

Week 'A'

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28th March 2018

SCHOOL CALENDAR Spring Term 2018

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

Here we are at the end of a busy Spring Term, looking forward to a refreshing break. Events have continued right to the end with a group of students celebrating Philosophy Day on Tuesday with a workshop run by Jason Buckley, otherwise known as "the Philosophy Man". Thanks are due to Ms Robinson for organising this event. There have also been a few fun events in school this week such as Easter egg hunts in some KS3 language groups.

The Steel Pans bands have been rehearsing hard for the 40 Years of Pans at WSFG event this week. Since 1984 Mr Murphy has continued to inspire enthusiasm and energy among the steel pans players and their standard of performance on Wednesday evening was outstanding. The audience left the event feeling impressed and exhilarated – one parent was heard to say "it is impossible not to tap your feet"! The event was a tribute to Mr Murphy's inspirational work with WSFG students past and present. Thanks also to the alumnae and members of staff who supported the event to mark this 40th Anniversary.

For the Year 11 students revision/booster sessions will continue through the Easter Holidays as they prepare for the GCSE examinations which start on 14th May and continue to 22nd June.

If you have a daughter in Year 11 please encourage her to attend sessions they have signed up for. Details are on the school website under Study with us/ Pastoral/ Year 11.

Walthamstow School for Girls is extremely proud of the excellent relations between our various community groups. We are aware that a number of families have received a pernicious letter which has been circulating around the country. If you have been in receipt of such a letter, the police advice is not to handle it and report it immediately to the local police. Please see page 3 for further information.

My thanks to the whole school community for another successful term and best wishes for a Happy Easter for those who celebrate this festival, to our Jewish families for the coming Passover, and to everyone for a well-earned holiday.

Meryl Davies Headteacher



Information for Parents / Carers and Students

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.



NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

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Dear Members of our School Community,

We have been made aware of an unpleasant letter that some members of the local community have received over the past two weeks and have taken advice from the Borough Police Team in regard to this letter.

This letter has been sent to many addresses around the country over the past month and is being treated as an Islamophobic hate crime with the investigations being co-ordinated by the Counter-Terrorism Policing Team.

Local concerns have been expressed by community leaders at a meeting at New Scotland Yard last week and these have informed the police response. The advice that we have been given is as follows:

"I would urge anyone who receives such a letter, not to handle it or share it on social media, but report it immediately to the police. That gives us the best possible opportunity of catching the perpetrator. You can also report this or any other hate crime to Tell MAMA who will ensure that reports are brought quickly to our attention."

"We work closely with a number of Muslim community organisations as well as the Association of Muslim Police to understand the impact of Islamophobic hate crime on communities."

"Please feel confident to continue your daily lives as usual but report anything suspicious to police on 101 or 999 in an emergency."

Ms. K H Pratt Assistant HeadTeacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead









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.

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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Half Term Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 5



Olive Dining Menus for the Summer Term

All menus are subject to change. This week we are on Menu Week ONE.

Please note the cost of a school meal is £2.15.

A reminder to parents/carers that if you wish to pay for your daughter's school meals by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'Olive Dining Ltd'.

All students have also been given usernames and passwords to enable payments to be made online via our SQUID system (see the school website for details). If you would like a reminder of your daughter's username and password please contact the school on the usual numbers.





Food allargy notice. Dishes may contain the following: celery, cereals, crustaceans, milk, eggs. lupin, molliusc, musiard, nuts, pearuts secame seeds, boys, sulphur dioxida. Please speak to shel for turther information

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 GIRLS 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

EASTER DAZE 2018



Ages 11-19 To find out more information about the Easter Activity Programme and other providers across the borough visit <u>www.walthamforest.gov.uk/</u> easter

WHAT'S ON GUIDE -EASTER 2018



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
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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 IXQ

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

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



by — FELIX MENDELSSOHN

AREAR

28th April 2018 — 7pm

HACKNEY SINGERS

Conductor Dan Ludford-Thomas

WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL E17 4JF

Tickets available from hackneysingers.org.uk