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Autumn Term 2017 Start: Monday 4th September	Dear Parents and Carers,			
End: Wednesday 20th December	<p>On the following pages you will see a letter signed by all the Headteachers in the Waltham Forest Secondary Heads' Group, addressing every parent and carer of students in the borough's seventeen secondary schools. Our concerns are so strong regarding the funding cuts faced by all our schools and the implications for education in our borough and nationally that we cannot remain silent. We believe it is our responsibility to highlight the situation facing our schools to you all. It is important that the Government takes heed of the views of headteachers and other educational leaders far and wide and review their proposals as a matter of urgency. We hope that we can rely on your support with this vital issue which we are raising with MPs and would encourage you to add your voices to our call for investment in our schools.</p>			
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NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

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Waltham Forest Secondary Heads' Group

June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is being sent to parents and carers of all Secondary School pupils in Waltham Forest on behalf of secondary Head teachers/Principals. We appreciate that this may well re-state points that you have already been made aware of, however, we felt the matter of future funding for schools is so significant that we also wanted to write to you, outlining major issues that are being faced by all schools across the Borough. The challenges being faced are not unique to any one school, but are widespread and of huge concern to all of us, as school leaders.

You will be aware from the national press the issues surrounding both the "National Funding Formula" and "Fairer Funding", that have been part of the political discussion leading up to the recent General Election. With the outcome of the election now confirmed we would urge you to return to helping address the matter of ensuring adequate school funding.

Each of our schools face real cuts in budgets, which amount to 8% - 11% by 2020. The challenges of meeting these costs will impact upon every school and will, unfortunately, influence our ability to be able to provide the excellent education that we believe your children deserve.

We, as school leaders, are in discussion with our Members of Parliament, asking them to represent our concerns about the impact that the National Funding Formula and the level of funding is having upon schools. We would like to use this letter to encourage you, as parents and voters, to likewise inform them of how important you believe the issue of school funding to be. We do not wish to score political points or indeed take sides but we hope the points made below will be helpful to you in any representation that you may wish to make on the matter of school funding.

The five key points that we suggest the recently elected Government need to address are:

1. To provide sufficient and fair funding.
2. To improve teacher recruitment and retention.
3. To ensure education policy is based on evidence.
4. To commit to curriculum stability.
5. To develop a long-term, shared vision for education.





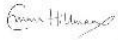

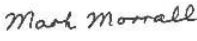
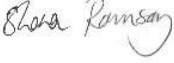



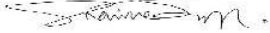


The reality of the cuts that all of our schools are having to make means that, collectively as Waltham Forest Head teachers, we are each having to address the following challenges:

- Reduction in extra-curricular activities as the increased workload on teachers genuinely restricts their ability to contribute to these additional but essential activities.
- Reduction in teacher numbers, resulting in a rise in class sizes.
- Restricted GCSE and 'A' Level choice as the potential breadth of subjects is reduced.
- Fewer opportunities for out of class learning.
- Fewer well maintained buildings as schedules for decoration have to be extended.
- Reduced in-class support for students from additional members of staff.

Please be assured that as your school leaders, we remain determined to provide the very best education for your children. However, we feel duty bound to inform you of the challenges that we collectively face in trying to do so.

Yours faithfully,



Shahina Ahmad		Eden School for Girls
Elaine Colquhoun		Whitefield Schools
Meryl Davies		Walthamstow School for Girls
Phil Grundy		Highams Park School
Emma Hillman		Headteacher designate, Heathcote School
Saeed Hussain		George Mitchell School
Julian Lee		Hawkwood Group
Mark Morrall		Chingford and Rushcroft Foundation Schools
Lynette Parvez		Kelmescott School
Shona Ramsay		Lammas School and Sixth Form
Bruce Roberts		Belmont Park Special School
Clive Rosewell		Willowfield Humanities College
Jenny Smith		Frederick Bremer School
Grainne Smyth		Leytonstone School
Andy Stone		Holy Family Catholic School
Sally Walker		Connaught School for Girls
Kath Wheeler		Buxton School

This week has again been extremely busy. All of Year 8 students have enjoyed a Humanities trip to Kew Gardens as part of their course and have revelled in the beautiful summer's weather. Also all Year 8 and Year 9 students took part in trans inclusion workshops. The workshops gave the students an opportunity to engage first hand with issues of sexual and gender orientation, and to ask LGBT role models questions about their experiences in a safe and trusting environment. It is clear that our core values of tolerance and respect are firmly embedded at WSFG, and the exemplary behaviour of the girls made us very proud. Well done to our Equal Opportunities Co-ordinator, Ms Desbenoit, for organising this, and, of course, to the girls themselves.

