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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Following assemblies last week about the tragic Grenfell Tower fire and the importance of our regular fire safety drills, we held a planned fire drill last Friday, culminating in another one minute whole school community silence on the MUGA in memory of those who suffered in the disaster.

The students' conduct and response was exemplary throughout. In this week's Greensheet I have included a letter from Brendan Wells, Waltham Forest's Head of Commissioning (Education, Capital and Planning), about fire safety in schools in the light of the Grenfell Tower fire and an urgent review that will be undertaken in Waltham Forest schools.

Last Friday afternoon we were joined by the Year 11 students for their Leavers' Day celebration, with the traditional strawberries and cream, on a glorious summer's afternoon in our beautiful Greek Theatre and school grounds. Together we shared moments of humour and joy - as well as sadness as the girls said their farewells to friends and staff. We will next meet on Thursday 24th August when they collect their GCSE examination results.

On Thursday evening this week we met with the parents, carers and students of the new intake of Year 7 students to share important information about joining the school in September. I would like to thank all the staff and students involved in organising the evening and also Dr Aneela Shah, one of our Parent Governors, who has kindly agreed to speak to parents and carers about her role and share her experience of governorship at WSFG.

I am delighted to announce that we have two new Parent Governors representing you on the governing body. Their four year term of office started on Tuesday 27th June. I look forward to working with Nina Mikolajczyk and Lydia Sanderson, parents of students in the current Year 8.

On Thursday some of our talented musicians played with the Waltham Forest Youth Orchestra at Walthamstow Assembly Hall. Congratulations to *Ruby Collins-Clifford 7H*, *Olivia Scanlon-Sanderson 8C*, *Nuriya Qureshi-Gonzalez 9S*, *Ronja Blight 10W*, *Sergina Sergio 10S*, and *Pearl Bador 10C* who performed a new score by Laura Rossi to accompany the screening of the original 1916 film of The Battle of the Somme.

The girls here have enjoyed another busy week of activities. On Tuesday afternoon I was fortunate to be one of the judges of the Year 8 entries for the Modern Foreign Languages Festival. Congratulations to all the Year 8 students - and their languages teachers - for the hard work they put into their brilliant, high quality, performances in the Norris Hall. The girls were very supportive of one another and everyone had a very good time. It was also a very loud occasion!

Unfortunately the weather interfered with the Year 7 inter-form competition on Tuesday afternoon but the Year 8 inter-form went ahead on Wednesday. Congratulations to 8C, who were the overall winners on that day. Year 9 had competition on Thursday, whilst Year 10 students, who are currently sitting their mock examinations, had their inter-form events last week, when it was almost 20 degrees warmer!

On Friday, students from Years 7, 8 and 9 will be participating in the borough athletics championships at the Lea Valley Centre. I hope all those involved have fun taking part and wish them the best of luck. Also on Friday the Barbican Box Group will be performing their devised Drama at Rich Mix community arts hub in Bethnal Green, which I am sure they will all enjoy.

Multiple activities, school visits and of course, studies will continue until the end of this academic school year, which is rapidly approaching. On July 10th, our Year 10 students will begin a period of work experience.

Best wishes,
Meryl Davies

Student leave during term time

A student's absence during term time can seriously disrupt the continuity of her learning. Not only does she miss the teaching provided on the days she is away, she is also less prepared for the lessons building on that after her return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement which we and you must seek to avoid. Therefore, the school DOES NOT authorise absence during term time for family holidays or trips abroad.

Parents or carers do not have the right to take their daughter(s) out of school for holidays and the school will only grant leave of absence in truly exceptional circumstances.

A student who is absent longer than ten days after an agreed return date, or without authorisation, can legally be removed from the school roll.

Parents or carers who take their daughters out of school without the authorisation of the Headteacher face court action and a fine.

In considering whether or not to authorise leave of absence, the school will look at each case individually, taking into account a student's overall attendance, her stage of education, (e.g. examinations), and the reason for the absence. It is very rare that any student is granted leave of absence.

Leave of Absence forms can be obtained from the school office and all requests should be submitted to our Attendance Manager **at least four weeks before the first day of requested absence.**

Arrangements for trips should NEVER be made before permission has been sought from the Headteacher.

Thank you

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager
Feb 2016



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Statement On Fire Safety In Schools In Light Of The Grenfell Tower Fire.

