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Week 'A'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Summer Term 2014/15:**

**Ends - Friday**  
17th July 2015

**Year 7 and 8 Examinations Week:**

**18th - 22nd**

**May**

(English, Mathematics and Science)

**Year 7 and 8 Information Evening GCSE Reform:**

19th May  
6:30pm - 7pm

**Half Term:**

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2015

**Year 8 Parents Evening:**

Thursday 11th June  
4:30pm - 7pm

**Year 7 Parents Evening:**

Thursday 25th June  
4:30pm - 7pm

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, marked by bright sunshine and fine days, has seen the start of the written GCSE examinations. Those of us with children entering the examination period understand full well the pressures that this brings. We wish each and every one of them the very best – their spirits were certainly high after the first written paper on Monday.

Our school continues to receive national recognition for the success last year's Year 11 students achieved in their GCSEs. On Tuesday evening, the Chair of Governors, Gillian Barker, and I were privileged to attend a rather grand **SSAT Educational Outcomes Celebratory event** at Holland Park School. Whilst there were over one hundred prize winning schools and academies, there were only two other winners besides ourselves of the highest category, that of being in the top 10% of schools nationally. This resulted in Walthamstow School for Girls receiving three awards:

- **Educational Outcomes Award 2014 for exceptional student progress in recognition of being in the top 10% of schools nationally for value added progress,**
- **Educational Outcomes Award 2014 for exceptional student attainment in recognition of being in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for student attainment in the 2014 end of KS4 examinations and**
- **Educational Outcomes Award 2014 for enabling high achievement in recognition of the high achievement of our pupil premium students.**

On Wednesday evening, the school Governing Body congratulated students and staff for this fantastic achievement.

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We have other prize winners in our midst. Congratulations to **7G, the tutor group with the highest attendance in the school** so far this year with an attendance of 97.74%! Well done to our March winners: 7S, 8C, 9S, 10F, 10C and 11F.

Well done also to our **Year 7 and 8 ICT winners** who will be treated to a trip to Legoland next week. There were almost seventy entrants to the **International Women's Day Computing Competition**. To enter, girls produced a presentation about women who have made a significant contribution to the development of computer technology. Amongst others, we learned about the work of Jean E. Sammet, Kay McNulty, Anita Borg... and Hedy Lamarr. Many will not be aware that the famous actress, born over one hundred years ago, was an inventor as well as an actress. She is credited with co-inventing an early technique for spread spectrum communications – key to many present-day wireless communications.

Best wishes  
Meryl Davies

## **Year 7 and 8 Information Evening: GCSE Reform 6:30-7:00PM Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

This short briefing is intended to explain some of the changes to the GCSE system that are being introduced nationally. This meeting has been scheduled to support parents and carers in understanding the forthcoming changes and begin to consider the implications for schools.

Ms Kennedy  
Deputy Headteacher (KS4)

## **School Alumnae Information FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

THE ALUMNAE COMMITTEE REGRET THAT THE NETWORKING EVENING PLANNED FOR FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY HAS BEEN **CANCELLED**, OWING TO LACK OF INTEREST.

We hope to see alumnae at the regular event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, for a full programme of guided tours, musical entertainment, lunch, AGM and speeches. Tickets are £16, and can be obtained from Mrs Finamore, Alumnae Secretary, c/o the school office.

# Notice to all Parents and Carers

## Year 10 Work Experience

### Request for placements

Year 10s will be participating in a five day work experience programme from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**If you/your employer would be interested in the opportunity of offering a WSFG student a placement at your place of work for these dates please contact Ms Bugden by emailing [gbugden@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:gbugden@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk).**

Work experience placements vary greatly in the opportunities they offer our students and the tasks that our girls might be involved in. A work placement offers an opportunity for our students to develop their employability skills and personal qualities.

However, it also has numerous benefits for employers, including: a hard working student for a week, building links with young people and promoting your area of work/career amongst successful young women of the future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Ms Bugden  
Assistant Headteacher



Would you like to use IT to enhance your life and work skills, save time, money and energy? If so come to the drop in IT support session.

Walthamstow School for Girls is offering FREE afternoon and evening IT training



12 spaces - book early for one or all session times, by calling Mrs Finamore, Community Liaison Co-ordinator 0208 509 4494 or email: [r.finamore@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:r.finamore@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) or the school office on [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) office phone number 0208 509 9446

**IT support offered each week in a friendly relaxed environment.  
Do come along and ask for what YOU need.**

#### Skills taught during sessions include

Protecting your home computer  
Using smartphones securely  
Protecting your data  
Protecting yourself when using social networking sites  
Using internet tools to protect yourself online

#### Session dates and times

Session 1: 21 <sup>st</sup> May	16:00 – 17:00
Session 2: 4 <sup>th</sup> June	16:00 – 17:00
Session 3: 11 <sup>th</sup> June	16:00 – 17:00
Session 4: 18 <sup>th</sup> June	16:00 – 17:00
Session 5: 25 <sup>th</sup> June	16:00 – 17:00
Session 6: 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	16:00 – 17:00
Session 7: 9 <sup>th</sup> July	16:00 – 17:00
Session 8: 16 <sup>th</sup> July	16:00 – 17:00

## Ski Trip 2016

**Places are now available on next year's school ski trip.**

The trip will take place from the evening of **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** until the morning of **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016**.

This is the first week of the Easter holidays, with Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March being Good Friday.

We will be travelling by coach to **Arosa in Switzerland**. This is the same resort that we visited earlier this year. Arosa is a very high ski resort, so although this is late in the season again, there is a good chance of excellent snow for skiing. This year we had fantastic snow conditions at Easter in Arosa, with many people telling us that it was the best snow of the season. We will be staying in the same excellent hotel again this next year.

