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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been celebrating International Women's Day in assemblies and various events across the school. There have been language related activities led by our EAL speakers, quizzes featuring our female staff as they once were, research undertaken about alumnae and our annual 'What's My Line' event on Friday. Twelve high profile professional females will meet with Year 9 students. The girls will be tasked with working out what the women do, and also finding out more about their careers.

Many of you attended our Parent/ Carer Internet Awareness and E-safety evening on Tuesday. It was a very informative session with speakers from Waltham Forest Parent Partnership, our local schools Police Officer, our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Gunzi, who is a Child Protection and Online Protection (CEOP) Ambassador and Ms Pratt, the school's designated Child Protection Officer. The overwhelming response from parents, carers -and grandparents- was that such sessions are extremely useful. Watch for details about the next one in the summer term.

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Just before half term, we were reviewed by a team from the national Challenge Partners. The team consisted of four senior leaders from good and outstanding schools in London and from the south coast. The colleagues were advised by an experienced Ofsted lead inspector. They examined the school's planning and evaluation paperwork, in addition to carrying out a close analysis of our 2016 GCSE results and current progress data. They also visited lessons, met with senior and middle leaders and examined students' books. At the end of the review, the team, who were all Ofsted inspectors, concluded with an estimated judgement.

I am delighted to tell you that their judgements were extremely positive for the school. For the areas on which they comment, they judged as follows:

**School Improvement Strategies:** Outstanding

**Outcomes for Pupils:** Outstanding

**Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment:** Outstanding

**Area of Excellence:** Leadership through moral purpose:  
Confirmed and valid for 3 Years

**Previously accredited Areas of Excellence:** Using data to ensure strong outcomes and excellent progress of all students.

**Overall Review Evaluation:** The Quality Assurance Review found indicators that Walthamstow School for Girls appears to have moved beyond the Good grade as judged by Ofsted in the school's previous Ofsted report and is working within the Outstanding grade.

You can read the report in full here:

<http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/challenge-partners>

We are never complacent at WSFG, and some of you will be aware that we have had to manage some staffing difficulties this year due to sickness. However, as always, you have remained as supportive and as understanding as ever. Your patience while we have worked through this has been greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,  
Meryl Davies

## Year 8 Parents/ Carers Evening Thursday 16th March 2017

Your daughter will have made appointments with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress **from 4.30 to 7pm.**

We encourage all Year 8 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 and an opportunity to discuss her chosen GCSE options with subject teachers.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Jean-Baptiste  
Student Progress Leader, Year 8.

## Attendance League for February 2017

Attendance figures for February 2017 and total so far. Winners postcards for the month of February from the headteacher are in form tutor pigeon holes ready for tutors to share with their form groups.



Well done to 7G, 8F, 9S, 10S & 11W for being February winners.

Year to date winners are 7G, 8C, 9F, 10W and 11W.  
Don't forget, winners for each term receive a Form treat.

100% certificates and pin badges will be given to the SPLs within the next couple of weeks. Please note, attendance pin badges are allowed to be worn on lanyards.

Ms King  
Student Attendance Manager

## Year 10 MyBnk Workshops

We believe it is essential that our students leave WSFG as equipped as possible for real life.

Understanding how finances work is a vital part of that. With this in mind, for the first time at WSFG, all of Year 10 will be participating in a MyBnk workshop during the morning lessons of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. This will take place in school and students will be working in their form groups.

Below is an outline of what the workshop will cover:



### 1. My Money

- Payslips, Tax and National Insurance
- Careers & Minimum Wage
- Government Spending

### 2. My Choices

- Needs v Wants, Your Choices & Lifestyle
- Budgeting
- Saving and Goals

### 3. My Future

- Types of Accounts, Jargon Buster
- Interest and the Flow of Money
- Credit, Debt & Credit History

At WSFG, we have worked with MyBnk for many years and their workshops have always been incredibly valuable to our Year 7 and 8 students. I have no doubt that this will also be the case for our Year 10s.

