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I am writing this to you in the midst of two very important democratic processes; a national election -the outcome of which we will know by the time you read thisplus, coincidentally, our important school governor elections. Thank you in advance to our parents or carers who have put themselves forward for this important role in supporting WSFG.

Our return to school after half term was overshadowed by the devastating attack in London at the weekend which has affected families and communities across the world. Staff and students remained standing to observe the nation's one minute's silence on Tuesday morning in memory of those who suffered on Saturday evening and our thoughts were with all those affected. We remain also mindful about the human devastation caused by acts of violence and aggression worldwide. These are truly difficult times. Assemblies are focusing on how to respond to such atrocities by rejecting hatred and valuing and respecting our different cultures and beliefs as well as keeping ourselves safe. London is a wonderful diverse city in which to grow up, study, work and live.

As we start the final half term of the academic year, our Year 11 students continue with their GCSE examinations. They will have spent their break studying and my thanks go to those members of staff who supported revision classes in school last week; many of the Year 11 girls were in school at some point during the holiday.

Year 7 students have started the half term with visits to Rochester this week as part of their Humanities course. Unfortunately, half the year group (and accompanying staff) had to brave heavy rain on Tuesday as they visited this historic Medway city. The remainder were more fortunate the following day. Also in Year 7, those students who have been involved in the research project with the Royal Veterinary College met on Monday to discover the results of the project and I look forward to reading about this shortly.

On Thursday, a number of Year 9 students visited Citibank in Canary Wharf for a brunch meeting with female financial leaders, which follows on from the passionate talk from *Miranda Brawn* last month. An article about this visit will follow next week. Our Year 10 Sports Leaders supported primary students at Woodside Academy with their sports day on both Wednesday and Thursday, providing a chance for them to develop their leadership skills as well as leading on activities for our own new WSFG 'Fresh Air Days'. Some members of staff will be accompanying students from Years 9 and 10, to the Barge Haybay (outward bounds) trip at the weekend.

For Year 10 students, work experience is fast approaching. I reiterate Ms Philippou's request for anyone with contacts who may be able to offer a week's placement to any of our students during the week commencing Monday 10^{th} July to please contact her or Ms Janes in the school office asap with details. We are still short of a few placements for the girls.

Finally, we know our girls are all very enthusiastic about their education at WSFG! However some are arriving earlier and earlier. Please remember the school is not open for students before 8am as we are unable to supervise them. Breakfast Club starts at 8am, and the front reception also opens at this time. The school cannot accept responsibility for any student arriving on site before this time. All students should be in school at 8.40am ready for registration at 8.45am.

Best wishes, Meryl Davies

Urgent Request Year 10 Work Experience 10th July to 14th July 2017

Our Year 10s will soon be embarking on Work Experience and I am asking if you can to offer work experience in July of this year to one of our Year 10 students. You may also know someone who could offer a placement to one or more of our students.

These girls are mainly aged 15 and this will be their first experience of the working environment. Work experience gives a young person the chance to understand how organisations function, to experience social relationships in a working environment and to understand the behaviour expected of them at work. It gives them a chance to develop communications skills, in some cases with customers or with work colleagues, and to adapt to a different timetable rather than a school timetable.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this possibility.

Please contact me on the usual school number 0208 509 9446. Thank you.

Ms Philippou Assistant Headteacher



Focus of the Fortnight 5th-16th June 2017 Noise and Movement in the school.

Dear Parents / Carers,

All members of our school community are asked within the 'Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code' to move around the school "calmly, safely and quietly". We also always walk on the left in school corridors and staircases. If students behave in a dangerous, noisy or inappropriate way in the school buildings or grounds, they will be spoken to by a member of staff and will have their conduct card signed. It is in the interest of all members of our community to move calmly, safely and quietly around the school at all times.

Thank you for your support in this and all school matters.

Ms. K.H.Pratt Assistant Headteacher

The Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code states that we move around the school "calmly, safely and quietly".

It also states that we walk on the left.

The corridors are not for social gathering as they need to remain clear.



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The student breaking these expectations will be spoken to by a member of staff.

The student's Conduct Card will be signed if this expectation is not met.

School Uniform September 2017/8

Dear Parents / Carers and Students,

We are very proud of our school uniform at WSFG and we wish to ensure that all students and their families are clear about the high expectations that we have in terms of the standard of dress that is expected for school. The WSFG uniform is very versatile and students have a number of choices of uniform items.

Please ensure that if you are purchasing new items of uniform that they are of the permitted styles. The recommended suppliers stock the correct accepted items of uniform. Any items that are not listed below are not acceptable for school and you will be asked to change the item for one that is within the uniform rules.

