



# GREENSHEET



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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Thursday**  
**13<sup>th</sup> October**  
Open Evening

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
INSET Day  
School closed to students

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**  
Year 7  
Settling in afternoon

**Half Term:**  
Monday 24-  
Friday 28  
October 2016

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Year 10  
Parent/Carers  
Evening

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
INSET Day  
School closed to students

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new academic year is well underway and our new Year 7 students seem to have settled in well-and are looking very smart in their new blazers. Whilst we have been focusing on ensuring that the new students are able to find their way around with ease, a lot has been happening in other areas of the school.

We were delighted to hear that a number of our Year 9 girls were selected from many others to be ball girls in the 2017 Wheel Chair Masters competition at the Olympic stadium.

Year 10 GCSE Art students visited Lloyd Park this week to make some observational drawings for their landscape project, working with charcoal and chalk.

Also this week we had an award-giving Year 10 assembly attended by Joy Brown of the Soroptomists. This is an international organisation which pledges to inspire action to transform the lives of women and girls around the world. The girls were tasked with writing responses to photographs of children in Syria, Nepal and Rwanda. Thank you to Ms Cato and Ms Royds for all their work with this project. There is more information about the Presentation on page 11.

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Well done to two former Year 11 students, *Mariana-Alexandra Ciocan* and *Haiqa Liaqat*, who, accompanied by their SPL Ms Jean Baptiste, attended a very grand celebration event at the Central Hall, Westminster last Thursday for having made exceptional progress in their GCSEs this summer. Below is a lovely message the school received from one of the award winning students:

*I am writing this email to thank all of the persons who nominated me for the PIXL award and thank Ms Jean Baptiste for accompanying me. It was an honour for me to take part in this special event and I am very grateful for this award.*

*Kind regards, Mariana*

During the past few weeks, we have had a number of our younger students take part in safe cycle training after school. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow when they return from their road trips. The school owns a number of bicycles available for use by the girls, and we have excellent storage facilities for any student who wishes to cycle to school with her own bicycle along the local cycle friendly routes.

Please note the following dates regarding the school opening times.

These have been publicised over the past few weeks in the Greensheet:

**An important reminder about forthcoming early closures this half term - please note:**

We have an **early closure for all students on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> and a school closure on Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>** due to our annual Open Evening which is followed by a training day.

**Year 7** leave school at **12.25 on Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>** due to the Year 7 Settling-in afternoon.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,  
Meryl Davies



WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

# OPEN EVENING

Thursday 13th October 2016

6.00pm - 8.30pm



*'There is a strong focus on excellent academic outcomes. Inclusive care for individuals lies at the heart of the school's ethos'* OFSTED

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**Information for Year 7 Parents and Carers**  
**“Settling-In Afternoon” Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As your Year 7 daughter has now been with us for almost a month, we will be having a Year 7 “Settling-in Afternoon” on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Your daughter will be given an appointment by her Tutor and she will have this put into her school planner. This appointment is for you to come into school with her and meet with her Tutor.

The appointment will be between **1.30 and 4.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

The Tutor may be able to accommodate you if you request a particular appointment, so please communicate this by using your daughter’s planner.

Her Tutor will have a copy of her settling-in report for you and will be able to discuss the outcomes with you during the appointment. You will be given a copy of this settling-in report to take home with you.

Your daughter will be dismissed at **12.25pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** and will be expected to go home to return with you in her full school uniform to attend the appointment. I am afraid we do not have the capacity to look after your daughter after **12.25pm**, so you **MUST** make arrangements for her to leave school and only return with you at your appointment time.

We hope you will find this appointment useful and we look forward to meeting with you.

If your daughter is entitled to a free school meal and wishes to order a packed lunch to take with her when she leaves school at 12.25 on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, please ask her to see **Ms. Fearon / Mr. Morrow by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.**

If you have any concerns or questions about the “Settling-in Afternoon”, please contact your daughter’s Tutor or her Progress Leaders, Ms. Fearon / Mr. Morrow

Thank you for your continued support

Ms. K. H. Pratt,  
Assistant Headteacher

## Focus of the Fortnight

3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016.

### The focus: Student Lanyards, One Cards and Conduct Cards.

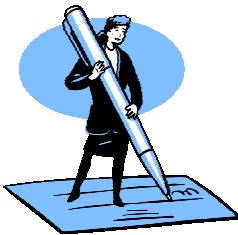
Dear Parents and Carers,

The next Focus of the Fortnight will be on student lanyards, one cards and conduct cards. These items are **ESSENTIAL** pieces of your daughter's uniform at WSFG. She is expected to have them and wear them every day at school.