Many thanks,  
Ms Philippou  
Assistant Headteacher

## International Women's Day 2017

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March as part of the IWD celebration all year groups will be involved in various activities throughout the day

The hugely popular “What’s My Line” activity will be held during the morning for Year 9 students. We have invited female guests from various working backgrounds to help inspire the students to realise that anything is possible. The aim of the activity is for students to ask our guests various questions in an attempt to guess their job title.

Other year groups will be designing a poster using different languages and completing an IWD quiz. Also MFL have run a ‘guess the baby’ competition featuring female staff when they were much younger. The LRC has been running an activity featuring alumnae all week. See the following pages.



The theme for of this years International Women's Day Logo Competition was 'Be Bold for Change'

The winner, *Laxy Pratheepan* in 7F, has had her logo reproduced on to t-shirts, mugs and key-rings.

“What’s My Line” 2016

*Laxy Pratheepan's*  
winning design



## IWD at WSFG

Here is a small selection from our archives about past pupils who have been high achievers since leaving our school.

**Blanche Hewett**  
Headmistress of  
Walthamstow  
School for Girls  
1890 to 1924



At the age of 26, Blanche Hewett was appointed as Headmistress, the youngest Head in the history of the school.

She took her degree in Cambridge and became the eighth 'Newman Wrangler', a 1<sup>st</sup> class honour degree in mathematics.

She believed in the 'austere beauty' of mathematics.

On her retirement after 30 years at the school, she went on a round-the-world trip and many of her stories are included in the 'iris' magazines.

**Dr Jill Slay (Abbott)**  
WSFG student  
1964-1971

**Engineer and Professor  
for Cybersecurity**



Jill and her brother, attended Selwyn Primary School. She remembers spending a lot of time in Hale End Library.

*'I owe my whole academic career to WHS in the 60s to 70s – I was just a working class girl from Chingford - first of my whole family to go to Uni. The teachers of the time just gave us a vision of being those who would the world – especially through technology – and this is what I have tried to do.'*

Professor at University of NSW in Australia and Director of Australian Centre for Cybersecurity. She advises and trains the Australian government, police and army on cyber security. Last year she was awarded Australian Cyber Security educator of the year. She has published one book and contributed to many other books and journals in the last 10 years.

**Patricia Scotland**  
Baroness Scotland of  
Asthall,  
WSFG student  
1967—1969  
Attorney General for  
England and Wales  
2007 to 2010



Patricia was born in Dominica, and her family emigrated to Walthamstow when she was two years old.

After attending Walthamstow School for Girls, she went to Essex Technical College, Chelmsford, where she obtained a law degree. She was called to the bar at the Middle Temple in 1977, specialising in family law, and was called to the Dominican bar in 1978.

In 1991, she became the first black woman to be appointed a Queen's Counsel. She was appointed Baroness Scotland of Asthall, Oxfordshire in 1997.

In 2005 she was voted one of the 100 Great Black Britons.

She was appointed Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations In March 2016.

**Avril Dankworth,  
1922-2013  
Musician and Teacher**



Her mission in life was to "make music fun".

After attending our school, Avril attended Hockerill Teacher Training College, the Royal College of Music and Trinity College of Music.

She worked as a teacher in various London schools, including Selwyn Primary School. She also travelled the world, lecturing, training teachers and adjudicating. Jazz was a particular musical passion of her family and her brother was John Dankworth, the jazz musician. She was also instrumental in introducing jazz into the school curriculum.

In the mid-1960s, she co-founded 'Sing for Pleasure' - a music camp for children aged from 7 to 17, where the only entry requirement was a love of music.

**Kate Castle  
Dancer and Author**

**Attended our school from  
1960 until 1965**



Kate Castle trained at the Royal Ballet School and was one of just a handful of students selected for the Royal Ballet Company. As a teenager she danced in Sleeping Beauty with the legendary Margot Fonteyn. She also danced alongside Massine and Nureyev, appeared in the films Ragtime and Heaven's Gate and choreographed the TV programme The Winds of War.

