



GREENSHEET



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly we would like to wish all our new students and their parents or carers a very warm welcome!

SPECIAL EDITION: GCSE Results 2016

On the first day back, we celebrated the fantastic GCSE achievements of our Year 11 students. Their results were once again record breaking. The girls achieved the highest number of the all-important 5+A*-C grades including English or English Literature and mathematics which, at 78%, is the highest ever achieved by the school and is significantly higher than national figures.

At the same time our EBacc A*-C figure has risen to 48.3%. The national figure for the EBacc in 2015 was 24%.

We are confident that this year's results will continue to compare very favourably with other high performing comprehensives nationally.

Large numbers of our girls achieved the very highest grades at GCSE level and they have all made us and their families very proud. I have included below just a sample of some of our high achievers who have now secured places at excellent sixth form provision:

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**Year 11 Students with 8 or more A*/A grades at GCSE
(full courses only)**

Student	A*/A grade results	Student	A*/A grade results
Charlotte Gamble	10 A*s	Atinuke Adeniji	8 A*s, 2 As
Phoebe Elliott	6 A*s, 4 As	Isabel Billington	5 A*s, 5 As
Eza Arshad	7 A*s, 2 As RS short course A*	Eliza Jones	6 A*s, 3 As RS short course A*
Khatijah Saddiq	6 A*s, 3 As RS short course A*	Lilian Ngo	5 A*s, 4 As
Fiona McDonald	5 A*s, 3 As	Marwa Bibi	4 A*s, 6 As
Kate Jessener	4 A*s, 5 As RS short course A*	Emine Omer	4 A*s, 5 As
Ameera Waseem	3 A*s, 7 As	Rose Schechter	2 A*s, 6 As
Hamnah Shakeel	2 A*s, 6 As	Yasmin Shakibi	1 A*, 8 As RS short course A
Saba Jamil	1 A*, 8 As	Sara Khan	1 A*, 7 As RS short course A
Dinusha Kulathas	8 As Additional Maths (C)	Sreja Thiruchelvam	1 A*, 7 As

Students at our school have made exceptionally good progress overall with a large number surpassing their predicted grades. We particularly congratulate students such as **Haiqa Liaqat, Wiktorija Grudzinska and Samaiya Bint Nasar** whose hard work ensured excellent progress and outcomes. They have made us all very proud.

Start of term

It was a real pleasure to see all our other students return on Friday after a much deserved break. Our Year 7s seem to be settling in very well and are quickly getting used to their new routines and responsibilities, as well as our school ethos and expectations.

My start of term assembly focussed on the history of the school, and the girls were given a full explanation of the development of the new logo (and badge on the blazers of the Year 7 students). The blazer has proved so popular that even some Year 11 students have taken to wearing it, although it is still optional for them.

It is proving all the more popular, given our Green focus, in that it is made from recycled bottles!

The students have also been meeting our excellent new teachers. We welcome the following new teaching colleagues this term:

Mr Gunzi, Deputy Headteacher, Ms Baldwin, Head of English Faculty, Ms Hepworth, Art Teacher, Ms Najib covering a maternity leave in our Languages Faculty (Urdu) and Ms Begum and Ms Hussain in Science. We are also pleased to see the return of Ms Prieto, Head of Faculty, MFL, Ms Heath, Art Teacher and Ms Whitbread in the Admin. Faculty, who have been on maternity leave.



Finally, I look forward to working once more in partnership with you this year and to seeing you at one of our school events.

Best wishes, and Eid ul Adha Mubarak to all our Muslim families and colleagues!