If she does not have one or any number of these items with her on a school day, she will be given an automatic detention of one hour the following week, of which you will be informed by letter and / or text. Please ensure she has these items ready for school.

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

Ms. Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher



**All students have been given a lanyard, a photo ID One Card and a Conduct Card that they must wear at all times during the school day.**

### Sanctions to be applied.

If a student is not wearing any of the required items (lanyard, photo ID, One Card or Conduct Card) a detention of one hour will be set.

The student will also have her conduct card signed.

The **ONLY** items that are allowed to be worn with the lanyard are school responsibility badges, locker key and small USB.

**Information for Year 11 Parents and Carers**  
**Sixth Form and College Roadshow Wednesday 30th of November**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are holding a Sixth form and College Roadshow event at Walthamstow School for Girls on **Wednesday 30th of November**.

This event brings together representatives from surrounding colleges/sixth form schools to present and answer any questions students may have.

**The event runs from 6pm to 8pm.**

In addition we have organised a number of colleges/sixth form schools to talk to Year 11 Students see page 7 for details.

Ms Ray

Careers Guidance and Workplace Engagement Coordinator

Please find below a list of important dates for Year 11 Students

**Autumn Term**

7<sup>th</sup> November - 11<sup>th</sup> November – Mock Oral Exams

14<sup>th</sup> November - 25<sup>th</sup> November – Mock Exams

21<sup>st</sup> November - Staff training day students not in school

30<sup>th</sup> November - College roadshow

13<sup>th</sup> December - Community party early closure 2:30pm

14<sup>th</sup> December - How to support your daughter in her core subjects  
6pm- 7:30pm

20<sup>th</sup> December - Results afternoon period 5

**Spring Term**

9<sup>th</sup> January - Full subject reports to be sent out

30<sup>th</sup> January - Staff training day students not in school

2<sup>nd</sup> February - Year 11 Parents Evening

11<sup>th</sup> February - Professional Interview day

3<sup>rd</sup> April - 17<sup>th</sup> April - Easter revision sessions

**Summer Term**

15<sup>th</sup> May - 26th June - GCSE exams

Ms Careless

SPL Year 11

## College Presentations for Year 11

Over the next few weeks we have a collection of colleges/sixth form schools coming in to give mini presentations to Year 11 students.

**Each session will be at lunch time from 12:50 - 13:15pm.**

The providers are as follows.

Monday 3rd October	- Isaac Newton Academy
Wednesday 5th October	- Woodford County School for Girls
Friday 7th October	- Big Creative Education - Arts college
Monday 10th October	- Sir George Monoux
Wednesday 12th October	- Forest School
Wednesday 19th October	- Leyton Sixth Form School

**Students wishing to participate should go to Hewett Hall by 1pm on those days.**

Ms Ray

Careers Guidance and Workplace Engagement Coordinator

## Challenge News

### Oxbridge Question

Each week there will be a question from an Oxbridge interview;



Does a Girl Scout have a political agenda?  
(Law, Oxford)

Discuss with your friends and family to help develop your HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills).

Ms Robinson

## Year 10: English Checkpoint Test

### *An Inspector Calls*

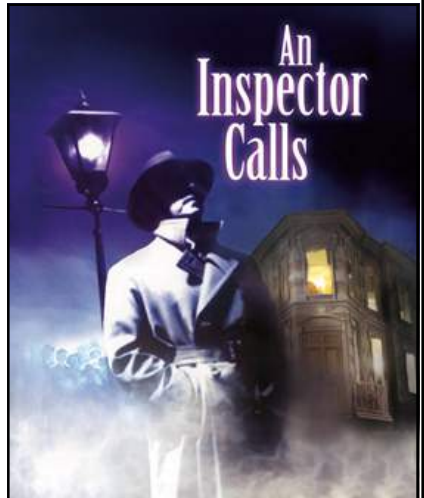
The first English checkpoint test for Year 10 will be on **Monday 17th October**.

10W, 10S and 10F will have their test period 2.  
10G, 10C and 10H will have their test period 4.

It is vital that your daughter takes the checkpoint test as it gives her an opportunity to see how well she is doing and what she needs to work on to be exam-ready.

Please do not make any appointments during the time of your daughter's test.

The English Dept.



## Year 8 Swimming Success

*Aoife Pearson* from 8F is now part of the National Youth Swimming Squad Performance Programme.

She has to practise for 11 hours a week and part of her training takes place at London Aquatics Centre, which she goes to before school!