Dear colleagues,

Although the London Fire Brigade have yet to confirm what caused the fire at Grenfell Tower to spread so quickly it would appear that the composition of the external cladding played a significant role. Therefore we have been working with our colleagues in the Capital Programme School Delivery team, and they, with our technical advisers Norfolk Property Services London (NPSL), and the Local Education Partner Bouygues UK to carry out an urgent review;

- to identify all school buildings where external cladding is installed,
- what external cladding materials have been used
- to carry out a technical review of this information with particular regard to fire risk and to advise us on the next steps;
 - Including:
 - whether intrusive tests are required (i.e. do we need to take off a panel(s) and have further tests completed
 - do we think any materials require to be replaced

This technical review notwithstanding the particular set of circumstances that led to the severity of Grenfell Tower fire and the tragic consequences for so many families have raised concerns about fire safety for all of us. Therefore we would like to reassure you by addressing some of the rumours around that fire and reminding you of a number of the standard precautions in design and construction and fire management of schools that are in place across our estate.

Fire Risk Management. All maintained schools have fire risk assessments in place which are school led. These are live documents and are linked to the fire evacuation strategy (covering identification of key escape routes, action on discovering a fire, action on hearing the fire alarm, calling the fire brigade, personal emergency evacuation plans, places of assembly and roll call, fire wardens/marshals, fire fighting equipment provided, training required, liaison with emergency services etc).

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All schools have working fire alarms.

All schools carry out regular fire drills. In response to recent events many have confirmed to the authority that the buildings are evacuated and all pupils, staff and visitors have assembled in a place of safety within two minutes.

Means Of Escape. All recently completed buildings are designed to comply with current building regulations and ensure that there are more than one means of escape from teaching areas.

Fire Compartmentalisation. All school buildings are zoned to prevent the spread of fire.

Number of storeys. We have no school buildings of more than three storeys with cladding. This notwithstanding we are still working with colleagues and technical advisers to review those building constructed with external cladding systems as stated above.

Workmanship. On school construction projects clerks of works inspect construction as it progresses on site to ensure its built to the specification and in accordance with current regulations and good practice.

Access For Fire Vehicles / Emergency Services. Access and egress to school sites is often determined by existing urban conditions. However, access for emergency vehicles forms part of all planning applications and is subject to stringent interrogation during the design stage of all (recent) projects.

Fire Risk Assessments. As stated, all maintained schools in the borough have fire risk assessments in place. However, as I am sure many of you are aware Angela Ferdinand Sergeant is in the process of reviewing the FRA information on maintained schools and liaising with colleagues in corporate health and safety. A further programme of Fire Risk Assessments Audits of all maintained schools is being rolled out in September 2017. Obviously keeping your staff training up to date is a key part of fire risk management and the authority is considering the best way that we can support you to access training.

The authority, like all of you, take the health and safety of our schools very seriously and are actively working with our colleagues and our technical advisers to address both the concerns raised by the Grenfell Tower fire and to address any specific risks identified as a result.

Should you have any questions or any particular concerns about any matters raised in this letter please feel free to contact me,

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Wells

Head of Commissioning (Education, Capital and Planning)

Information for Parents / Carers and Students

**The final day of the Summer Term is
Wednesday 19th July 2017**

- ALL lessons 1 – 3 are as normal.
- No student will be allowed to remain in school and the gates will be locked at 1.15pm
- There will be a normal break time but no lunchtime offer in the canteen.
- Wednesday 19th June will be a non-uniform day with proceeds going towards the **Grenfell Tower Disaster Fund**
- 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.

**The first day of the Autumn Term for students is
Tuesday 5th September 2017**

- **School starts for the new Year 7 at 9.30am and they will be with their Tutors all day until dismissal at 3.30pm.**
- Year 7 assembly 9.30am Hewett Hall with Headteacher
- Year 7 assembly 3.15pm Norris Hall with Student Progress Leader.
Dismissed from assembly at 3.30pm.
Lunch will be at 12.25pm for Year 7.

School starts for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 at 1.30pm and they will be with their tutors all afternoon until dismissal at 3.30pm.