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

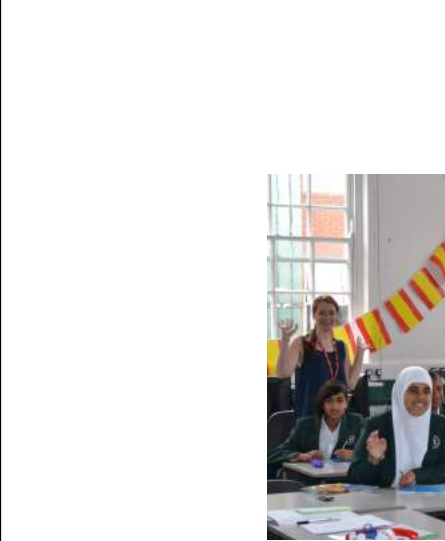


Year 7 Students
modelling our new blazer



Year 7 First Day





Results Day 25th August 2016



Dear Parents / Carers,

Eid ul Adha celebrations Monday 12th September 2016.

The school requests that Parents / Carers inform Ms. King, the School Attendance Manager **in advance** of the day that your daughter will be absent for her religious observance.

Please put this information in writing. If you have not informed the school in advance as requested, you will receive an absence enquiry text as is school procedure.

According to the DFE and Borough guidelines, students are allowed three days' religious observance in an academic year.

If your daughter's religious observance days exceed three in one academic year, the extra days will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Eid ul Adha Mubarak

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is now free every day for students in both Year 7 and 8

As we know, breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

We are delighted that we now have funding to offer a free breakfast to all Year 7 and Year 8 students every day of the week.

Breakfast club runs from **8:00am until 8:40am** and is a great way to start the day in a calm and purposeful environment.



Although all students are welcome any day of the week, we are no longer able to offer this service for free to Year 9, 10 and 11 students.

Many thanks,
Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher

Focus of the Fortnight
5th – 9th September 2016
The Focus
All aspects of UNIFORM.



- If a student is wearing a non-uniform item, it will be confiscated and she will be asked to change into an item of correct uniform provided by the school. The student will collect any confiscated uniform items at the end of the day from her SPL. The conduct card will be signed.
- If a student is wearing a skirt that is too short, she will be asked to adjust it but if it is still too short, she will be asked to change into an item of correct and appropriate uniform provided by the school. The conduct card will be signed.
- Any items of non-uniform jewellery will be confiscated and Parents / Carers will be sent a letter asking them to collect the item just before the next half term holiday. (This will NOT be returned at the end of the day). The conduct card will be signed.
- If the lanyard or conduct card are not worn, there will be an automatic one hour detention that the Parents / Carers will be informed of by letter. The conduct card will be signed.
- Please see **page 9** of the Student Planner for uniform and jewellery regulations at WSFG.
- **NO** trainers / canvas sport shoes of ANY type allowed.
- Hoodies / denim / leather and leather look jackets **NOT** allowed on school premises.
- **NO** acrylic / false nails allowed.
- Blazers are **COMPULSORY** for Year 7 and **MUST** be worn at all times during the school day unless permission is given by a member of staff to remove it. Sanctions will apply if the blazer is not worn by Year 7 students.



Polite reminder to Parents and Carers

Please be considerate towards the local community and other road users.

If you drive your daughter to school please do not stop or wait on the road markings outside the school as this endangers the lives of our students and the local community.

Highway Code Rule **Rule 238** states

You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking Zone)

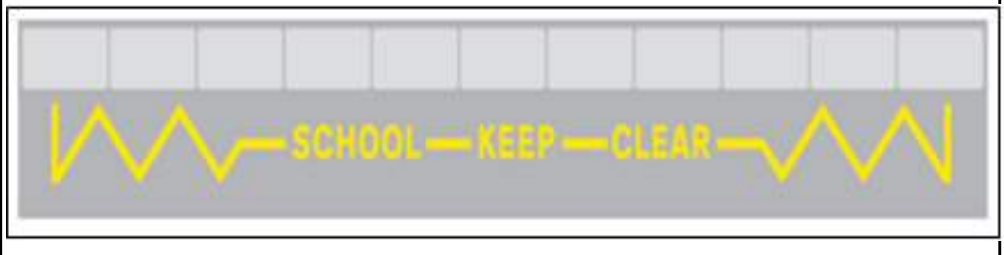
Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs.