Please note carefully the guidelines on shoes and outdoor coats which have been clarified for September 2017. Also please note that your daughter will not be allowed to wear noticeable make-up that is not minimal or discreet neither she is not allowed to wear false nails or false eyelashes for school.

If you have any queries or questions about uniform for September 2017, please contact your daughter's Progress Leader.

Thank you

Ms. Pratt Assistant Headteacher











The compulsory uniform consists of:

Dark, bottle green pleated knee length skirt or trousers in the acceptable school styles below:

• Dark, bottle green religious dress in plain, cotton fabric.

- Strictly no jeans style trousers, tight trousers or leggings are permitted.
- Plain white blouse with shirt collar to be worn by all. Shirts can be long sleeved or short sleeved.
- Plain white vest top can be worn under the school shirt if necessary.
- Dark, bottle green sweater, cardigan or sweatshirt without any logo.
 No other colours of sweater or cardigan are permitted.
- Plain black, white or bottle green knee socks, ankle socks or tights are to be worn at all times. Over the knee socks are not permitted.
- Plain black low-heeled sensible shoes or boots. Trainers and higher heels are not permitted. Footwear must have black laces and not have pattern, colour or large branded logos.
- Plain, black coat or jacket that is suitably waterproof. Denim, leather, faux leather jackets and hoodies are not permitted to be worn to or from school, or in school.
- Hijabs must be plain white or dark bottle green with no fringe and must be worn pinned securely.
- School blazer with WSFG logo (see above) is **compulsory** for Years 7 and 8. This must be worn at all times. The blazer is **optional** for Years 9 -11.

Uniform Extras:

- Facial coverings are not permitted to be worn in school and if worn to or from school, must be removed once the student enters the school gate.
- Make-up, if worn, must be minimal and discreet. False eyelashes, eye lash extensions, acrylic or other types of nail extensions are not permitted.
- Students are permitted to wear one small stud in each ear (which should be
 no bigger than the size of a pea) and a wrist watch only. Facial piercings and
 visible body piercings (including tongue piercings) are not permitted. Any
 other jewellery items will be confiscated and will only be returned to
 parents / carers.
- Hair must be of a natural colour and hair of a non-natural colour is not permitted. All hair accessories must be small, discreet and plain.
- Coloured or patterned contact lenses are not permitted.
- The school reserves the right to ask a student who is not in correct uniform to remove non-uniform items or change into uniform items provided by the school for the day.
- The school does not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of any confiscated items.

Walthamstow School for Girls Uniform

Recommended uniform suppliers for 2017/18.

The suppliers listed below know the current uniform and P.E. uniform requirements for the school.

Speedstitch. (School Blazer)

Unit 32, Walthamstow Business Centre, Clifford Road, Walthamstow, E17 4SX. (0208 531 4800)

www.speedstitch.co.uk / enquiries@speedstitch.co.uk

Fashion Fair, 184 – 186 High Street, Walthamstow Tel - 020 8503 7048

Wards School Wear, 105 Wood Street, Walthamstow Tel - 020 8509 3301

Victoria 2, 246 Hoe Street, Walthamstow Tel - 020 8520 2176











If you are buying new uniform items for September 2017, **ONLY** the following styles of skirt and trouser are acceptable as WSFG uniform.

Skirts must be full pleat or half pleat style. Only a longer length will be available.

No other styles are acceptable.

Trousers must be tailored. straight cut leg with a front fastening. Stretch material and tight styles are **NOT** acceptable.

Compulsory Blazer for Year 7 and 8 (must have school badge) Optional Blazer for Years 9 - 11.

If you are purchasing a **new** blazer, the tailored blazer with embroidered badge can **ONLY** be purchased from Speedstitch.

£25.00 for sizes up to 38" chest / £30.00 for 38" plus.







Year 11 Summer 2017 Written Examination timetable

The Year 11 summer written examinations began on **finish on Monday 26th June 2017.** The timetable can be found on the school's website under the Exams section.

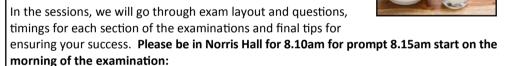
Please be aware that all examinations are set externally by the examination boards and the school cannot make any changes and is not accountable for any changes made by the examination boards.

It is also important to remember that these examinations *cannot be taken at another time* so attendance is vital to ensure grades are achieved. Congratulations to our Year 11 students for their 100% attendance so far! Many thanks,

Mrs Brickett
Examinations and Assessment Manager

Year 11 English GCSE Breakfast Sessions

The English Faculty have been holding final examination revision sessions in Norris Hall before each English exam.



Monday 12th June.