- Year 10 assembly 1.35pm Hewett Hall with Headteacher.
- Year 9 assembly 2.00pm Hewett Hall with Headteacher.
- Year 11 assembly 2.30pm Hewett Hall with Headteacher.
- Year 8 assembly 3.00pm Hewett Hall with Headteacher.
- All Students are expected in **FULL** uniform.
- Normal lessons resume Wednesday 6th September
- All Students are expected in **FULL** school uniform and to be in school at the correct time for their Year Group.
The Focus of the Fortnight will be on correct Uniform and Lanyards.
This will be a Week A.

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

**Year 8 and 9
Diversity workshops**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 8 and 9 students will be having trans inclusion workshop on **Tuesday 4th July and Thursday 6th July respectively**. The workshop will last one hour.

The aim of these workshops is to give our students an opportunity to engage with issues around sexual orientation and gender identity in a **safe and open environment**.

The key messages are ones of **kindness, respect and equality**.

In our school we want students to feel free to express themselves and **feel valued** for their uniqueness.

The main focus of the workshops is to listen to LGBT volunteer role models whose **powerful stories** give an insight in to the experiences of LGBT people.

A question and answer session together with interactive activities will follow which will help develop the students empathy, understanding and acceptance and help them to challenge stereotypes and prejudice.

I know they will behave impeccably and enjoy the session.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Desbenoit
Diversity Coordinator.



**Diversity
Role Models**

Tackling homophobia through education

Focus of the Fortnight
3rd – 19th July 2017
Chewing

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is on Chewing.

All students are clear that chewing gum is a **banned item** and is therefore not allowed in school. If a student is found to be chewing on school premises, she will have her conduct card signed and will get an automatic one hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team.

Please support the school by ensuring your daughter does not bring chewing gum into school and please do not bring chewing gum into school yourself if you are visiting.

Thank you for your, continued support.

Ms. Pratt
Assistant Headteacher



All students are clear that chewing gum is a banned item and must not be brought into school.

Sanctions

If a student is caught chewing in school, she will have her conduct card signed and will get an automatic one hour detention.

Chewing gum is a banned item at WSGF.

Walthamstow School
for Girls
Summer Concert



2017

Monday 10th July

7pm

Tickets £4 adults

£2 concessions

Year 7 Parents and Carers are invited to:

Year 7 GREEN Exhibition



**Raffle Draw with
fantastic prizes**

entry minimum
donation 50p
under 7s free

**Thursday 13th July
4-6pm**



Henna Designs



at
**Walthamstow School
for Girls**

Tehzeeb Khan 7F

Art Exhibition

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WOMEN OF WALTHAMSTOW UNITING!

**A COMMUNITY
EVENT TO CELEBRATE
AND UNITE THE
DIVERSE WOMEN OF
WALTHAMSTOW**

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Women of Walthamstow Uniting! Festival

Sunday 9th July 2017

in the town centre square

Walthamstow

Come and see our Zanzibar student fundraisers !


 WFM&S

Waltham Forest Music Service

Waltham Forest Music Festival 3rd-5th July

The Waltham Forest Music Festival at Walthamstow Assembly Hall involves 1,000 local children performing in 6 concerts over three days -

Monday 3rd / Tuesday 4th / Wednesday 5th July-

and covers music from Classical, Rock, Pop, Funk, Samba, as well as World Class musicians from the London Symphony Orchestra. The concerts are a celebration of Waltham Forest's young musical talent as students perform pieces they have been practising over the year.

The suggested donations for tickets are £3 and free for the under 16s (available on the door only).

For more details contact 020 8496 1584 or Music.Service@walthamforest.gov.uk

Dates and times:

- Mon 3 July: 6.30-7.30pm - Secondary School Choirs & Music School Groups

WSFG PERFORMING ON THIS DAY

- Tue 4 July: 10.30-11.15am - Primary School Choirs and Ensembles
- Tue 4 July: 2-3pm - Primary & Secondary School Choirs and Ensembles
- Tue 4 July: 5-6pm - Music School Beginner Tea Time Concert
- Wed 5 July: 1-2pm - Primary & Secondary Choirs and Ensembles
- Wed 5 July: 7-8.30pm - Music School Groups and Ensembles





London
forest
Choir



A Day at the Fair

Music including *Scarborough Fair*, *Carousel Waltz*, *She Moves Through The Fair*

