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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all been shocked and distressed by the dreadful terrorist attack in Manchester this week and our thoughts are with those grieving, injured and left traumatised by the events of Monday evening and the families and friends of those affected. Of course many of the victims are of a similar age and enjoy the same interests as our own students and we realise that our girls may be particularly upset by the news coverage and press reports. This school is united in its determination to continue to value, respect and celebrate the many different cultural backgrounds at Walthamstow School for Girls and our wider local community and joined in the nationwide minute's silence on Thursday. We would encourage parents and carers to listen and talk through any concerns raised by their daughters and advice is available from the BBC Newsround

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002> and NSPCC websites <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/>.

The onset of sunnier weather bodes well for next week's half term holiday. For our Year 11 students, there will be time at home to focus on their examination studies, with some revision classes in school for them to attend. I thank those teachers who will be giving up some of their holiday time to support the girls. It is also important for all to get some rest and relaxation too. Following half term, the Year 11s will be on study leave and attending for examinations only. We will see them all together once more at **Leavers' Day on Friday 23rd June**.

Monday 15th
May-Monday
26th June
Year 11 GCSE
Written
examinations

Friday 23rd
June
Year 11
Leavers' Day

For students in other years, after half term there will be one lunchtime each week allocated as a 'fresh air day' when they will be spending their lunchtimes outside of the school buildings enjoying a programme of activities arranged by the PE Department and our Year 10 Sports Leaders.

I would like to highlight an item you will read more about in this edition. Four of our talented students performed with the London Symphony Orchestra at an open-air concert in Trafalgar Square last weekend. This was a truly impressive achievement and unforgettable experience for those girls. Well done indeed!

It remains for me to wish all our students, their families and the staff a happy and peaceful half term holiday and I look forward to seeing Year 7-10 students when they return on Monday 5th June at the normal time. Finally, to all our Muslim colleagues, students and families who are about to embark on a month of fasting with the onset of the holy month, on behalf of our school community, I wish you all

Ramadan Mubarak!

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 you 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





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18th May, 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Walthamstow School for Girls has two vacancies for parents or carers to serve as school governors and I hope you will consider putting yourself forward. The term of office is four years but you can step down earlier if you wish. The Governing Body's main tasks are to support the school, ensure that students receive high quality education and plan for future development and improvement.

If you would like to stand as a candidate please complete the reply slip attached and return it to the school no later than Friday 9th June, 2017.

If there are more candidates than vacancies 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; this will be sent to all parents and carers with a voting paper.

Should there be only two candidates apply then they will automatically become our Parent Governors.

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 asked to attend an (evening) meeting of the Governing Body once or twice a term and invited to work on a committee of governors again once (or twice) a term. We hope you will also visit the school occasionally during the day and help in the oversight of an area of the curriculum. We are not looking for any particular expertise but rather common sense and willingness to give some of your time are the important requirements. However, if you have specialist knowledge or relevant experience, do please mention this in your statement. Training will be provided for new governors in the role.

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.

Governors will also be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check under the Police Act 1997, Part V and will be checked against the DfES List 99 of people who are not permitted to work with children.

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 9th June, 2017.

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.

**Year 11 Summer 2017
Written Examination timetable**

The Year 11 summer written examinations began on **Monday 15th May** and **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.

Many thanks,

Mrs Brickett
Examinations and Assessment Manager

Year 11 English GCSE Breakfast Sessions

The English Faculty will be holding final examination revision sessions in Norris Hall before each English exam.



In the sessions, we will go through exam layout and questions, timings for each section of the examinations and final tips for ensuring your success. **Please be in Norris Hall for 8.10am for prompt 8.15am start on the morning of each examination:**

Friday 26th May, Tuesday 6th June and Monday 12th June.

Thank you.
Ms Baldwin
English Faculty.

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

The Focus of the Fortnight
15th – 26th May 2017
Student use of toilets during lessons.

