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Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Autumn Term
2017 End:
Wednesday
20th December
Tuesday 3rd October
Year 10
Parent /Carer Information
Evening 6-7pm
Thursday 12th October
School closure
14.30pm for
Open Evening
Friday 13th October
Staff Inset Day.
School closed to
students
Wednesday 18th October
Year 7 Settling
in afternoon
Thursday 19th October
Alumnae quiz
night 7pm
Half Term
Monday 23rd October
Friday 27th October

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that our new parents and students are finding the weekly information in the Greensheet informative and useful. As it is the main channel of communication with parents and carers as well as the wider school community, it is important to keep an eye on the messages it contains and we hope that you will be interested to read about the events and activities that our students are involved in as we progress through the year.

We are very pleased to have been invited by Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, to join his *Schools for Success* programme. Approximately 6% of London primary and secondary schools, from all of the 32 boroughs, were invited to be part of the programme, based on their performance tables and the significant progress made by their low prior attainment cohort. WSFG is one of only 25 secondary schools in this network, designed to share excellent teaching and leadership practice. By improving the outcomes of pupils who begin with attainment levels behind their peers, schools such as WSFG are making a significant contribution to reducing educational inequalities and promoting social mobility for young Londoners. WSFG will be formally recognised for having done "exceptionally well with low prior attaining pupils" at the programme launch at City Hall on Friday morning. Together with our Chair of Governors, Ms Gillian Barker, I am looking forward to representing WSFG at the celebration and award ceremony.



Our talented students have this week been auditioning for the Glee Club. The music room was full of over 100 hopeful students on Tuesday evening after school, Ms Bradshaw tells me that call backs for the successful girls will be taking place next week. I look forward to being in the audience for a performance soon.

On Wednesday afternoon there was another performing arts activity, when a group of students took part in a workshop run by the Old Vic. Our students are certainly heeding the school motto, proudly displayed at the back of the Hewett Hall 'Neglect not the gift that is in thee' on so many levels.

NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

We were recently contacted by Waltham Forest Council on behalf of Councillor Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader of the Council, with a request to install a Waltham Forest heritage plaque in recognition of John Kemp Starley, inventor of the modern bicycle on the wall outside the school. John Kemp Starley was born on Church Hill, Walthamstow and there is an exhibition about his life and influence at Vestry House Museum which runs until next February 2018.

The official unveiling of the plaque took place at noon on Thursday and was attended by Cllr Grace Williams, Portfolio Lead for Children and Young People and Rosalind Zalicks from the Highways Department at LBWF. Look out for the plaque next time you walk towards St Mary's church from the school.



Finally, we would like to wish our Jewish families Shabat Shalom on the occasion of Yom Kippur.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies
Headteacher

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 12th October
5.30-8.00pm

High Performing National Support School

'There is a strong focus on excellent academic outcomes. Inclusive care for individuals lies at the heart of the school's ethos.' OFSTED



Parent / Carer Information Evening Year 10

Dear Parents / Carers,

You are invited to our Year 10 new GCSE information evening on; **Tuesday 3rd October** 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 including:

- Work experience
- E-safety
- New GCSE content / reforms
- Target setting
- GREEN

Your daughter will receive her targets at school on Tuesday 3rd October and should bring these with her to this event.

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 10 Parent Information Evening, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Kennedy, Deputy Head Teacher responsible for Key Stage 4 or Ms Philippou assistant Head Teacher attached to Year 10 or myself.

Kind regards,

Ms Desbenoit.

Student Progress Leader Year 10

Walthamstow School for Girls.

Focus of the Fortnight

25th September – 6th October 2017

The focus will be on 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. K.H.Pratt

Assistant Headteacher.



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

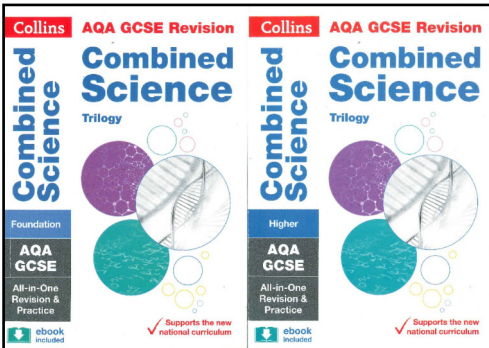
Sanctions to be applied.

- 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.

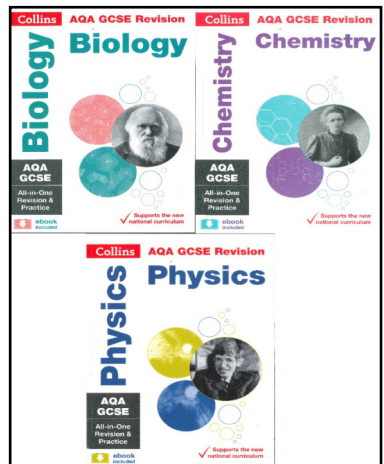
Year 9 & 10 Science GCSE Revision Guides.

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

Your daughter is now 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 a great 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.

Mr Kerr
Head of Science

Gardening Club



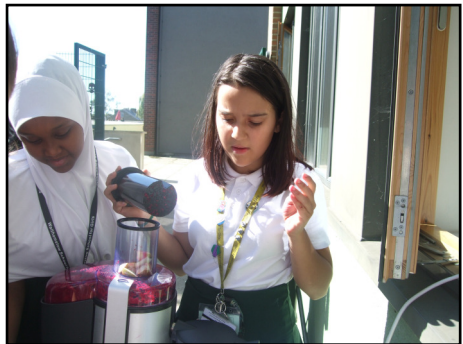
The Gardening Club have been making the most of our bountiful harvest.