Thank you.
Ms Baldwin
English Faculty.

Year 10 Mock Examinations Thursday 15th June and finish on Friday 7th July.

The timetable opposite details all the subjects being taken and students will be given individual exam timetables via their form tutors.

Many thanks.

Mrs L Brickett
Examinations and Assessment Manager

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Summer Concert Auditions Thursday 15th June 2017

If any groups or soloists would like to audition for the Summer Concert, which is taking place on **Monday 10th July,** please sign up on the sheet on the Music noticeboard.

Auditions will take place on Thursday 15th June 2017 from 3.30pm-5.30pm in W33.

No unaccompanied auditions please.

All solo instruments and voice will need a piano part, guitar part or backing track to perform with which they must bring with them. The only exception to this is solo piano.

Many thanks Mr. Burstow

Dilara Ozbek memorial event Friday 16th June 3.45pm

We are holding a year 10 student memorial service for *Dilara Ozbek* who sadly passed away last year.

The memorial will begin in the Hewett Hall. Speeches will be given by her closest friends and videos/music will be played to celebrate her life. We will then move out towards the Greek Theatre where we will unveil a bench that has been constructed in her honour.

Purple was Dilara's favourite colour and so it would be lovely if those students attending wear an item of purple.

All students are welcome however you must see Ms Warren in **G05 by Tuesday 13th June** to confirm your attendance at the event as places will be limited.

Ms Warren

Attendance League for May 2017

Please see attendance figures for May 2017 and year so far.



Winners postcards for the month of May are in form tutor pigeon holes ready for you to share with your form groups.

Well done to 7S, 8W, 9H & 10W for being May winners.

Year to date winners are 7W, 8S, 9F & 10W.

Don't forget, winners for each term receive a Form treat and 100% attenders receive a new star badge.

Our Headteacher will also be sending postcards to the successful forms.

Ms King Student Attendance Manager

Overdue LRC Books

There are currently **380** books that students have not returned to the LRC.

Reminders have been sent out, so please support the school and your daughter by making sure that she returns her books to the LRC. If she has lost the book, you will be asked to pay for a new book.



If the book is not returned, your daughter will have to attend a detention at school, on Fridays after school from 3.30 to 4.00pm. She will be given a letter to take home and you will also receive a text message.

Please support us by ensuring that your daughter returns her books. Evidence from exam results shows that students who develop a regular reading habit do better in their exams. So keep reading!

Ms Kelly and Mrs Guest

Year 10 PE News

The Year 10 Dance group performed Street Dance at Park View School. The students did extremely well and are through to the next round of the Step to Dance competition.







Year 10 sports leaders visited Henry Maynard Primary School to lead sessions for their Sport Leaders Award.



Ms Wood

E17 Art Trail: Print and Paper Making Workshop June 2017

Last week the art department ran a paper and print making workshop as part of the E17 Art Trail.



Families and visitors of different ages came to explore different techniques and created a range of elegant prints that they took home with them. The workshop was led by Ms West and supported by a team of students.





We would like to say a big thank you to Indigo Ahven, Lily Deason, Assa Kanoute, Diana Sandulescu and Jessica Darkwah.

This was a great opportunity to develop these students' workshop skills and how to deal with the public in a professional capacity.

Ms West Art Technician

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

GCSE ADT EXHIBITION



THURSDAY 22ND JUNE

4.30 - 6PM

A CELEBRATION OF HARD WORK!

Zanzibar Volunteering Project 2018

Ms Desbenoit, Ms Philippou and fifteen students are traveling to Zanzibar next summer on a volunteering experience to Kijito School. In a school of over 6000 students and very few teachers, help from volunteers in teaching, renovation and sports coaching is crucial. Here is a link to Kijito school.

https://www.african-adventures.co.uk/kijito-school/



This is the opportunity of a lifetime for all of us and we are dedicated to making it work. We have just over a year to fundraise for our trip, which will also help us to build our team ethos.

Please help us to fund our trip to Zanzibar by following this link when you shop online for anything from groceries to holidays (see the website for a full list).

All you need to do is:

- 1. Follow our school link https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wsfg18/
- 2. Click on 'shop' (top left) to browse your retailer
- 3. Click on your retailer's link
- 4. Shop as usual

Thank you so much in advance for your support.

Please keep an eye out for any other fundraising events and opportunities that we will be advertising.

Ms Desbenoit and Ms Philippou

WSFG Diversity Calendar for the month of June









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Our School History

With work experience looming for our Year 10 students, here is an unusual career from our school magazine the *Iris* for a woman in the early 1900s.

The Pharmaceutical Society founded a scholarship fund and members received the Pereira or the Herbarium medal of the Pharmaceutical Society.