You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.

Please **DO NOT** park on private drives—we have had recent complaints from local residents association.

Failure to comply with this request could result in a fine being issued.

Thank you



Attendance League for Year end 2015/16.

The competition was closer than it has ever been this year.



Well done to the overall winners for the year, who are 8F (last year's 7F), 9G (8G), 10W (9W) and 11S (10S). Prizes will be issued next week.

100% certificates and pin badges will be given to the SPLs in the next couple of weeks. Please let the students know that they are allowed to pin the badges onto their lanyards.

There will also be a raffle for each year group. The students that have 100% attendance for the whole year, will go into the draw to win a prize. This will be drawn during an assembly sometime this half term. The names will be published soon.

As the pin badges have been popular, I am going to continue with the termly reward and have three new colours for this year, so please let your form groups know. Winning classes also receive a Special Award postcard from the Headteacher for their noticeboard.

For those of you that are new to the school, please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager

Lost Property

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**.



A reminder to parents and carers that if your daughter's clothing has her name and form marked in it, it can be returned to you more easily. Please remind your daughter, if she has lost anything in school, to check the box regularly.



Ms Jolliffe
Student Services

Olive Dining

A reminder for parents/carers that if you wish to pay for your daughter's school meals by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'Olive Dining Ltd'.

All students have also been given usernames and passwords to enable payments to be made online via our SQUID system (see the school website for details).

This term's menus will be published in next week's Greensheet



Rise against FGM competition Winner

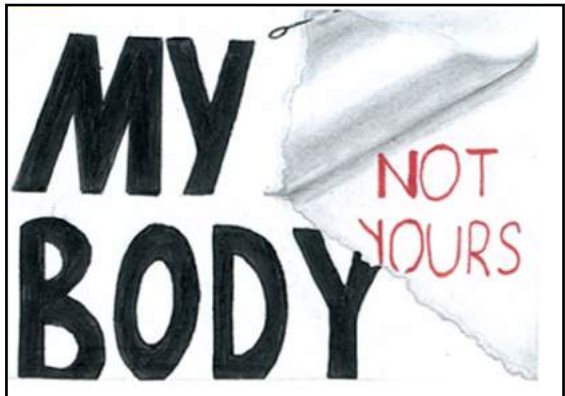
Many thanks for all your votes for the Rise against FGM competition last summer term!

With 52% of the votes, the first logo designed by Katrin Ahven 10W is the winner!

BRAVO!

She will receive her **signed copy** of the autobiographical novel "CUT" by Hibo Wardere and of course her logo will be used for some school correspondence.

Merci,
Ms Desbenoit.
Diversity Coordinator



WSFG Diversity Calendar for the month of September



I am the B in LGBT



International Day
of
Democracy

September
2016



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 36				1	2	3	4
Week 37	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Week 38	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Week 39	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Week 40	26	27	28	29	30		

Special Days

- 1st Ecclesiastical year begins - Orthodox Christian
- 5th Ganesh Chaturthi - Hindu
- International Day of Charity
- 6th Purnvamas Purnima - Jain
- 8th Nativity of Virgin Mary - Christian
- International Literacy Day
- 10th Wajai of Ansa (Waj Day) - Islam
- World Suicide Prevention Day
- 11th Eid al-Adha - Islam
- 13th Rosh Hashanah - Jewish
- 14th The Triumph of the Cross - Christian
- 15th Anant Chaturdashi - Hindu
- International Day of Democracy - secular
- 21st International Day of Peace
- World Alzheimer's Day
- 22nd Autumn Equinox
- Mabon - Wiccan/Pagan northern hemisphere
- Ostara - Wiccan/Pagan southern hemisphere
- 23rd St. Vitus' Day
- 27th Meskel - Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
- 28th International Right to Know Day
- Freedom from Religion Day
- 29th Michaelmas - Saint Michael and All Angels - Christian

Challenge News

Oxbridge Question

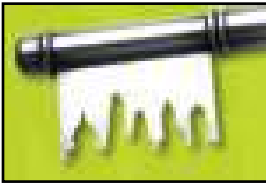
Each week there will be a question from an Oxbridge interview;



Where does honesty fit into law?
(Law, Cambridge)

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

Ms Robinson



Open House London Saturday 17th September 2016.