*She said: 'My mother always said that as soon as I could walk I was dancing. She took me to see the ballet Coppelia before I was even old enough to go to school and I was on the edge of my seat.'*

*'Dancing for me is always a feeling of absolute exhilaration; it's as if I am doing something I was born to do. I love all kinds of dance.'*

*'I love encouraging people to take up dance and see performances' it's such an expressive art form that can communicate across barriers and boundaries.*

A mother of five, Kate has also had a successful career as an author, writing books for children about ballet and dance.

**Elizabeth (Lizzie) Reid  
2000-2005  
Volleyball Player  
Olympic Games  
2012**



Lizzie first took up volleyball at school, representing London at the Youth Games in 2006.

She made her debut for team GB in 2007 and gained the All-American AVCA and NJCAA awards, after a successful 2009/2010 season. She gained a scholarship to attend the University of Georgia, in America, where she played up against the world's top talent in the sport.

She was selected to represent GB at the London 2012 Olympic Games in the Women's Indoor Volleyball competition. She spent 6 years preparing for the event. All the players had to make major sacrifices, volleyball had to be their priority every day and each and every one had to keep their one goal "to reach the quarter finals at the London Olympics and to put British volleyball on the world map".

**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Litter in the School Environment**

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight for 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 is on **Litter** in the school environment.

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.

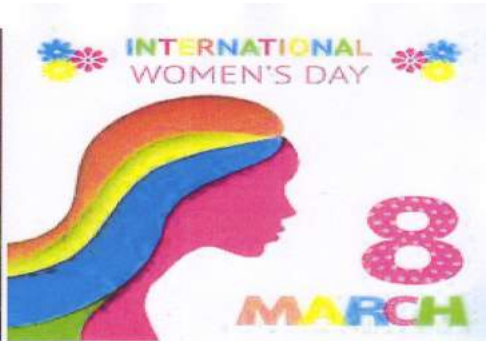


During the Focus Fortnight, there will be rewards for picking up litter, so check any litter picked up **BEFORE** putting it in the bin as you may have won a prize which will be written onto the piece of litter!

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



# WSFG Diversity Calendar for the month of March



## March 2017



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1			1	2	3	4	5 <sup>o</sup>
Week 2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <sup>o</sup>
Week 3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Week 4	20 <sup>o</sup>	21	22	23	24	25	26
Week 5	27	28 <sup>o</sup>	29	30	31		

Last Quarter  
  New Moon  
  First Quarter  
  Full Moon

- ### Special Days
- 1st Zero Discrimination Day - Secular
  - 1st Saint David's Day - Welsh
  - 1st Interfaith Days (and) - Bahai
  - 2nd Nileshon Day Year (Start) - Bahai
  - 3rd World Seals Day
  - University Awards Month & Well-being Day
  - 6th Saint Pimen's Day - Christian
  - 6th Mother's Birthday
  - Orthodox Sunday - Orthodox Christian
  - Meatless Sunday - Orthodox Christian
  - 7th Maha Shivaratri - Hindu
  - International Women's Day
  - 13th Cheeseless Sunday - Orthodox Christian
  - L. Ron Hubbard Birthday - Scientology
  - 14th Clean Monday - Orthodox Christian
  - 17th Solid Patrick's Day - Christian
  - Bank Holiday - Northern Ireland and UK
  - 17th Saint Joseph's Day - Christian
  - 17th Palm Sunday - Christian
  - 20th Spring Equinox
  - Celeste - Wicca/Pagan northern hemisphere
  - Mabon - Wicca/Pagan southern hemisphere
  - 21st New Year (New Year) - Bahai
  - Nowruz (New Year) - Persian/Zoroastrian
  - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination - Secular
  - World Down Syndrome Day
  - 22nd World Water Day
  - USP International Students Festival of Culture
  - 23rd Maha Navami (Sangha Day) - Buddhist
  - Holi - Hindu
  - Purnima begins of sundown - Judaism
  - Lord's Evening Meal - Jehovah's Witness Christian
  - 24th Maundy Thursday - Christian
  - Hola Maholala - Sikh
  - 25th Annunciation to the Theotokos - Orthodox Christian
  - 27th British summertime begins
  - 28th Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zoroastrian)
  - Zoroastrian

March is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month | Christian Cancer Awareness Month  
 American Red Cross Month | Save your Vision Month | Women's History Month  
 Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month

## Mathé, the Pop Up Café



Opening next on **World Pi Day, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

3.30-4.30pm in Room F38

All years welcome to have **Fun, Relax, Eat and Dream**

Pi earrings also on sale, in celebration of Pi Day.



