



GREENSHEET



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Thursday 15 th March	Dear Parents and Carers,			
Year 8 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 -7.30pm	We are grateful to all of you who attended our Parent Information Evenings last term; those of you who put your names forward to engage more closely in consultation with us on various school matters will have been invited to complete a survey at the end of last term. We would like to hear from more of you before we begin to analyse the responses. You can access the survey here:			
Good Friday Bank Holiday 30 th March -	Year 7	https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZM9Q3CC		
Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2 nd April	Year 8	https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZX2THHZ		
	Year 9	https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZN87B2X		
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	Year 11	https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZF726HD		
	Please read my letter in this edition of Greensheet (page 3) regarding the vacancy we have on our Governing Body. Although it is a serious commitment to make, I know that our Parent Governors have found serving on the Governing Body to be both rewarding and insightful and I hope you will consider putting your name forward for the role. It is vital to the school to enjoy the support of our governors. If you are willing to make this commitment, we would be happy to hear from you. If you would prefer to receive a printed copy of my letter, this can be provided on request. Please contact my PA, Ms Royds, for a paper copy or if you would like any further information.			
	The closing date for nominations is January 26 th .			

We are very pleased to host the next meeting of the Waltham Forest Life Chances Commission on Tuesday. Members of the commission include Officers from Waltham Forest Council, the Leader of the Council, representatives from various universities including Oxford and the London School of Economics, the CEO of the East London Business Alliance and local secondary Headteachers. The Waltham Forest student voice is represented by our very own senior students. The focus of this meeting will be university access so we are looking forward to making a contribution to future local policy on this important issue.

Finally, a reminder to parents and carers of Year 11 students that next Thursday is your daughter's Parent Subject Evening where you will have the opportunity to discuss her progress with all of her subject teachers. I look forward to seeing you all there on this important occasion.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES OR SEVERE WEATHER

In the event of an emergency school closure the decision on whether the school stays open will be taken by the Headteacher after carrying out a risk assessment. In the event of severe weather, the school will remain open whenever possible.

Information about any closure will be available

on the school's website:

www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

by phone:

020 8509 9446

or via a text message

We aim to send text messages to parents and carers, although there are sometimes delays in getting these messages through promptly, so please check the school's website for up to date information. Please ensure that the School Office has on record up to date addresses and telephone numbers including a mobile number and the person to contact in the case of a student emergency. It is essential that the school has at least **one** land line and a mobile number.



NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

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Dear Parents/Carers

11th January, 2018

Walthamstow School for Girls has a vacancy for one parent or carer to serve as a school governor and I hope you will consider putting yourself forward. The Governing Body's role is the strategic and financial oversight of the school, and ensuring that students receive a high quality education which prepares them for the next stage of their education. This includes planning for future development and improvements, but not the day-to-day management of the school. For more information please see the governing body section of the school website.

If you would like to stand as a candidate please complete the reply slip attached and return it to the school no later than 3.30pm on Friday 26th January, 2018. If there is more than one candidate for the vacancy an election will need to be held, but this is a straightforward process. All you need to do is write a short paragraph (no more than one hundred words) saying why you want to become a Parent Governor; your statement will be sent to all parents and carers with a voting paper. Should only one parent or carer apply, then they will automatically become a Parent Governor. The term of office is four years.

The work of our governors is very important to the school in key areas such as oversight and development of the ethos and curriculum of the school; well-being of pupils; staff employment and use of resources as well as ensuring that the school maintains its high standards in all areas. You will be expected to attend an (evening) meeting of the Governing Body once or twice a term and to join one of its committees which also meets once a term. Governors are also encouraged to visit the school occasionally during the day and help in the oversight of an area of the curriculum as a link governor. We are not looking for any particular expertise, but rather a strong commitment to the school and its students, the inquisitiveness to question, and a willingness to give some of your time to governance. However, if you have specialist knowledge or relevant experience, do please mention this in your statement. Induction training is provided for all new governors and governors are encouraged to attend further training on specific areas of school governance paid for by the school.

As a school we are always mindful that the Governing Body should reflect the local community that the school serves and members of ethnic minority groups are therefore particularly welcomed on the Governing Body and are encouraged to stand for election as parent governors.

Please note that for the purpose of safeguarding, school governors are subject to an enhanced DBS check, administered via the school, which requires disclosure of any previous criminal convictions. Anything disclosed will not necessarily bar you from holding office and will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the school.