Gertrude Wren was the first woman to win the Pereira Medal or the Herbarium Medal. However a Gertrude H Wren won both in 1907 and 1909 respectively, and these dates tie in with the issues of Iris Magazine in which these achievements are reported below.

Ms Kelly LRC

Iris July 1908

Many Old Girls will be interested to hear of the brilliant success of Gertrude Wren in the examination of the Pharmaceutical Society. Last year she passed the Minor Examination and gained medals from the Pharmaceutical College for Practical Chemistry and Botany and was bracketed for the Theoretical Chemistry and Physics Medal. In the April of this year she passed the Major Examination and has been awarded the Redwood Scholarship, tenable in the research laboratory of the College, and the Pereira Medal, which has never before been won by a



woman. As she is still going on with her Science work we shall look forward to chronicling still further successes in the future.

Iris June 1909

Gertrude Wren who won the Pereira Medal of the Pharmaceutical College, which, since it was given forty-five years ago, has never before been won by a woman. The Head Mistress of the school, Miss Hewett, went on to say that one of the aims of the School was to try and to give the girls who leave a power of learning what they want to especially necessary in a girls' school, as one has to think of two distinct careers, the home life and the life in the world outside the home. Gertrude Gwen June 1907

SPECIAL SUMMER OFFER:

Parents and Carers Yoga First 6 weeks free!

Our beginners-level Yoga and Relaxation for Parents and Carers will take place every

Thursday at WSFG from 8 June until 13 July 2017, 4 - 5pm.



Some of the many benefits of yoga include:

Managing stress through breathing, meditation and movement Increasing confidence and positive self-image Physical fitness Improved sleep

Ms Wilkinson, who is certified by Yoga Alliance UK, said: 'Yoga is a wonderful way to escape the pressures of busy modern life. For an hour each week we take time out to stretch out and simply to relax. One student even called our sessions her 'weekly sanity spot'!

'Sessions are very inclusive — everyone is welcome, regardless of experience or fitness level. It's a small, friendly beginner level class, and a pleasure to teach. Of course, I am also delighted the students have reported very real benefits since they began practising.'

Testimonials include:

'I feel energised after class and I positively bounce home'

'I feel that my posture is better and I'm more aware of how I walk and move

generally'

'The gentle stretches and relaxation were a treat after a stressful day!'

Contact Ms Wilkinson on swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk to sign up now for your place.





Based at the Greek Theatre, Walthamstow School for Girls, Walthamstow, London,

The Greek Theatre Players have been producing Open Air Shakespeare since 1958.

The 2017 production will be:

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Wednesday 21st - Saturday 24th June at 7.30pm plus a Saturday Matinee at 3.00pm £9, £7 (Concessions), £3 (Students - ID)

Buy tickets on the door.

Tickets are not sold in advance.

There is disabled access.

Gates open 40 minutes early.





The original 1916 film

With music by Laura Rossi performed live by the Waltham Forest Youth Orchestra

Thursday 29 June 2017 1.30pm & 7pm Walthamstow Assembly Hall, E17 4JF





Smiling awkwardly at the new-fangled cameras, troops move towards the Front in the Great War. Their actions are far removed from the swagger and march of war films, but then this is real. Shot and screened in 1916, *The Battle of the Somme* was the first feature length documentary about the First World War to be filmed at the Front and depicts the preparation and first days of the Somme Campaign. It is estimated that over half the population of the UK watched The Battle of the Somme (a figure not matched until the release of Star Wars in 1977) making it one of the most successful British films ever made.

J. B. McDowell, who shot the film alongside Geoffrey Malins, ran The British and Colonial Film Company Studios on Hoe Street, Walthamstow from 1913-1924, one of the biggest film studios in Britain at the time. Join us for the film's homecoming screening, accompanied by an orchestra of young people from across the borough, performing a new score composed by Laura Rossi and conducted by Michael Whittaker.

"And these troops in the mud grinned or stared at us to a new music score by Laura Rossi, brilliantly effective."

Geoff Brown, The Times. *****

Tickets F8/ F5 concessions

To book go to wfculture.eventbrite.com or call 0208 496 3000

Part of Somme100 FiLM, an international project bringing together 100 live orchestral performances of the IWM film The Battle of the Somme, to mark the 100th anniversary of the battle. www.Somme100film.com









School Calendar for 2016-17

Summer Term 2017

End: Wednesday 19th July

Monday 26th June Year 11 GCSE Written examinations end

Half Term: Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June

Friday 23rd June Leavers' Day

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 details to follow

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

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March - Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April

Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Summer Term

Start: Monday 16th April End: Friday 20th July

May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June