The Year 8 Mathé Team

## Message for Year 11 Students

### Year 11 Literature Revision - Poetry Lectures

Lectures will be **one hour** and take place in Norris Hall.

Each lecture is open to all students but you must be punctual (lectures will begin promptly at 3.45pm), you must stay for the duration of the lecture and you must come prepared to listen and make notes in the revision booklet or revision cards provided in lessons.

Our first lecture was well attended so don't miss out!

#### Lecture 2 – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

*Valentine*

*Sonnet 43*

*Cozy Apologia*

#### Lecture 3 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

*Living Space*

*London*

#### Lecture 4 – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

*The Manhunt*

*A Wife in London*

#### Lecture 5 - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

*Mametz Wood*

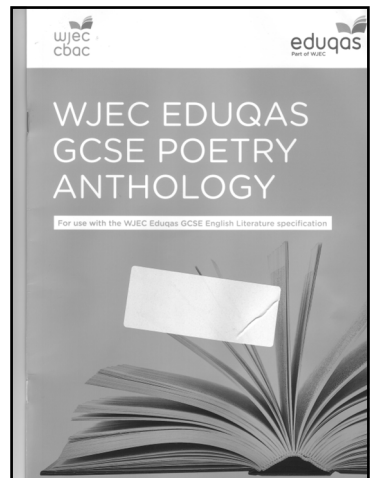
*The Soldier*

*Dulce et Decorum Est*

#### Lecture 6 – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

*Hawk Roosting*

*Ozymandias*



Ms Baldwin  
Head of English

## P.E. News Year 7 Success

### Netball

The Year 7 netball team continued their success this week by progressing to the semi-finals of the Waltham Forest Borough Netball rally. There were 9 teams in the tournament and they did exceptionally well to reach this point, narrowly losing 3-1 to Chingford in the semi final.

The Semi final Team:

*Molly Clark 7G (who did a fantastic job as captain)*

*Grace Gambino 7G*

*Deja Gbeve 7H*

*Sylvie Small 7F*

*Ornela Laci 7C*

*Amber Terry-O'Neill 7W*

*Jessica Song 7W*

*Roya Bernard 7W*

Another fixture took place this week with a Year 7 team playing against Walthamstow Academy, which our girls won 8-1. They put in a fantastic performance and all worked incredibly hard.

The team:

*Molly Clark 7G*

*Jessica Song 7W*

*Roya Bernard 7W*

*Ornela Laci 7C*

*Evie Costello 7C*

*Sylvie Small 7F*

*Jessica McLellan 7F*

*Rebeca Badau 7F*

*Bo Edwards 7F*



Ms Warren

**Performing Arts  
Extra Curricular Timetable**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm</b>	<b>AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-4:30pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Year 7-11 Trampoline club (LWO) (Year 11 and 10 GCSE students must attend)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 8 Netball training (LRA)	Roller skating club – sports hall Year 7/8 Netball fixtures
<b>Wednesday</b>	GCSE Year 11 theory (RWA)	Year 7-11 Basketball club Year 7/8 netball fixtures
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 7 Netball training (YAS)	Year 7-11 Football club
<b>Friday</b>	Year 7 -11 Badminton club (CBL)	



## School History

Are you old enough to remember these?



Incredible, but just two words can conjure up so many memories - the 1961 *Iris* magazine records the retirement of a teacher, Miss Ince Jones. Scanning it, I saw the words, 'Bubble cars' and was transported back to my childhood. One of my neighbours had one of these cars and I can remember seeing him opening up the front door and 'positioning' himself inside. This was, perhaps, the coolest car in the 1960's. It came in lots of bright colours and shapes and sizes, decades before the Smart car.

