7PM HEWETT HALL £6 ADULTS & £3 CONCESSIONS



Lost Property

We have had a large amount of lost property since returning at the beginning of the term.

Any unnamed items not claimed by Wednesday 28th March may be disposed of.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled.

Students are reminded that you can collect lost property at **3.30pm** every day.

Parents and carers may also collect lost property any day after school.

Ms Jolliffe Student Services

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May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

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

Half Term Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June





With the success of the last quiz night, please put this date in your diary for May 2018. Donations of raffles prizes greatly welcome. Please take to Student Services

ALTHANSTOW SCHOOL FOR GRLS ALUMAE 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

FAURÉ Requiem

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Cantique de Jean Racine

VIVALDI Gloria

Andrew Sackett - conductor

Hilary Cronin - soprano Elizabeth Paul - mezzo-soprano Stephen Kennedy - bass Daniel Moult - organ

Saturday 24 March 2018 7.30pm

Chingford Parish Church (St. Peter and St. Paul) The Green, Chingford E4 7EN

Tickets: £14 - in advance, £16 - at the door - Under 18s £5 Available online at choir website below or 020 8554 2830

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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

Holy Week Reflections two choral pieces for Easter Saturday

Saturday 31 March 2018 Waltham Abbey Church, EN9 1XQ

7.00pm Seven Last Words From The Cross Jonathan Rathbone

followed by a 30 minute break

8.00pm Holy Week Christopher Wood World Première

London Forest Choir Sylvan Ensemble Claire Seaton soprano Cari Searle alto Thomas Elwin tenor Nicholas Garrett bass

London Orest Choir

Jonathan Rathbone conductor

www.londonforestchoir.org Registered charity no. 272799

FREE ENTRY

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

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by — FELIX MENDELSSOHN

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28th April 2018 — 7pm

HACKNEY SINGERS

Conductor Dan Ludford-Thomas

WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL E17 4JF

Tickets available from hackneysingers.org.uk