Dear Parents / Carers,

All student toilets are open for use before school, at break, lunchtime and after school. During lessons there will be two sets of toilets open for student use in the centre of the school. The remainder of the student toilets will not be in use during lessons.

The expectation is that students do not leave a lesson to go to the toilet unless in an emergency. In such cases the member of staff will sign the student planner to give permission for the student to use the nearest open set of toilets. Students will not be allowed out of lessons to fill water bottles as they need to do this at break or lunchtime. If a student is found to be using an access toilet without permission, a leadership detention of one hour will be applied.

Lessons are for learning and we wish to minimise the disruption to this for all students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Pratt
Assistant Headteacher

The Sanctions

- **Remember** – lessons are for learning.
- You will be allowed out of a lesson to go to the toilet in emergency circumstances only, at the discretion of your teacher.
- Your planner must be signed to give you permission to leave the classroom.
- Do NOT ask to leave the lesson to get a drink of water or fill your water bottle as this will not be allowed.
- Do not use an access toilet unless you have written permission to do so.

Visit /trip payment information

Dear Parents / Carers

During the year many faculties organise day visits to various places of interest relating to their subject which incur a small charge.



To ensure that contributions for the visits are recorded against the correct trip and student, any money paid in for trips **MUST** be in a sealed envelope with the name and date of the trip, faculty, student's name, form and amount being paid on the front, please. Cheques should have this information recorded on the reverse, and include the parental reply slip. Students should place envelopes in the box in Student Services. A receipt will then be issued to the student.

Alternatively, you could pay by our sQuid system for catering, school trips and other payments. Please contact Student Services if you require any assistance.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Jolliffe
Student Services

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled so that it can be easily returned

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.

Any items not collected by the end of term may be disposed of.

Ms Jolliffe



WSFG students perform with the London Symphony Orchestra

On Sunday, four of our students had the opportunity to perform in an open air concert with the London Symphony Orchestra. Congratulations to *Ruby Collins-Clifford* in Year 7, *Pearl Bador*, *Sergina Sergio* and *Assa Kanoute* in Year 10.



The concert is the result of a partnership between the LSO and BMW who share the belief that great music is for everyone, whatever their background or situation. Now highly-anticipated in London's musical calendar, BMW LSO Open Air Classics each year offers everyone who can be there, Londoners and visitors to the city alike, the opportunity to experience the LSO free and in the open air in Trafalgar

Square. Large screens and state-of-the-art sound technology allow the whole crowd to witness the concert close-up, making the experience equally special at the back of the square as at the front. Here are some thoughts from our WSFG musicians, photos taken by Brigit Collins.

On Sunday evening, I played my flute to an audience of 10,000 people at Trafalgar Square. I performed in an orchestra made up of young musicians, Guild Hall students and members of the LSO. I really enjoyed the experience as it is in a once in a lifetime opportunity and I met many new people. Doing this was a great way to boost my confidence and that of other young musicians.

*Ruby Collins-Clifford 7H
(pictured on the left)*



This was a wonderful experience as I learnt a lot more about ensemble playing and working in the brass section as a trumpet player. It was very exciting and I am so happy that I was involved. The experience has also inspired me to take up a new instrument, the tuba!
Pearl Bador 10C

*The concert showcased the work of the composer Rachmaninov and was conducted by the famous conductor, **Valery Gergiev**. We played an excerpt from *The Symphonic Dances* and a movement from his second symphony. I was offered this opportunity as I was chosen by*

the Waltham Forest Music Service. The event was great fun and really enjoyable for me. The atmosphere was electric and it was so satisfying to play in front of thousands of people. I play the bassoon and it was great to meet professional bassoon players and to play alongside them. It was a fantastic day and I would definitely love to do it again.

Assa Kanoute 10F



For the last four Sundays I have been rehearsing at various venues which enabled me to explore different areas of London. I enjoyed the rehearsals as we learnt about the character of Rachmaninov and it helped me to understand my instrument better. I play the viola. On the day of the performance, it was an exceedingly hot day but a very exciting experience, especially given the fact that we were conducted by Valery Gergiev. I was very pleased to have the opportunity.