Our school is taking part in Open House London 2016.

This festival of architecture and urban design, allows the public to visit buildings within the city.

Our school is open from **1 – 5pm** when there will be guided tours of the school grounds and Hewett Hall.

For further information about Open House events you can look at these links Facebook (www.facebook.com/openhouselondon) and Twitter (@openhouselondon) with the hashtag #openhouselondon

So, come and join us and celebrate our wonderful buildings.

Ms Kelly
Learning Resource Centre



Happy Birthday Roald Dahl!

Foyles bookshop will be celebrating 100 years since the birth of the world's number one storyteller. It's going to be more giant than James's peach, more enormous than a certain crocodile and more marvellous than George's medicine!



Join this awesome global party by heading to **Foyles, Stratford, on Tuesday 13th September (Roald Dahl's official birthday).**



To help wish him a splendidous Happy Birthday, the store we will be hosting an instore treasure hunt. Search high and low for golden tickets and be rewarded with sweets! Are they hiding behind The BFG or maybe they're peaking out below Charlie and the Chocolate Factory? And don't forget to come along dressed as your favourite Roald Dahl character!

Tickets: This is a free event, to book your place visit; foyles.co.uk/events

Venue: Foyles, Westfield Stratford City, E20 1EH
Expires: 13-09-2016



Available from: Foyles, London, 2.9 miles from E17 9RZ

Ms Kelly LRC Manager



riings of our Greek Theatre for £1

Shakespeare 2016

2016 marks the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare

To commemorate this important event the LRC will be selling commemorative key

All proceeds go towards the Walthamstow School for Girls Alumnae

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER: STOW FILM

LOUNGE PRESENT SCHOOL OF ROCK (cert.U),

Stoneydown Park, Pretoria Avenue, E17 6JY, 7.30pm, FREE.

Jack Black stars in this iconic film for music lovers of all ages;

take a rug to sit on and blankets for warmth, no need to

book. See: www.stowfilmlounge.com for details.



SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER : WALTHAMSTOW FAMILY BIKE

CLUB'S MONTHLY OUTING, 1-5pm, FREE. This month's trip will be a

mystery tour of food growing sites in E17 as part of the borough's Cultivate

Festival. Meet outside the Ancient House, Orford Road, E17 9RW at 1pm, return

at 5pm approx. Contact: paul.gasson@gmail.com Helmets are recommended.

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER : GREEN GROW THE RUSHES HO!

Family workshop, Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, E17 9NH, 1.30-4pm, FREE

(donations welcome). Join artist Lucy Rainbow to make traditional green willow

baskets; no need to book, just drop in. Ring 0208 496 4311 for more information.

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER : FREE WALKING TOUR- THE WARNER ESTATE- CHOICE DWELLINGS AT REASONABLE

RATES. Meet members of Walthamstow Historical Society outside Blackhorse

Road tube station, Forest Road, E17 6ND at 2pm, and explore the Warner

Estate's history from 19th century to the present day.

Contact: 07792 750017 or visit: <http://www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk>

THURSDAY 15th SEPTEMBER : BEHIND THE SCENES AT VESTRY

HOUSE MUSEUM, a talk at St Gabriel's Family Centre, Havant Road, E17 3JF,

7.45pm, £2 or free for members of Walthamstow Historical Society. This talk by

one of the museum's archive volunteers will reveal some of the surprising objects

and stories found in the archive during a recent cataloguing project. Refreshments

from 7.15pm. Ring 07792 750017 for details.