Yours faithfully

Meryl Davies
 Headteacher



Please return this slip in an envelope marked for the attention of Ms Royds and return to the school office by Friday 26th January 2018.

I wish to stand as a candidate for election as Parent Governor at Walthamstow School for Girls.

First name:

Family Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms etc.):

Signed:

Home Address:

These details will appear on the ballot paper sent to parents.

Remember to include your statement (no more than one hundred words) saying why you want to be a school governor and what skills/knowledge you feel that the board will benefit from .

Year 11 Parents/Carers Subject Evening Thursday 25th January 2018

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

We encourage all Year 11 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 Warren
Student Progress Leader, Year 11.

Meeting for Ski Trip 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

There will be a meeting for parents and students who are coming on the school ski trip on **Wednesday 17th February at 5.30pm**.

The meeting will take place in the Norris Hall, which is just inside the students' entrance and will last until about 7.00pm.

Please note that this meeting is **for students** coming on the trip and **their Parents**. Please do not send an older sibling as your representative, as there are some important forms that will need to be signed by both students and parents.

The purpose of the meeting is to pass on important information regarding the ski trip including travel, accommodation, equipment and entertainment. We will also give a small demonstration of the type of clothing that is needed for the trip.

I will also be giving out details of dry slope skiing lessons for the beginner skiers.

If you are unable to make the meeting please let me know in advance, as all the forms must be completed before your daughter will be able to come on the trip.

Mr R Morrow.
Ski Trip Leader



**Year 9 students:
GCSE Separate Sciences**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware from the Year 9 Parent Information Evening and presentations in Year 9 assembly, there are 2 possible routes of study in GCSE Science. Students can follow a combined GCSE course which includes an equal balance of Chemistry, Physics and Biology units and results in a double award GCSE with an average grade for the three subjects or students can follow a Separate Sciences route which results in 3 separate GCSEs (Chemistry/ Biology/ Physics).

In order that each student pursues the best science GCSE route to ensure that she achieves the best GCSE grades in science, students who would like to be considered for the separate science GCSEs are invited to sit a separate sciences assessment test on **Thursday 7th February**. This will take place in the Hewett Hall after school from **3.30-4.30pm**.

Students are able to collect a permission letter from their science teacher in if they wish to attend this assessment. The criteria that we are using will allow girls that achieve an “extending” level in this test to study the separate sciences.

It is recommended that students prepare for the test by revising the following:

- Plant growth
- Photosynthesis
- Rocks and fossils
- Particles
- Word and symbol equations
- Forces
- Speed
- Heat and insulation
- Light
- Generating electricity
- Science investigation: linked to carrying out experiments

Please note students who wish to study the Combined Award (double science) are not required to sit this test.

If you have any questions regarding the routes available for study in science please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Kerr
Head of Science

Focus of the Fortnight
15th – 27th January 2018
Litter in the School Environment

Dear Parents / Carers,

All members of our school community deserve to learn and work in a clean, healthy, litter-free environment. We have litter bins all around the areas of the school buildings and grounds where students are allowed to eat and drink. There are also bins with lids in each classroom. We want to keep our school environment clean and litter free. We expect staff and students to model good litter management by picking up litter when it is seen. By working together, we can keep WSFG litter-free.

Ms. K.H.Pratt
 Assistant Headteacher



We all have the right to learn and work in a clean, healthy, litter-free environment.



Staff and students are expected to pick up litter that is seen in order to model positive litter management.



During the Focus Fortnight, there will be rewards for picking up litter, so check any litter picked up **BEFORE** putting it in the bin as you may have won a prize which will be written onto the piece of litter!

Let's all work together to keep WSFG a clean, healthy, litter-free environment.

PERFORMING ARTS EXTRA - CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

DAY	LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-5:30pm
Monday	YEAR 7 NETBALL Sports hall -FCA	
Tuesday	GCSE PE YEAR 10/11 ONLY Trampolining club – sports hall RWA	YEAR 7 Football fixtures FCA
Wednesday		YEAR 11 GCSE THEORY CLUB -W33 LWO YEAR 8 Basketball fixtures RWA
Thursday	YEAR 7 Football training - sports hall LWO	YEAR 9 Tottenham Football training – sports hall YEAR 9 Football fixtures LWO
Friday	YEAR 7-10 Badminton club-sports hall CBL	



Year 11 College Information College Visits and Open Days

Chingford Foundation has confirmed a visit for Tuesday 23rd January.

