



GREENSHEET



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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spring Term 2015:

Ends - Thursday
2nd April 2015

Year 9 Options Evening:

Thursday 12th
March 2015
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Training and Development

Thursday 12th
March 2015
Early closure.
Students dismissed
12:30pm

Summer Term 2014/15:

Starts - Monday
20th April 2015
Ends - Friday
17th July 2015

Spring Bank Holiday:
Monday
4th May 2015

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrate **International Women's Day**. We have hosted a number of events attended by inspirational women from a range of backgrounds. On Wednesday evening, we held a women's only Waltham Forest Question Time event attended by current and past students as well as parents and members of our community. Panellists included the organiser and former Chair of Governors,

Councillor Saima Mahmud, and other significant female leaders such as the Chief Police Commissioner for Waltham Forest, the Deputy Chief



Executive (Families), politicians, GPs and activists as well as Youth Advisers, many of whom are former students. WSFG parent Hibo Wadere spoke passionately about her campaigning work to end FGM and some of our former students were applauded for their stand against the radicalisation of young people.

My assembly this week celebrated the achievements of inspirational women. I was very proud to introduce former student Arifa Nasim to Years 9 and 10. She spoke about her work to end Forced Marriage. She is now regularly invited to speak on the platform at educational conferences and was able to explain to our students her campaigning journey, which began at WSFG only a few years ago. Several students spoke to me after and said they felt inspired by her presentation and determination to make a difference.

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Today, we also have successful female leaders in school as we host the popular 'What's my line' activity amongst a number of other events. We are grateful to everyone, staff, students and community members, who have contributed to this week. Of course, raising wider awareness about issues such as the opposition to discrimination is not confined to just one week of the year!

Governor Elections

Thank you to all the parents who have expressed a wish to become a governor. All parents and carers with parental responsibility will now receive a letter in the next few days enclosing a ballot paper and statements from prospective governors. We need to elect two parent governors from a field of five candidates. Details of the voting process are contained in the letter and I hope that you will all support the school by voting for two of the candidates. If you do not receive a letter early next week please contact my PA, Yvonne Royds. The count will take place on the evening of Monday 23rd March and you will be advised of the outcome in the following issue of Greensheet. I would again like to thank all of those parents who have put their names forward for the role and wish them luck with the forthcoming election.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies

Statements from Parent Governor candidates

Parent Governor candidates were each asked to write a short statement explaining why they would like to represent the Governing Body of Walthamstow School for Girls as Parent Governor. These five statements are reproduced below in the order that they appear on the ballot form.

"Hello, my educational background is in environmental policy and construction economics and management. I want to cite a proverb, there is a saying that "if you educate a man, you educate an individual, if you educate a woman, you educate a nation".

I am currently an ambassador of Yaarah Schools charity organisation. Yaarah Schools is an independent charity dedicated to building schools to educate girls in remote villages in Ghana, established in UK and run by volunteers.

My highest priority is to help my two girls at WSFG to achieve the best they can in education. I am applying to become a school governor for WSFG in order to be part of decision-making process and control the future of our girls and help to raise educational standards high esteem."

Mubarak Amidu

"I would like to apply as parent governor because it will give me a good opportunity to understand better the English education system. Kindly would be a privilege to contribute to those your girls' education as same level that I do with my own kids.
Best Regards"

Mrs Marie Ikong

"I have one daughter in Year 7 and another soon to join the school. With over 15 years of experience as a social worker and managing a range of social care services, I have developed a broad range of knowledge and skills that I believe will assist the school in its ambition for continuous improvement. For example, I currently lead a 6 London borough consortium focused on improving the lives of some of our more disadvantaged young people. I have energy and commitment and will get "stuck-in" to support the school."

Daniel Phelps

"I have a vested interest in taking on the role of parent governor at WSFG, as my daughter is in Year 7 and I want her to experience an outstanding education. My own background is in education and I worked in academia for six years at Durham University, Imperial College London and the University of Greenwich before becoming a science teacher. I have worked for fifteen years in three London secondary schools and in various capacities including Head of Department, SK5 co-ordinator and beginner-teacher mentor. I have also worked on whole school projects to improve teaching and learning. I am passionate about promoting an aspirational education for girls and I feel my background and work experience would be of use to the governing body."

