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Week 'A'

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On Monday we are looking forward to a visit from *Amanda Mackenzie*, OBE, who will be speaking to all of our Year 8 students. The visit has been organised by the charity Speakers for Schools. Amanda is CEO of BITC (Business in the Community) but is visiting specifically to speak to students about the Great British Plastics Challenge. The issue of single use plastics is currently a focus for the school and on Tuesday next week (25th) any student purchasing a meal-deal at lunchtime from Olive Dining will receive a free multi-use water bottle. I would like to thank Olive Dining, our catering providers, who are donating these bottles, which are made from recycled plastic and can be recycled again once they are no longer used.

It was very good to speak to so many parents and carers with daughters in Year 10 at our Parent Information Evening on Tuesday. I am sure that the information shared will be very useful in the coming year. Dates of the Parent Information Evenings for other year groups are below.

On Saturday morning the school is open to visitors between 10.00am-1.00pm as part of the Open House initiative which permits members of the public to visit buildings of architectural interest across London this weekend. This is an opportunity for everyone, including of course parents/carers and other family members of students, to participate in a tour around the school buildings and enjoy some interesting displays in the Hewett Hall by our Alumnae Committee on the history of the school and the school during the First World War. Thanks particularly to Ms Kelly who has organised the school's participation in Open House again this year. We are very fortunate to have marvellous school buildings and grounds, including our distinctive Greek Theatre to show off! (see page 4 for more details).

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Important dates for Parent /Carers

Details of the following evenings will be published nearer the time.

Parent Subject Evenings (meet your daughter's teachers).

Thursday 8th November 6.00-7.00pm Year 10 Details to follow

Parent Information Evenings 2018-19

(special information pertaining to your daughter's year).

Tuesday 2nd October 6.00-7.00pm Year 9

Tuesday 30th October 6.00-7.00pm Year 7

Tuesday 7th November 6.00-7.00pm Year 11

Tuesday 27th November 6.00-7.00pm Year 8

Focus of the Fortnight
24th September – 5th October 2018
Home / School Agreement 2018/19

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have a clear Home / School Agreement that sets out the expectations that we have of the Students, the Parents / Carers and also the expectations that we as the school will offer whilst your daughter is a member of our school community.

During the two weeks of this Focus, please support us by familiarising yourself with and **signing** the Home / School Agreement that is on page 9 of your daughter's school planner 2018/19.

All Parent / Carers will have signed a copy of this agreement when your daughter entered the school, but this may have been some time ago, so we wish to re-new the Agreement for this Focus.

If you have any queries about the Home / School Agreement, please make contact with your daughter's Tutor who will be happy to talk to you about it. Thank you for your continued support.

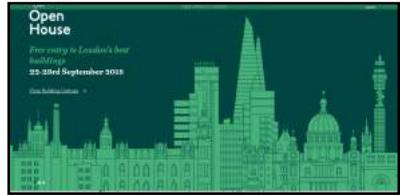
Ms. K.H.Pratt /
Assistant Headteacher

- Parents / Carers are asked to sign the Agreement by Friday 5th October
- Students are asked to sign the Agreement by Friday 5th October

Tutors will check that all Agreements are signed and will make contact with any Parent / Carers who have not signed by Friday 5th October.

(See Page 9 of your daughter's planner for the
Home / School Agreement 2018/19)

**OPEN HOUSE LONDON –
WSFG Saturday 22nd September, 2018
10.00am-1.00pm**



Walthamstow School for Girls will again be involved in the Open House London architectural design event which takes place on the weekend of 22nd/23rd September 2018.

The school building, which is Grade II listed, will be open for tours highlighting the architectural features on Saturday 22nd September between 10.00am and 1.00pm only, with the final tour at 12.30pm.

For information regarding other buildings across all areas of London open to the public over that weekend, please visit the Open House London website:

<https://www.openhouselondon.org.uk/>.

Entrance to buildings is free of charge, and in the case of WSFG, gives parents an opportunity to visit their daughter's school.