Well done, Aoife, and good luck with your future endeavours.

Ms Kelly  
LRC





## Label Your School Uniform

### A reminder to parents and carers

Blazers are **COMPULSORY** for Year 7 students and **MUST** be worn at all times during the school day, although blazers are still optional for other year groups.

With this in mind please be aware that we now have nearly two hundred students wearing identical blazers.



**Please make sure your daughter's clothing has her name and form clearly marked in it, so that it can be returned to you more easily, including P.E. Kits.**

**Please remind your daughter, if she has lost anything in school, to check the box in Student Services regularly.**

Ms Jolliffe  
Student Services

## *Shakespeare 2016*



**2016 marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare**

**To commemorate this important event the LRC will be selling commemorative key rings of our Greek Theatre for £1.**

A selection of greetings cards are also available.

All proceeds go towards the Walthamstow School for Girls Alumnae in order to maintain a community amongst students and staff, past and present, and celebrate Walthamstow School for Girls' achievements.

## WSFG PE Kit List

### Compulsory Items

- ◆ Yellow polo shirt.  
We have a small supply that can be purchased from the Performing Arts Faculty Office.
- ◆ Green jogging bottoms or green shorts. Plain white or black socks.



- ◆ Trainers (plimsolls offer no support for feet or ankles so we highly recommend trainers for PE lessons).

### Optional Items

- ◆ Green sweatshirt.
- ◆ A long sleeved plain white or black top may be worn underneath t-shirts.



### Banned Items

- ◆ No jewellery can be worn in PE lessons so any girls with newly pierced ears must bring tape/plasters to put over them.
- ◆ Students will not be allowed to wear school jumpers or cardigans, tights, scarves or gloves for PE lessons.
- ◆ No hooded sweatshirts.
- ◆ Long hair must be tied up for health and safety reasons.

**Please make sure your daughter's clothing has her name and form clearly marked in it, so that it can be returned to you more easily, including P.E. Kits.**

**P.E. Faculty**

## Soroptimist International Short Story Writing Competition



Joy Brown of the London Central and South West Soroptimist Club visited WSFG on Tuesday morning to present the winners of the recent short story writing competition with their prizes. The presentation was planned to coincide with International Literacy Day earlier this month.

The Soroptimists launched the competition to celebrate literacy and to focus on the lives of women and girls in other countries. The students were asked to base their stories on a number of photographs selected by the Society featuring children from different countries around the world including Syria, Nepal and Rwanda.

Entries were received from fifteen students in Year 10 and one in Year 9 and the English Faculty were very impressed at the standard of all the stories and excited to see who the winners would be. The Soroptimists were equally impressed and one of the organisers, Dr Barbara Diamant said “The standard of English is exemplary, their perception and imagination are both excellent and truly reflect positively on the school.”

The judge, Dr Helen Drury, an educationalist and Director of Mathematics for Ark Schools said “It was really difficult to choose, but the three I've gone for stood out for being particularly compelling snapshots of significant moments, with credible characters.” The three winners received book tokens; they were:

*Coral Monaghan*: “for effective balance of description and 1st person reflection, the hope and belief in the human spirit, and the imagery of the dancing stick.”

*Assa Kanoute*: (Forgotten Dreams) “A realistic and well-researched portrayal of a horrific situation, flashback at the start draws the reader in.”

*Alice Evans*: (Angel of the Night). - “Compelling narrative thread, effective combination of optimism and realism.”

The three winning stories will be available to read on the school website.

Joy Brown told the girls that the Society plans to publicise the students' success in their magazine Soroptimist News which is issued to members all over the world.

Congratulations to all the students who submitted an entry and particular thanks to Ms Cato who encouraged the girls to submit entries.

Ms Davies  
Headteacher

## Our School History

Bringing an old 'Horse' back to life!

Our school has a reputation for being 'green' and promoting re-cycling. So, when I came across this Pommel Horse by the school skip, I decided to save it for the school allotment. It was initially taken apart and made into seating and planters. Then Osborne Property Services came in to re-build our bedding planters and helped to re-vamp our 'horse' by giving it new legs!

I also wondered if this was the same piece of gym equipment that was published in the 1950 edition of Iris, our school magazine. If so, as the saying goes - it's nice to think that there is still life in the old horse yet!

Ms Kelly  
LRC



## What's on This week in Walthamstow and Beyond St Mary's Bells Project

The bells are back!

St Mary's Church are planning a celebration/dedication event on **Saturday 8th October at 7:00pm at St Mary's Church** and are inviting all organisations that have worked with the church on the bells project to go along and join in.