Dr Ancela Shah

"I am a single parent of a Year 7 girl at Walthamstow School for Girls. I have a wide experience of work in business, voluntary and public sectors and for the last two years have worked as a social worker with children and families in Islington and Hackney.

I am interested in becoming a school governor because I am committed to working for excellence in helping all children to reach their potential. The particular contribution I would like to use my skills to make is in improving communication with parents and expanding provision after school, particularly for children in KS3 and KS4"

Jenny Zienau

Focus of the Fortnight **9th – 20th March 2015** **Banned Items.**

Please see page 5 of your daughter's planner for clarification of the items that are banned at WSFG. (See list below)

If a student is found to have a banned item in school, it will be confiscated and her conduct card will be signed. If and when appropriate Parents / carers will be contacted and will be asked to collect the item.

PLEASE NOTE - if your daughter has her mobile phone confiscated, she is **NOT** automatically entitled to have it back the next day. The school rule is that the phone will be returned to the Parent/Carer the week before the next school holiday. Parents/Carers will receive a letter asking them to collect the mobile phone from the school office on a given date. If Parents/ Carers wish to speak with the school about the confiscation of a mobile phone, please telephone the school and ask for Ms. Pratt. Please do **NOT** come into school and ask for the phone to be returned unless an arrangement has been made with Ms Pratt for it's collection.

We have arrangements for mobile phones to be handed in at the office at 8.30 for safekeeping during the school day as they are **NOT** allowed to be carried in school from 8.45 – 3.30.

If the item is dangerous, further sanctions will be taken according to the School Positive Behaviour for Learning Policy.

In order to support your daughter and the school with this Focus, please ensure she is clear about the banned items at WSFG.

Ms Pratt
Assistant Headteacher

WINTER INTERFORM 2015

Monday 23rd – Friday 28th
February was the annual WSFG
Winter Interform Championships
where students compete for their
form group in a range of sports
including basketball, netball, tag
rugby and dance.

It was a fantastic week and all
students were incredibly
enthusiastic and motivated
throughout their day of
competition, cheering on their teammates and supporting one another.



Well done to all students who competed
and a special congratulations to the
winning forms: 7H, 8W, 9S, 10G and
11G.

PE department



ICT International Women's Day Competition



*International
Women's Day*

This competition is open to all Year 7 and Year 8 Students at WSFG.

To enter the competition: simply create a presentation about an important woman in the history of computing. The presentation must include information and images about the person and explain the importance of her contribution to the history of computing.

Your completed presentation must be handed in on Fronter by the end of term.

The 40 students who produce the **best entries** will get a **free** trip to Legoland on **Thursday 21st May 2015**. As part of the trip you will attend a workshop and use LEGO WeDo Software to build and program an interactive model.

Mr Bryant
Director of ICT

Student Attendance League

Highest attendance in each year group for the month of February:
7S (again), 8H, 9C (again, and with 98.11%), 10S (again) and 11G. Is anybody going to challenge them!

Highest attendance in the Year to date for each year group:
7G, 8S, 9C, 10S and 11G

Don't forget students will receive a star badge for every term they attain 100% attendance, and their name will be put into a draw for a fantastic prize at the end of the year if they achieve 100% attendance for all three terms.

Ms King.
Student Attendance Manager.

Celebrating International Women's Day 2015

Photography Competition Celebrate Women in Art by creating your own photograph.

Take a photograph to recreate a famous work of art. The work of art has to be either of a woman, or created by a female artist.

Submit your photograph by sending it to Student Central Resources / IWD 2015 folder by Friday 20th March.



Thursday 12th March lunchtime in the LRC – Art and Brunch.
Spend lunchtime being inspired by our art books.