One of this year's collections features key projects led by female architects and includes Waltham Forest's "The Magistrates", a project which transformed the original magistrates' court building in the Town Hall Complex into office space for local council workers and a public café. Refurbishing The Magistrates is part of the wider Town Hall vision that will see the Grade II listed building protected and its heritage preserved.



Unique and exciting work experience opportunity for year 10 students interested in journalism!



Join the Young Reporter scheme, writing for a real live online newspaper, working alongside experienced journalists.

What does it involve?

- Those involved in the scheme sign up for eight months, writing one article per month.
- All articles are published on online newspapers.
- You will receive a written recommendation on completion of the scheme.
- At the end of the scheme there are opportunities to compete for prizes.

This work experience opportunity is recognised and supported by universities nationwide and is an excellent addition to students' CVs and college/university applications.

If you would like to join the Young Reporter scheme you are required to write one paragraph explaining your reasons for wanting to join and hand in to **Miss Simpson in G13/G14 by Friday 28th September 2018.**

Please be aware there is a £25 administrative fee to take part, which is payable to the organisation.

Please see Miss Simpson for more details and also if you require financial support.



JOIN OUR TEAM OF STUDENT REPORTERS



A great reference for your CV and UCAS application

Starting up again this September

Your chance to work for a real live news platform

Every one of your articles published online

Experience what it is like to be a journalist

Write the news from a young person's point of view

Build up a portfolio of your published work



Year 9 Netball Game

Last week our Year 9s faced Chingford Foundation in their first netball match of the year. They won the match which consisted of two halves of ten minutes.

At the end of the first half the result was 4-1 to WSFG which left us very hopeful going into the second half. At the end of the second half Chingford came back fighting, however WSFG still came out on top. The end result was 4-3 to us.

Although it was a WSFG win the girls were clear on their areas for improvement.

"We worked well as a team and know what we need to work on next time."

Jessica 9W

"We need to communicate a bit more as a team to be sure of great results."

Jae-Ming 8F

Ms Warren was very pleased with the girls' performance. *"The year 9s are a fantastic team, they work so well together and their team spirit is incredible. Every member gives 100% effort in every game and it is a pleasure to take them to fixtures."* Ms Warren

Article by Amie and Melissa
(PE student journalists)

"Things ain't what they used to be!"

Thank Goodness!

The words of Duke Ellington's song came to mind when I left my lunch at home today and went to the dining hall for a school dinner.

I scanned the menu board (which doesn't include the sandwiches and salad bar) and decided to go for the vegetarian option - Grilled Aubergine Roll Shredded Vegetables (with grated kale and parsley) & Halloumi on Tomato Sauce. It was delicious.



School dinners weren't like this when I was at school. We had delicacies like tongue (which I am sure looked much better on the animal than it did on my dinner plate), spam fritters, tapioca and Brussel sprouts. Although, there was the up side of pink or chocolate sauce, cheese pie and all those puddings drowned in custard.

I wonder what your best and worst dinners would be?

I would like to publicly acknowledge the hard work and skill of our Catering Team at Olive Dining. There are not many schools that provide both students and staff with such a varied and great tasting menu.

Thank you,
Ms Kelly LRC Manager

Our School History

Our school participated the First World War Open Day event at Vestry House and St Mary's Church on 15th September with a display from our archives.

The display mainly focused on women, with information about war weddings, poetry, fundraising in Australia, nursing and suffragettes. It also included diaries from women stranded in Europe, detailing their journey back home.



During this period, our school also enrolled boys up to the age of 11 and so 'Our Boys' stories were shown.

The church has memorials to brothers of our students and there was a detailed display about Vincent Bayne, who died at the age of 19. His sister Cora Bayne attended our school and in the 1914 edition of *Irish*, our old school magazine, it noted that Cora gave a delightful dance to the Belgian Refugees.

Walthamstow hosted Belgian refugees at a centre in Wood Street and our school held parties and raised funds to support them. A person who came to the event told me that the Belgian refugees lived with his family on Prospect Hill.

I would like to thank Ms Winter and our Alumnae Committee for supporting this event.

Ms Kelly
LRC Manager

There is another opportunity to view this display as part of the Open House event at WSGF on Saturday. All Welcome.