Saturday 8 July 2017
7.30pm

Walthamstow School for Girls,
Church Hill, E17 9RZ

London Forest Choir

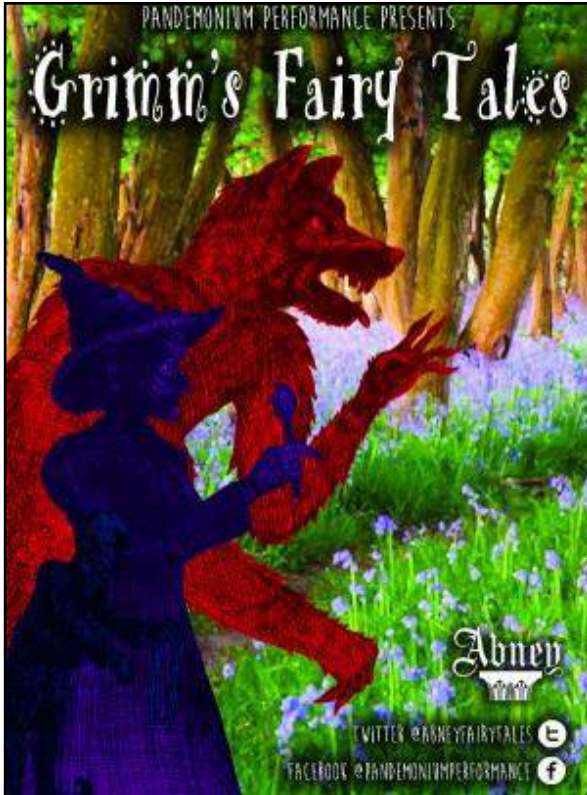
Jonathan Rathbone conductor

Leo Nicholson piano

Tickets £12 on the door or
£10 in advance from
020 8281 6090, or online at
www.londonforestchoir.org.
Students and benefit recipients
half price; children £2

www.londonforestchoir.org

Registered charity no. 272799



Wednesday 12th Jul 2017
to
Sunday 30th Jul 2017

Abney Park Cemetery,
215 Stoke Newington
High Street,
Stoke Newington,
London
N16 0LH

£13 standard
£11 concessions

In a unique promenade performance, Abney Park Cemetery are opening their gates for audiences to join Red Riding Hood on her journey to grandmother's house, to follow the breadcrumbs with Hansel & Gretel, encounter the mischievous Rumpelstiltskin and meet a very unusual Godfather.

Please be aware this production may not be suitable for children under the age of 10.

Abney Park is a nature reserve, so please be aware that the ground can be uneven, and may not be suitable for those with mobility issues or allergies to insects, flora and fauna. Appropriate clothes and footwear is recommended.

Official Link:

<https://www.designmynight.com/london/whats-on/theatre/grimm-fairy-tales>



If you want somewhere to go over the summer holidays, you can log onto the Waltham Forest Libraries website and Eventbrite website to see everything that is happening in our libraries.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/waltham-forest-libraries-11667141273>

<https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/walthamforest/home>



Saturday 15th July - Sunday 17th September 2017

The Reading Agency and libraries are delighted to present the 2017 Summer Reading Challenge, Animal Agents. It's FREE to join and children can collect cards, have fun, and earn a medal and a certificate, all while discovering great new books. Join up at your nearest library and read any six library books (or more!) over the holidays to collect special rewards and complete the Challenge.

The Animal Agents will also be happening at [South Chingford Community Library](#) and [Harrow Green Community Library](#).

For more information visit <https://readingagency.org.uk/>

**Walthamstow School
for Girls
Alumnae**

**FUNDRAISING
QUIZ NIGHT**

**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

Tables of ten

Booking essential

To book a place please contact

Lesley Winter on: 020 8509 9410

Or email

lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

School Calendar for 2016-17

Summer Term 2017

End: Wednesday 19th July

Thursday 15th June -

Friday 7th July.

Monday 10th July

Thursday 13th July

Year 10 Mock Examinations

WSFG Music concert 7pm

Year 7 GREEN Exhibition 4-6pm

School Calendar for 2017-18

Autumn Term 2017

Start: Monday 4th September End: Wednesday 20th December

Monday 4th September

Staff Inset Day

Tuesday 5th September

Students return:

School starts for the new Year 7 at 9.30am and they will be with their Tutors all day until dismissal at 3.30pm.

School starts for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 at 1.30pm and they will be with their tutors all afternoon until dismissal at 3.30pm.

Friday 13th October

Staff Inset Day

Half Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Spring Term 2018

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

Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -

Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April

Summer Term

Start: Monday 16th April

End: Friday 20th July

May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June