Sergina Sergio 10S

Another musical opportunity coming up on Saturday 24th June is the:

Cambridge Choral Experience.

Participants work with Cambridge choral scholars to prepare four pieces in a soprano, alto, tenor, bass, (SATB) choir for a performance in a Cambridge chapel at the end of the day. In between rehearsals, participants tour Cambridge colleges, have lunch in a college canteen, and attend talks on singing technique, life as a choral scholar, and applying to Cambridge. If you love singing and would like to be considered for this fantastic opportunity, see Ms Robinson ASAP for more details.

Ms Robinson

Challenge Coordinator

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

Portuguese Polygon Project - Progress so far

Through the E Twinning website, we have linked up with a school in Portugal. Anisa gives more details below. The students in Portugal are impressed with the skills of Year 7 and are learning about polygons, in English, through a kinaesthetic / creative method.

'May is International Month. My Maths class is doing a project with a school in Portugal called the Polygon Project. We are making a series of videos to show how to make different polygons out of a sheet of A4 paper. These include the isosceles triangle, equilateral triangle, rhombus, kite, pentagon and hexagon. My group made a video of how to fold an isosceles triangle. I was the scriptwriter. I think the project is fun because we are teaching people in another country how to do maths. I really enjoyed the project and making our video.'

Anisa Mitchell 7H

Many thanks to Mr Manima and Ms Clarke for their ICT support in facilitating the project. We couldn't have done it without them!

Ms Robinson and 7MB2



STEM Challenge Day

Sixty Year 9 students participated in busy and challenging STEM activity in school last week. They worked in teams and learnt about wind power and how it is used to generate electricity. The students had lots of fun designing, problem solving and collaborating on this task. They built a working model wind turbine which was tested with an electrical meter. They rose to the challenge enthusiastically, demonstrated excellent team work skills and did WSFG proud.



This is what the students had to say about the day:



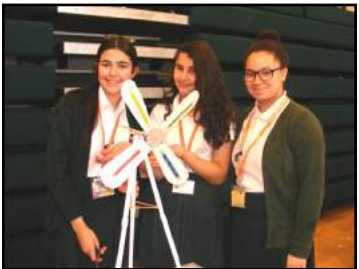
"It was so much fun! It was cool to see how a pile of material can become a working wind turbine. It was so satisfying when we finally got the blades to rotate. It involved lots of modifications but we got there eventually."

Kate Lucas 9G



"It was fantastic! I worked with people I have never worked with before, it was a new and great experience. We had a good at time making the wind turbines and it was definitely worth it."

Ramiya Pratheepan 9S



"I loved it! It was really fun. I was very proud of our wind turbine and it was a challenge to complete it on time."

Ayjan Jorayeva 9F

Thank you for a fantastic day.

Ms Healy

STEM coordinator

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/wsf18/>
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

Our School History

As our current Year 11s are in the process of compiling their yearbook, I thought it might be interesting to share something from previous yearbooks that are held in our archive in the LRC.

I found this lovely drawing of our students in the 1997-2002 Yearbook by *Elektra Hadjiantoni* who was in Ms McGrath's 11W Form Group. Ms McGrath's comment about 11W was *'I wonder if they talk in their sleep? Probably the most vocal form in the school!'*

Miss Rashid, who is still working at the school, wrote this article about her form, 11G:

'From the book 'To kill a Mockingbird' one of my favourite characters Atticus Finch said "you never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view-until you climb into his skin and walk around in it." I think one of our greatest successes as a form are because of 11G's ability to do this and it sums up the mutual respect 11G have for each other. I hope I have been an inspiration to you 11G, as you have been to me!'

Ms Kelly
LRC



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.’