We harvested sweetcorn fresh from the plot which went directly to the pot and was consumed by us al fresco style during lunch.

This week we harvested apples from a tree on our school site near the Muga. We added organically grown beetroots donated by a member of our staff and started our clearing and weeding session with some freshly pressed apple and beetroot juice.

A wonderful way to experience and enjoy food growing!

Mrs Dominique



Year 9 visit Canary Wharf

Last term twenty six Year 9 students took part in a very educational and exciting career insight trip, which occurred in a very well-known bank (HSBC headquarters) in Canary Wharf.



The day was focussed mainly on finance and managing money. We were put into groups and had to gather words that related to the word 'money'.

Later on the employers gave us a main business task to plan on building a road, any place of our choice and to work out how much money was needed in order to build the road. We had to convince a panel of judges why 'our' group had the best idea and this was all shown in our presentation.

Many thanks to Ms Philippou for organising this pleasant trip as I gained a better understanding of how I should manage my money, and I am hoping more trips like this are organised for more year groups in the next academic year.

Dean 9G



Year 8- William Morris Drawing and Printing Club with Miss Wills

WHERE? In F36 (starts 19th September)

WHEN? Every Tuesday lunchtime from 12.30-1.15pm

20 students maximum for each session

ORIGAMI for MINDFULNESS

It was great to welcome an enthusiastic group of Year 7 students and two members of staff to this new club. We are currently meeting on Tuesday, Week A in Room F38 from 3.30-4.30pm

All participants made Sonobe cubes and went home to practise and extend their skills by making stellated octahedra and dodecahedra. Here are just a few of the benefits of doing Origami:



Releases stress – while folding, we can forget any stress we may feel in our daily lives as we become enthralled in the activity

Relaxation effect – Folding relieves tension in the body

Activates the brain - Due to the many nerve endings in our fingers which are connected to the brain, blood flow to the brain is increased, which aids concentration.



Enhances creativity and joy – Making beautiful creations out of paper gives a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction.

Our next session is on Tuesday 3rd October and we will be making flowers.

Please see me in F03 if you would like to join, and here's a link in case you want to make what we made last week:

<https://mathcraft.wonderhowto.com/how-to/modular-origami-make-cube-octahedron-icosahedron-from-sonobe-units-0131460/>

Ms Robinson
Challenge Coordinator



The Dignity Bag Appeal.

We are supporting the Dignity Bag Appeal – an appeal to provide small bags of sanitary and hygiene items to girls and women affected by the crisis in Syria and Iraq.

<http://www.samarasaidappeal.org/dignity-bags/#>

Each tutor group will be given a bag with a 'shopping' list, as follows:

- Sponge or body puff
- Soap x3/4 bars (no liquids) (multipack)
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Roll-on Deodorant (no aerosols/glass)
- Sanitary towels x4 packs (no tampons)
- Panty liners x2 packs
- Nail clippers
- Pack of knickers 4/5 pairs (medium size)
- Hairbrush
- Tub of face/hand cream
- Tub of Vaseline or similar
- Plastic box/tub with lid (to keep soap in)
- Shampoo bar ** (optional)

* dignity bags should be a drawstring backpack, attractive bag approx. 34x44cm.

**shampoo bars available online.

We should be grateful if you could spare any of the items on the list, or add them to your weekly shop, and then send them into school with your daughter who should take them to G68, so that we can assemble the bags, and donate as many as possible by October 5th. In addition, of particular shortage in general are sanitary towels, panty liners and knickers. Your kindness would be wonderful.

Many thanks
 Ms Famiglietti
 Year 7 Student Progress Leader



Alumnae News
Quiz night
19th October
7pm

The alumnae are holding a quiz night on **Thursday 19th October**, open to all, adults only, (see page 12 for further details), to raise funds to enable us to support the school with various projects

We look forward to seeing you, building a stronger alumnae community, while supporting the school and having some fun.

Kind regards,
Danielle Ferguson
 WSFG Alumnae Chair



Saturday 30th September -
'Highams'

a talk by local historian,
Georgina Green

A fascinating evening arranged by the Highams Park Society (HPS) in

All Saints' Church Hall, Church Avenue, E4 9QD.

Time: 7:00 for 7:30 pm

Tickets: £5 (£3:00 for HPS members)

FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

Walthamstow School for Girls

Thursday 19th October 2017

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

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

Autumn Term 2017

Start: Monday 4th September

End: Wednesday 20th December

Tuesday 3rd October

Year 10 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

Thursday 12th October

School closure 2.30pm open evening

Friday 13th October

Staff Inset Day school closed to students

Wednesday 18th October

Year 7 Settling in afternoon

Thursday 19th October

Alumnae quiz night 7pm

Half Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Tuesday 31st October

Year 8 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

Wednesday 1st November

Year 11 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

Monday 6th–

Friday 24th November

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Thursday 9th November

Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Tuesday 14th November

Year 7 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

Tuesday 21st November

Year 9 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

Spring Term 2018

Start: Thursday 4th January End: Thursday 29th March

Thursday 25th January

Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Thursday 22nd February

Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Thursday 15th March

Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -

Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April

Thursday 26th April

Year 7 Parents'/Carers' 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