Thursday 19th March lunchtime in the LRC,
Have yourself photographed as a famous painting.

Thursday 26th March lunchtime in LRC Photography Exhibition .
Come along and see the photographs in the LRC and vote for your favourite.

Winner to be announced breacktime in the LRC on Tuesday 31st March.

Ms Kelly and Ms Guest
LRC

LRC Competition Announcement

Congratulations to the winner of the Alan Turing Competition: *Sabiha Sadiq 8C*

Well done to all the others who took part:
*Romesa Uddin 8C, Maarya Zahid 8C, Sidrah Hussain 8C,
Alex Goodfellow 8S, Millie Small 8F*

“Why Alan Turing is such an important figure” by Alex Goodfellow

Alan Turing was an incredible mathematician and War Hero. His life is celebrated all over the world, but his struggle makes it even more admirable. Not only did he stand out from the crowd, he showed us we should lead the lives we want to, not what others expect.

Turing never did his work for the approval of others. He did it as he wanted to make a difference and he believed his work was important. Alan Turing's life work has had a massive impact on the world and his legacy will forever inspire others.

Ms Kelly and Ms Guest
LRC

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND IN CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH: CYCLE CONFIDENCE FOR WOMEN, WALTHAMSTOW LEISURE CENTRE, 243 MARKHOUSE ROAD, E17 8RN, 10AM-4PM, FREE. A special training session for girls and women only, run by female instructors from Cycle Confident. All levels of ability are welcome - booking essential. Ring 0203 031 6730 to book a morning or afternoon session.

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH: GIRLS AND WOMEN ONLY SPORTS TASTER DAY, WALTHAMSTOW LEISURE CENTRE, 243 MARKHOUSE ROAD, E17 8RN, 9AM- 5PM, FREE. Try a new activity eg trampolining, karate, group exercise or badminton, and watch demonstrations of T'ai Chi and other martial arts. Open to girls and women of all ages, on a drop in basis. Ring 0208 520 7464 for further information. Get fit for International Women's Day!

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH: DANCEMANIA! WALTHAMSTOW CENTRAL LIBRARY, HIGH STREET, E17 7JN, 10.30AM-12.30PM, FREE. This workshop is open to all girls and women over 8 years old, with or without dance experience. Learn a routine to Beyonce's hit 'Run the World Girls'. No need to book - just turn up in suitable clothing and have fun!

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FESTIVAL, ASSEMBLY HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JD, 12-6PM, FREE, WOMEN ONLY. This day is the culmination of the borough's week long festival of special events for IWD, with workshops, speakers, information stalls, E17 Designers Market, refreshments and more. See: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/fiwd2015 for details of all events. Some workshops need advance booking : www.wf-iwd2015.eventbrite.co.uk

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH: ALL MADE UP- MAKE UP SESSION FOR MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS, HIGHAM HILL LIBRARY, NORTH COUNTESS ROAD, E17 5HS, 4.30-6PM, FREE. Take your mother/aunt/grandmother and indulge in a makeup session together. Booking necessary - see www.wflibraries.eventbrite.com

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH: MONUMENTAL WOMEN ART WORKSHOP WITH ORLY ORBACH, HALE END LIBRARY, CASTLE AVENUE, HIGHAMS PARK, E4 9QD, 2-4PM. Help design a new female statue for display at the Borough's IWD event on Sunday 8th March. All women and girls welcome, booking essential :

www.wflibraries.eventbrite.com

UNTIL SUNDAY 8TH MARCH: WOMEN OF THE WORLD FESTIVAL, SOUTH BANK CENTRE, BELVEDERE ROAD, SE1 8 XX, 10AM- 11PM , SOME FREE EVENTS. This year's WOW Festival includes comedy, workshops, films, concerts and mentoring sessions for all women and girls- see <http://wow.southbankcentre.co.uk> for full programme or ring 0844 8750073. Nearest tubes: Waterloo and Embankment. Mentoring sessions must be booked.

Enjoy your free time and celebrate the achievements of girls and women from across the world!

Mrs Finamore