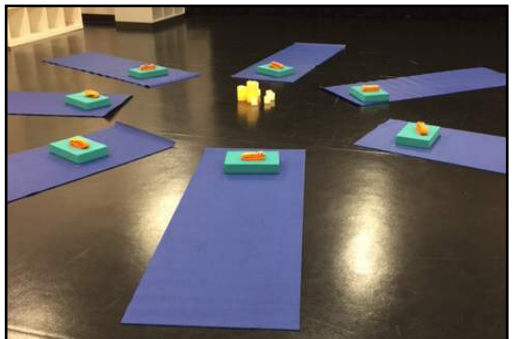
Testimonials include:

‘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.





Calling All “Young Artists”

Under 25s

We are accepting applications from local young people to exhibit their work at WFCH’s Creative People event (part of E17 Art Trail) on Sunday 4th June 2017.

Come and showcase your skills & talent!

Our building will be open with an array of creativity, exhibiting many forms of art.

Where: Waltham Forest Community Hub

18A Orford Road London E17 9LN

Time: 3PM—7PM

All queries to: info@wfchub.org or
02082230707



CHAPEL END SAVOY PLAYERS

Gilbert & Sullivan's

Princess Ida

Director: Leon Berger

Musical Director: Graham Offord



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making
music

Deaton Theatre, Forest School, London E17 3PY

Evenings: Thurs 1st, Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd June - 7.30pm

Matinees: Sat 3rd & Sun 4th June: - 2.30pm

Tickets:

£14 (£12 concessions) for evening performances

£12 (£10 concessions) for matinees

£5 for under-18s at all performances

Box Office: 020 8527 0215

Enquiries: 020 8529 3143

Email: boxoffice@cesp.org.uk

Online bookings: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cesp

Website: www.cesp.org.uk



The Battle of the Somme

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

WFMS
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Music Service


Waltham Forest

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 £8/ £5 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



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WALTHAM FOREST
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2017
Season

A
Midsummer
Night's
Dream

The
Greek
Theatre
Players

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.



**Greek Theatre
Players**



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**TPHQ - ACPO and Support
Command**

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www.met.police.uk
Your ref:
Date: 25th May 2017

Dear Head Teacher

Manchester Concert Attack and the national #WeStandTogether Campaign

We all recognise the enormous impact of the Manchester concert attack on our communities, especially as it was targeted against families and children. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families and all those affected by this cruel attack.

Attacks like these are aimed to frighten communities and to create hate and division. We, as a nation, will always remain defiant as **#WeStandTogether** with strength and determination against all those who wish to harm us.

As we approach the Bank Holiday weekend with the half term school break I wanted to reach out to our young people across the country to help reassure them and to make them feel safe and confident as they enjoy the school break.

I would be very grateful if you are able to convey the following messages during your school assemblies;

- That all forms of extremism and hatred is wrong
- No faith or religion believes in violence or hurt
- Look out for anything suspicious and report it to an adult or to the police
- Use your powerful voice as a generation of young people to support the **#WeStandTogether** campaign

The voices of our young people across the country will be extremely powerful in showing how we as a nation remain defiant against all forms of terrorism, extremism and hatred.

The national security threat assessment has been increased to **CRITICAL** for the time being which will see additional uniformed presence in high profile and busy locations as well as within local neighbourhoods. We will be visible throughout half term and looking to engage with all sections of communities including young people and would urge everyone to approach police officers and staff on duty and talk us. I am sure this will help reassure people further and make them feel safe and confident.

Our strength as a nation comes from our relationships and it is really important that people report anything that worries them or feel is suspicious to police officers on duty or phone 101 or the confidential Anti-Terrorism Hotline on 0800 789 321 to speak to trained staff in confidence.

May I thank you for help and support wish you a good half term break.

Best wishes

Mak Chishty QPM
Commander – Engagement
Metropolitan Police Service
NPCC National Lead for Race, Religion and Belief

School Calendar for 2016-17

Summer Term 2017

End: Wednesday 19th July

Monday 15th May-

Friday 26th May

KS3 Examination fortnight

Monday 15th May-

Monday 26th June

Year 11 GCSE Written examinations

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

Student 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