Ms O Kelly LRC



Miss Ince Jones writes;  
*"Should any Staff or Old Girls be travelling in their Vauxhalls or Bubble cars or even on their bicycles along the Epping-Hertford Road, they will see a cedar-wood bungalow, just built, which is our new home. I should be delighted to see any who would care to come."*



# Genealogy Day

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Hale End Library**

**Highams Park**

**10-2pm**

Discover more about your family and the local area.

Volunteers from Walthamstow School for Girls Alumnae will be available to help guide you with your research

## Beginners Yoga and Relaxation

Are you looking for a way to get fit and manage your stress in 2017?

Why not try yoga?

**Beginners Yoga and Relaxation** is open to **staff, parents** and **carers** and takes place on:



**Thursdays** at **WSFG**,  
in **F11**, from **4 – 5pm**

**Some of the many benefits of yoga include:**

- Managing stress through breathing, meditation and movement
- Increasing confidence and positive self-image

Contact Ms Wilkinson on [swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) to sign up for your place.

Cost: **£15** for four sessions or **£5** per session drop in, with **your first session free!**

## Digital Parenting

Would you like to find out more about digital parenting?

- ◆ Online peer pressure and cyber bullying
- ◆ Setting family technology rules
- ◆ Online controls for children of all ages
- ◆ Is your family cyber secure?
- ◆ Jobs for girls: a future in technology
- ◆ How to report inappropriate content



Use this web link to find out more: <http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/>

Mr Bryant  
Director of ICT



*f* London  
forest  
Choir



# JS BACH

## *St Matthew Passion*

Saturday 8 April 2017

5.30pm (Supper interval 7.00–8.30pm)

Chingford Parish Church, The Green, E4 7EN  
London Forest Choir

**Jonathan Rathbone** conductor

**Matthew Minter** Evangelist  
**Omar Ebrahim** Christus

**Jenny Morris** soprano  
**Frances Jellard** alto  
**Andrew Busher** tenor  
**Nicholas Garrett** bass

**Southend Boys and Girls Choir**

**Sylvan Ensemble**

Tickets £15 on the door or  
£13 in advance; students and  
benefit recipients £7.50. Call  
020 8281 6090, or  
buy online at  
[www.londonforestchoir.org](http://www.londonforestchoir.org).

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ENTRY

# CHARITY WALK for PEACE

E: [info@charitywalkforpeace.org](mailto:info@charitywalkforpeace.org)  
W: [charitywalkforpeace.org](http://charitywalkforpeace.org)

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Frederick Bremer School  
Siddeley Road  
Walthamstow  
London E17 4EY

A 5K walk  
in pursuit of  
Service to Humanity

 @charitywalk\_uk

**Every Penny Raised Goes To Charity**

**IN AID OF**



**Mayor of Waltham Forest  
Charity Appeal 2016-2017**  
Supporting Bowel Cancer Treatment  
at Whipps Cross Hospital.

**PROGRAMME**

9.00am Welcome & Registration  
10:45am Opening Ceremony  
11:00am Start of Walk  
1pm Lunch



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**JustTextGiving**

Please text CWFP33 £3  
to 70070 to donate £3.00

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Tel: 0208 8496 4516 [mayer@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:mayer@walthamforest.gov.uk)

Arif Khan Regional Coordinator - Charity Walk for Peace  
Mobile: 0747 6430368 [rawahuddin.khan@gmail.com](mailto:rawahuddin.khan@gmail.com)

A walk organised by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association  
Charity Walk for Peace - Registered Charity No. 1161567



## School Calendar for 2016-17

### Spring Term 2017

**Start: End: Friday 31st March**

Thursday 16th March                      Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening    4.30-7pm

### Easter Holiday

**Easter Holiday:                      Monday 3rd April 2017-Monday 17th April**

Good Friday Bank Holiday:                      Friday 14th April

Easter Monday Bank Holiday:                      Monday 17th April

### Summer Term 2017

**Start: Tuesday 18th April                      End: Wednesday 19th July**

### Holidays

**May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May**

Thursday 11th May                      Year 7 Parent/Carers Evening    4.30-7pm

Monday 15th May-

Thursday 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

### YEAR 11 2017 Summer Written Examination timetable

The Year 11 Summer written examinations begin on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May and finish on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017** a copy of 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