Also this week Ms Robinson, our Challenge Co-ordinator, invited Dan Pugh-Bevan, our School Liaison Officer from Oxford University, to WSFG. He spent the day running Thinking Skills workshops for students in Key Stage 3 and also met with all the Faculty Challenge staff representatives. He described his own journey from choir boy attending a South Wales comprehensive to the position he now holds following the completion of his Music degree at Oxford. Dan will be working with us throughout next year.

On Tuesday we hosted an Enterprise event for Year 9 students who were joined by students from Willowfield Humanities College. We also had a theatre trip to see the musical 'An American in Paris'.

We welcomed into school our incoming Year 7 students. They met their teachers, had lessons, got to know their way round - and had their first secondary school dinner. We look forward to seeing them again in September.

Meanwhile, on Friday, our steel pans band played in the Music for Youth Festival in Birmingham. Some of our musicians also performed at the Walthamstow Assembly Hall earlier in the week and so I am looking forward with anticipation to Monday evening's summer musical concert and hope to see you many of you there (details are on page 5).

We wish all of our Duke of Edinburgh students and staff an excellent weekend camping and hiking in the British countryside!

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies

Walthamstow School
for Girls
Summer Concert



2017

Monday 10th July

7pm

Tickets £4 adults

£2 concessions

Information for Parents / Carers and Students

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

- ALL lessons 1 – 3 are as normal.
- No student will be allowed to remain in school and the gates will be locked at 1.15pm
- There will be a normal break time but no lunchtime offer in the canteen.
- Wednesday 19th June will be a non-uniform day with proceeds going towards the **Grenfell Tower Disaster Fund**
- The cost of wearing non-uniform will be **£1.00** and must be paid **IN ADVANCE** to Form Reps.
- The jewellery rules still apply on this day and lanyards **must** be worn.

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

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

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

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

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



Abigail Dawson 8F competed in the London Open Water Championships last weekend.

The event was held in Greenland Dock over a 1.5km course. Abigail came 11th out of 20 swimmers in a time of 24 minutes and 30 seconds.

You are not allowed to wear a wet suit and it involves diving into the murky brown water and swimming three laps of the dock. Abigail has spent many hours training to get in shape for these championships and you need to be an extremely competent swimmer to compete at this level.

Well done Abigail keep up the good work!

Ms Wood

Year 7 Parents and Carers are invited to:

Year 7 GREEN Exhibition



**Raffle Draw with
fantastic prizes**

entry minimum
donation 50p
under 7s free

Thursday 13th July
4-6pm

at

Walthamstow School
for Girls



Henna Designs



Tehzeeb Khan 7F

Art Exhibition

WSFG Sports Day 2017
Tuesday 18TH July

We will be holding our annual Sports Day on Tuesday 18th July at the Feel Good Centre. The bullet points below explain exactly how our afternoon is run; if any parent or carer would like any further information about the event, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school email or telephone number. Due to safeguarding reasons, we are unable to allow any parent, relative or friend onto the site to spectate. A full report of the day's events will follow.

- Lessons 1, 2 and 3 will run as normal.
- Year 7 lunch will be served at **12:25pm** and students will be able to get a hot lunch from the dining hall.
- Years 8 lunchtime will start at **12:35pm**
- Year 9 will be at **12:45pm**
- Year 10 will be at **12:55pm**
- All students should be in their form rooms at 1:20pm where tutors will take the register.
- Each year group is then escorted to the Feel Good Centre by their form tutor and attached members of staff and leaves school one year group at a time.
- All students must be in their designated area by **1.50pm** for registration as all track events will start at **2:00pm** prompt.
- Spectators (students and staff) are situated around the edge of the track in a designated area for their form whilst competitors wait in the middle of field. Spectators must not go onto the running track at any time.
- **All students will be dismissed after the final results have been given at 3:30pm.**
- **All students are to make their own way home from the Feel Good Centre.**



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

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is on Chewing.

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

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

Thank you for your, continued support.

Ms. Pratt
Assistant Headteacher



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

Sanctions

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

Chewing gum is a banned item at WSGF.

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. False nails or false eyelashes are also not allowed 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 2017/18.

Recommended uniform suppliers

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** these 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.



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
 Student Services



Our School History

With Sports Day coming up on 18th July, I thought it was an appropriate time to celebrate one of our former pupils. In 1923 Edith Trickey became the first national women's walking champion in the world. She won with a time of 4:35:0 for 880 yards (805 metres).

The 1923 *Iris* magazine wrote; *Edith Trickey - wonderful successes at running and walking. Fancy a W.H.S. Olympic champion. She won a Gold medal in the 100m race in 3:08.8 minutes.*

Good luck everyone on Sports Day and I am sure we will have some of the school records broken again this year.

Ms Kelly
LRC Manager



Edith Trickey at the finishing line at the Olympic Games in 1926 in Gothenburg, Sweden.



Alumnae News
Open House London 16th September 2017

Open House is a London wide event where buildings are open to the public. The emphasis of the event is architectural. For the third time, our school will participate in this event and open its doors to the general public to showcase its beautiful architecture and history.