Cycling Course Year 7



The course starts on **Monday 24th September- Friday 28th September 2018**
4.00pm – 5.30pm

Places are limited to 8 girls.

Dates and Times

Monday	24 September 2018,	16:00-17:30
Tuesday	25 September 2018,	16:00-17:30
Wednesday	26 September 2018,	16:00-17:30
Thursday	27 September 2018,	16:00-17:30
Friday	28 September 2018,	16:00-17:30

You must be able to stay on a bicycle with a level of control to be able to participate in this course.

You must wear comfortable clothing for example, Jogging pants and flat shoes or trainers.

We meet on the Muga 3.45pm until 5.30pm each day.

Our school has bicycles and helmets for use so no need to own your own.
 If you are interested please collect a letter from my office, G38.

Mrs Dominique
 Key Stage 3 Learning Mentor



School and Community Growing

Walthamstow School for Girls is now involved in an exciting growing project called School Food Matters on behalf of Whole Kids Foundation. We have been awarded £1,550 towards the cost of delivering this project.

We are now looking for volunteers to help in all aspects of gardening, whether you are a beginner or an expert. This is open to students and parents/carers. If you are interested, please complete and return the slip below to the school office, or contact Mrs Dominique directly (see below).

The first phase will be to put in additional raised beds, and plans have been secured to repair our water collecting system. Thanks to Dave Allard, Premises Manager, for his support with this. We also need as many plastic bottles as you can for our irrigation system.



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1. Would you be interested in helping to develop the school growing area? Yes No
2. How would you describe your growing skills?
 - a. A complete beginner
 - b. I know a little about growing
 - c. An expert in growing
3. How much time could you spare to help with the growing area?
 - a. I can be involved regularly and help with organising the growing area
 - b. I can be involved regularly but do not have the time to organise
 - c. I can be involved depending when it is

Please tell us of any experience, special interest or anything else that you think may be useful to our project.

Please provide contact details:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Daughter's name: _____

Form: _____

Please return to Ms Dominique at the school via your daughter or by email at: wdominique@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk



AFC Leyton is East London's only youth football club that operates exclusively for girls.

We are delighted to announce that we are running a new foundation football development course specifically for secondary school aged girls.

The "Leyton Active" sessions are an opportunity to get fit, make new friends and learn good football techniques. Absolute beginners to girls with moderate football skills are welcome to attend these sessions.

Talented players are able to move from these sessions to the Development and League Teams, to progress further in the sport.

- When: Every Saturday at 10:30 am
- How long for: 1 hour
- Where: AFC Leyton Home Ground, Salisbury Hall Playing fields, E4 8ST

More information can be found at : AFCLeyton.co.uk



Community Events

Saturday 22nd September, Waltham Forest Bilingual Group,

The Limes Community and Children's Centre, 6 Somers Road, E17 6RX. Workshop with tips for parents raising their children with several languages. 3.30-5.30pm Free. wfbilingual.org.uk

Saturday 29th September, Family day: Book Making,

William Morris Gallery, Forest Road, E17 4PP. William Morris loved to create beautiful books and started his own book company Kelmscott Press. Have a go at creating your own book and paper-marbling for the cover. 1-4pm Free. wmgallery.org.uk

Saturday 29th September, From Monoux and Morris to beer and Bacon Jam.

Meet at William Morris Gallery, Forest Road E17 4PP. Guided walk exploring E17's fascinating history. Stories include the Dickens' plagiarist, the hidden Greek Theatre and what Pepys thought of Walthamstow wine. 2-4pm £12, Concessions £9, with £1 from each ticket to prostate cancer UK. [Bit.ly/E17MoncrieffWalk](https://bit.ly/E17MoncrieffWalk)



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Thursday 8th November	Year 10 Parent/Carer subject evening 6-7pm
Tuesday 27th November	Year 8 Parent/Carer information evening 6-7pm
Thursday 6th December	Presentation Evening
Tuesday 11 th December	Early school closure at 2.30pm for Community Party

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

May Bank holiday Monday 6th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019