Refurbished bell tower with sound proofing



Refurbished bells back in the bell tower.

A group of Year 10 students have been involved a heritage display project with the help of the ADT faculty and Mrs Finamore.

Which will be on permanent display in the porch of St Mary's Church.

Ms Philippou



## Walthamstow

### **SATURDAY 1st and SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER:**

Preview weekend for the opening of Waltham Forest's Feel Good Centre, 170 Chingford Road, E17 5AA, 9am- 5pm, free. This state of the art leisure centre, which replaces the Pool and Track, opens officially on Monday 3rd October, with a pool, spa, climbing wall, dance studios, trampoline park ,extreme park and gym for all ages.

Try taster sessions this weekend- see <http://www.better.org.uk/venues/walthamforest> to book.



Under 18s can swim for free; membership schemes available for other activities. See <http://www.FeelGood.WalthamForest.com> for details.

**SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER:** Black History Month is launched- see <http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/bhm2016> for full programme details. Most events are free.

**SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER:** Greatest Little Art Show and Raffle, The Mill, 7-11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HA, 10am-4pm, free. 100 small works of art by local professional and amateur artists young and old will be raffled at 2pm to raise money for the Night Shelter, plus refreshments and activities for all ages. See :[www.themill-coppermill.org](http://www.themill-coppermill.org) for full programme.

**SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER AND EVERY SATURDAY:** Family Friendly Karate, Peterhouse Centre, 122 Forest Rise, E17 3PW. Young people aged 13 + and adults are welcome to try this new martial art class. Ring 07956 961 563 or visit <http://www.elskarate.co.uk> for times and prices.

**TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER AND EVERY TUESDAY UNTIL 22nd NOVEMBER :** Teen Yoga, East of Eden, 14 Hatherley Mews, E17 4QP, 4.30-5.30pm, £7 per session. Relax and stretch! Ring 0203 583 7530 for details.

## Beyond Walthamstow

**SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER** : Table Top Sale in Aid of Age UK Waltham Forest, W.F. Resource Hub, 58 Hall Lane, Chingford E4 8EA, free entry. Bargain books, CDs, crafts and cakes. Ring 02008 558 5512 for more information.

**SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER-MONDAY 31st OCTOBER:** The Big Draw Festival returns with a huge range of workshops, activities and events to celebrate and encourage drawing all over London. Try a drawing through collage workshop for all ages at the Jerwood Space, Bankside, 1-3pm on Saturday 1st; book through <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk> See <http://www.thebigdraw.co.uk> for the full programme of events.

**SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER** : Annual closure of the Thames Barrier, 1 Unity Way, SE18 5NY, 8.25am-6.25pm, free. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see the closure of the barrier, with an exhibition about the history of the barrier, plus activities. See <http://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-thames-barrier> for details, or ring 0208 305 4188. Nearest tube: North Greenwich, or Charlton overground station.

**UNTIL JANUARY 2017:** New exhibition- Jazz Age Fashion and Photography, Fashion and Textile Museum, 83 Bermondsey Street, SE1 3XT, £6 students, £9.90 adults, under 12s free. This colourful exhibition covers fashion from 1919-1929, with sportswear, loungewear and evening wear, plus iconic fashion photographs by Cecil Beaton and Man Ray. Ring 0207 407 8664 or email [info@ftmlondon.org](mailto:info@ftmlondon.org) Nearest tube: London Bridge.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore



## School Calendar for 2016-17

### Autumn Term 2016

**Start: Thursday 1st September End: Wednesday 21st December 2016**

Thursday 13th October

Friday 14th October

Wednesday 19th October

Open Evening 6-8.30pm

INSET Day School closed to students

Year 7 Settling in afternoon students  
leave school at **12.25pm.**

### Half Term: Monday 24-Friday 28 October 2016

Thursday 3rd November

Monday 21st November

Thursday 15th December

Year 10 Parent/Carers Evening

INSET Day School closed to students

Carol Concert details to follow

### Spring Term 2017

**Start: Wednesday 4th January 2017 End: Friday 31st March**

Monday 30th January 2017

Thursday 2nd February

INSET Day School closed to students

Year 11 Parent/Carers Evening

### Half Term: Monday 13th-Friday 17th February 2017

Thursday 2nd March

Thursday 16th March

Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening

Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening

### Easter Holiday

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

Good Friday Bank Holiday:

Easter Monday Bank Holiday:

Friday 14th April

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

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