It would be great to see more past students and staff at the event, as your memories and stories will be of great interest to the general public and other alumnae.

Guided tours will be available from **10am – 1pm** by members of our alumnae committee and volunteer staff and students. Given the success of last year's AGM, we will be hosting the AGM on the same day, 1.30pm arrival for a 2pm start. It will finish no later than 3.30pm.

Whilst it is free to attend, we will be providing light refreshments therefore donations are welcome. We will discuss what we achieved in 2016-17 and what our plans are for 2017-18 and we would love to hear your ideas.

Please RSVP to Lesley Winter (WSFG Alumnae) at the school address no later than **Friday 8 September 2017:**

Email: lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Telephone: 020 8509 9410

It is important that we know in advance the numbers attending for catering purposes. Therefore please confirm your attendance and encourage former school friends and teachers to come along to the Open House and the annual Alumnae AGM.

We look forward to building a stronger alumnae community and supporting the school– let's do it together as fellow ex-students and staff of the school!

Kind regards,

Danielle Ferguson
WSFG Alumnae Chair



London
forest
Choir



A Day at the Fair

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

Saturday 8 July 2017
7.30pm

Walthamstow School for Girls,
Church Hill, E17 9RZ

London Forest Choir

Jonathan Rathbone conductor

Leo Nicholson piano

Tickets £12 on the door or
£10 in advance from
020 8281 6090, or online at
www.londonforestchoir.org.
Students and benefit recipients
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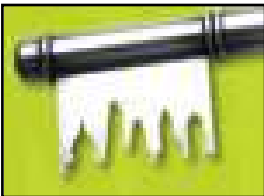
Women of Walthamstow Uniting! Festival

Sunday 9th July 2017

in the town centre square

Walthamstow

Come and see our Zanzibar student fundraisers !



OPEN HOUSE LONDON 2017

It was lovely to see all the positive responses about the plaque commemorating Patricia Marino.

If you are interested in coming back to see your old school, we are intending to take part in

Open House London 2017

Saturday 16th September 2017

10-1pm.

This festival focuses on architecture and urban design. There will be guided tours of the school grounds, including the Greek Theatre, the Grade II listed Edwardian building and our award-winning buildings of 2010.

For further information about Open House events you can look at these links:

Facebook (www.facebook.com/openhouselondon) and

Twitter ([@openhouselondon](https://twitter.com/openhouselondon)) with the [hashtag #openhouselondon](https://twitter.com/hashtag/openhouselondon)

Karma Nirvana

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Please find below further information about our third annual Day of Memory on July 14th. This is the day we remember those that have lost their lives to Honour Killings here in the UK. Where some families choose to forget, and feel shame, we remember and celebrate victim's lives.



As always, thank you for your support.
Karma Nirvana

Day of Memory Conference

Civic Hall, Leeds, 9am – 4pm, Friday 14th July

Held in conjunction with Leeds City Council this year's conference will be a unique opportunity for 200 guests to hear from UK experts and survivors. Delegates will learn how local and national partners are tackling honour-based abuse and what they are doing to prevent future honour killings in Britain.

Male and female survivors will be sharing their experiences and explaining how the emotional and physical abuse of honour crimes can quickly escalate to disownment and ultimately murder. Delegates will learn that victims of honour abuse and honour killings are not determined by age, gender, sexuality or religion. They will learn how to recognise such extreme behaviour and best practice in tackling it.

Delegates will learn how local and national partners are tackling honour-based abuse and what they are doing to prevent further honour killings in Britain.

We'd love you to join us at The Civic Hall for this event. Spaces are limited and there just a few left so please email events@karmanirvana.org.uk with your attendance request as soon as possible. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis.

***'Not all holidays are a holiday'* Social Media Campaign**

The summer holidays are a time when teenagers are taken abroad to be forced into marriage. We will be carrying out specialist training and awareness raising initiatives at several major airports including London Heathrow, Leeds and Bradford.

Support our Day of Memory hashtag: **#WeRemember**

**Walthamstow School
for Girls
Alumnae**

**FUNDRAISING
QUIZ NIGHT**

Thursday 19th October 2017

7.00 p.m.

Tickets £5.00 per person

Adults only - open to staff, parents,
alumnae and friends over 18

Bring YOUR own food and drink

Tables of ten

Booking essential

To book a place please contact

Lesley Winter on: 020 8509 9410

Or email

lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

School Calendar for 2016-17

Summer Term 2017

End: Wednesday 19th July

Monday 10th July

WSFG Music concert 7pm

Thursday 13th July

Year 7 GREEN Exhibition 4-6pm

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Friday 13th October

Staff Inset Day

Half Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Spring Term 2018

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

Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -

Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April

Summer Term

Start: Monday 16th April

End: Friday 20th July

May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June