NewVic –Newham Sixth Form College Open Day Saturday 27th January 2018
9.30-12.30pm. For further details go to www.newvic.ac.uk/

Sir George Monoux College Open Day Saturday 3rd February 2018.

Access London (Shoreditch) located on the Hackney Community College Shoreditch Campus. 50 Hoxton Street, Shoreditch, London, N1 6LP. Tel : 0207 613 8380

Open Day Thursday 15th February booking essential

Taster Day Saturday 24th February booking essential

For further details go to <http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/london-shoreditch/>

London School Of Economics and Political Science

Year 11 Summer School Monday 2nd –Friday 6th July 2018

Programme non-residential 10am-4pm daily

Student application deadline Sunday 25th February

Teacher reference deadline Sunday 11th March

For further details email: ARD.year11summerschool@lse.ac.uk

Or website: lse.ac.uk/year11summerschool

The Poetry Games

This is a national poetry competition for all year groups

Write about what you believe in – prove that the pen is mightier than the sword!

Your poem can take the form of a rap, a sonnet, free verse...whatever you choose.

Collect a student entry form from the English office.

Hand your entry into the English Office.

Closing date Friday 2nd February

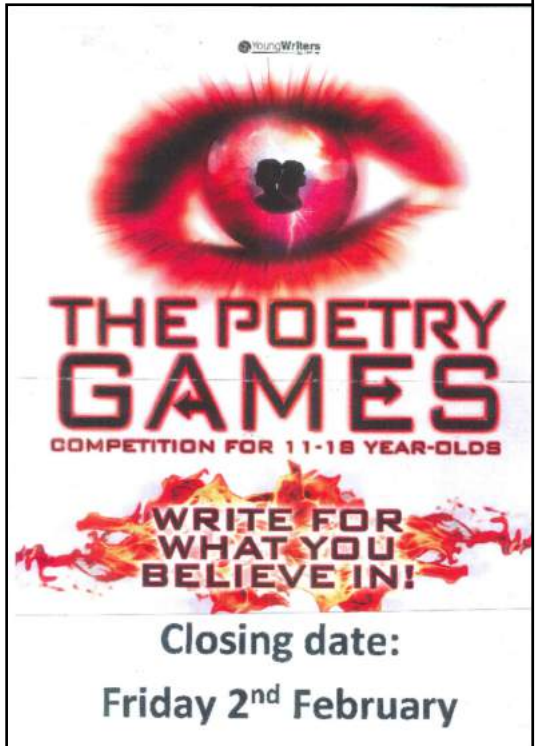
Many students from our school have previously been selected for publication in the book of winning entries.

Top poets will be invited to turn the poem into a video, which will then be put up for public vote - the most votes wins!

First prize –iPad



4 runners-up Kindle fireHD



Our School History

Here is a poem from the 1948 *Iris* magazine.

If you were to look at an aerial photograph, you would see that the oldest part of our building is shaped like the letter **E**.

The author of the poem, poses the question about why this is.

My guess is that the letter E, stands for Essex, as when this building was opened in 1912, it was part of Essex County Council, hence the coat of arms above the entrance to the school.



Of course, that is only my guess, there may be a more straightforward answer, so what's yours?

Ms Kelly,
LRC Manager



My School.

*My school is shaped just like an E,
On this my friend and I agree,
Does anyone know why this should be,
I don't.*

*The architect should surely know,
But I think he lived long ago,
Can anyone tell me where to go
To find him?*

*I'm puzzled still, but then you see,
I'm only in the Lower Three,
Why is our school shaped like an E?
Please tell me.*

Margaret Tysoe, L.III.

Active Leyton

Free Table Tennis



Table Tennis Sessions starting on 27th February 2018

Mondays 3:30 pm-4:30 pm In the Table Tennis hall

Venue: Leyton County Cricket Ground Crawley Rd, London E10 6RJ

For more Information contact the Sports development on e-mail : Winston.reid@walthamforest.gov.uk

Tel: 0208 496 3690/07971107305

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**DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S
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LEGO MASTERS



Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed pairs of all ages to register interest in a second series of 'LEGO MASTERS' on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Applicants must be 9+.

TUESDAY'S CHILD

School Calendar for 2017-18

Spring Term 2018

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Half Term Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Thursday 22nd February Year 9 Parents/Carers subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Thursday 15th March Year 8 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -

Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April

Thursday 26th April Year 7 Parents/Carers Subject 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