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BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER : THE WOODHOUSE PLAYERS PRESENT JOHN GODBER'S HILARIOUS UP'N'UNDER!

, the Welsh Church Hall , 881 Leytonstone High Road, E11 1HR, 8pm, £8, £5 concessions, for ages 14 and over. Enjoy live rugby and northern humour on stage;

see <http://www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk> to book, or ring 0208 504 3872.

Nearest tube: Leytonstone.

SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER : WANSTEAD VINTAGE FASHION AND BROCANTE FAIR

, United Reformed Church Hall, Nightingale Lane, E11 2HD, 11am-5pm, £2.50, £1.50. Two halls of vintage treasures, plus cafe.

See: <http://www.lovevintage.co.uk> Nearest tube: Wanstead.

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER : SUNDAY FAMILY CLUB AT THE LEARNING LODGE

< Pimp Hall Nature Reserve, Kings Road, Chingford E4 7HR, 2-4pm, FREE. Part of Cultivate Festival(www.cultivatewf.org)- explore the nature reserve and learn how to make seasonal treats eg blackberry ice cream.

See: <http://www.hornbeam.org.uk/events/learning-lodge>

UNTIL 11th APRIL 2017: FIRE! FIRE! - NEW EXHIBITION, MUSEUM OF LONDON

, 150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN, 10am-6pm daily, £4 child/student, £ 8/£12 adult/conc. To mark the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London, immersive displays portray the progress and impact of the fire which changed London for ever, plus a programme of talks, walks, sleepovers and more.

Visit: <http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk> Nearest tube: St Paul's/Moorgate.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore





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- Personal statement advice with worked examples
- Interview advice and practice with common topics explored in the medical school interview
- The various entry routes into medicine and what you can do if you're not successful the first time.

Date: Saturday 24th September 2016

Venue: [Holy Family Catholic School](#)

1 Shernhall Street London E17 3EA

Time: 9am until 5pm

Price: £20 (including lunch and refreshments)

Who will you meet?

Dr. Baptiste:

- Holy Family Alumna
- UCL graduate in Medicine 2013
- General Practice (GP) ST1 medical doctor
- An experienced mentor and tutor who is also a [School Speaker](#), [STEMNET ambassador](#), Founder of [DreamSmartTutors](#), Director Appointee of two years and Foundation Governor at Holy Family Catholic School



Medical students:

- Students who have recently been through the medical school application process
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Performance No.11

Live on the Drive performance workshops 15 September – 3rd November 2016

LockUpNumber11, Fanshaw House, The Drive, E17 3BY

A programme of free performance workshops for young women aged 15-19 years, led by the artist Katy Baird. **Live on the Drive** invites participants to learn a range of performance, communication and presentation skills, grow in confidence, meet new people, attend a Live Art festival and develop performances of their own.

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Waltham Forest Community Hub, Orford Rd E17 9LN - Mondays and Fridays from 4.30pm till 6.30pm.

Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court E17 5NB - Wednesdays from 4.30pm till 6.30pm. Starting from Wednesday 14th September 2016.

Activities include:

Trips, pool, table tennis, football, table football, board games, arts & crafts workshops, PS3, youth forum, CV building, interview training, job/training search, one to one mentoring and more!

NB. Some activities may be location specific.

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School Calendar for 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016

Start: Thursday 1st September

End: Wednesday 21st December 2016

Friday 14th October

INSET Day. School closed to students

Wednesday 19th October

Year 7 Settling in afternoon

Half Term: Monday 24-Friday 28 October 2016

Thursday 3rd November

Year 10 Parent/Carers Evening

Monday 21st November

INSET Day. School closed to students

Thursday 15th December

Carol Concert details to follow

Spring Term 2017

Start: Wednesday 4th January 2017

End: Friday 31st March

Monday 30th January 2017

INSET Day. School closed to students

Thursday 2nd February

Year 11 Parent/Carers Evening

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

Thursday 2nd March

Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening

Thursday 16th March

Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening

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

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