The trip will cost £799, which is slightly cheaper than last year.

This price represents great value for money as the price includes - 6 full days skiing with 5 hours of Swiss Ski School lessons each day; hire of skis, boots, poles, and helmet; 6 day lift pass; coach and Channel Tunnel/ Ferry fare; accommodation in a very good standard hotel; all meals; all evening activities; including ice skating and possibly swimming at a local pool and winter sports holiday insurance.

The only things **not included** in the cost of the trip are:-

Food for the coach journey; spending money (very little is required); hire or purchase of ski clothing.

There will also be optional dry slope ski lessons, available next March, for beginners coming on the trip. These will cost approximately £45 for a total of 6 hours' lessons.

If you are interested in coming, please check with your parents first and then collect a booking form from Mr Fowler in the Maths Office (F45) or my classroom (F39). You can also collect one from Ms Careless either in her office or from the PE office.

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## (Ski Trip 2016 Continued)

The trip is open to current years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Year 10 students however, should be aware that it possibly could clash with four days of Easter GCSE revision sessions in Year 11.

There is a payment plan available which works out around £110 a month, with the first payment due in September.

You can see some video clips and photos of previous years' ski trips by going to Student Central Resources/Whole School/Ski Trips. Feel free to copy them to a memory stick to show your parents and carers.

Completed booking forms and a £79 deposit should be given to Mr Fowler as soon as possible, as we only have 32 places for this very popular school trip.

Mr Fowler  
Ski Trip Party Leader



## Notice to Parents and Carers Year 11 Chemistry Students

Is your daughter interested in studying chemistry at university?  
Your daughter can explore all her options at ChemNet's Meet the Universities 2015.

If your daughter is 16-18 years old, it is completely free to attend.

Your daughter can speak to representatives from many different institutions, all offering courses in chemical science - all at one event.

- She can discover what each university has to offer
- She can find more about specific degrees
- She can chat to current students and find out what undergraduate life is really like.

ChemNet will be in London on Saturday 20th June 2015.

Spaces are limited so your daughter will need to act fast to secure a place.

E-mail: [chemnet@rsc.org](mailto:chemnet@rsc.org)

Ms Brunas  
Science department

# Mini-Holland

## Message from Waltham Forest Council Hoe Street and Wood Street Area

In 2014, Waltham Forest Council was awarded £27million by Transport for London for the Mini Holland Programme. This three year funded programme will transform the borough, making it more cycle friendly, and encourage more people to take up cycling and walking.

The programme will improve the borough's roads and town centres, making them enjoyable places to live, work and travel through.

The Mini Holland Programme will:

1. Improve our main roads to strengthen connectivity between villages, making it safer and more enjoyable for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles to travel in the borough.
2. Improve and create new public spaces to make the borough a more enjoyable place to live, and to encourage community interaction.
3. Increase the number of people choosing to travel on foot, by bike and on public transport, to ease congestion on the roads and improve air quality across the borough.

The council recently undertook a Perception Survey in the Hoe Street and Wood Street area to understand your concerns and aspirations, to shape the initial scheme design of this next phase of the Mini- Holland Programme. As Walthamstow School for Girls is situated in a key position in this area, it is important that comments from the school community



(parents, carers, students, staff and governors) are recorded. **Council officers will be running an information stall in the school grounds on Tuesday 19th May from 3pm to 4pm, so don't miss the opportunity to give your feedback.**

For more information visit [www.enjoywalthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.enjoywalthamforest.gov.uk)  
or email [miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk)

## Use of student mobile phones at Walthamstow School For Girls

Mobile phones are **NOT** allowed to be carried by students during the school day at WSFG.

- If students choose to bring a mobile phone to school, it **MUST** be handed into the school office for safekeeping at 8.15am and collected at 3.30pm.
- They will be required to show their ID card for collection of the phone at 3.30pm.
- At 3.30pm mobile phones can be used outside the inner school gates and not within the school grounds.

### **Sanctions.**

If a student is found to either have possession of, or to be using a mobile phone in school:

- The mobile phone will be confiscated until the next school holiday.
- If the student does not hand over the mobile phone straight away or argues with the member of staff, a further sanction will be applied.
- Mobile phones will **NOT** be returned to students. Parents/Carers will receive a letter approximately two weeks before the next school holiday, inviting them into school to collect the confiscated phone.

**Important Note:** If mobile phones are brought into school by students and are not handed into the office, this is done so at the girls' own risk.

**The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones if they are not handed into the school office.**



## WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

### WALTHAMSTOW

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY: THE ALUMNAE NETWORKING EVENT AT WSFG HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** The Committee apologises for any inconvenience caused.

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY: EXPEDITION TO ICELAND - A FAMILY SLEEPOVER, WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY, FOREST ROAD, E17 4PP, 7PM TO 9AM ON**

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY, £15.** 8-12 year olds and their parents/carers are invited to sleep in the Gallery, enjoy a torch-lit tour, craft activities and puppet show, inspired by William Morris' expedition to Iceland. All children must be accompanied by an adult; breakfast is included. Booking essential on 0208 496 4390 or via: [wmg.bookings@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:wmg.bookings@walthamforest.gov.uk)

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY: THE ART OF THE PEN - A FAMILY WORKSHOP WITH ARTIST AMBER KHOKHAR, VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17 9NH, 1.30-4PM, NO BOOKING REQUIRED, FREE.** This calligraphy workshop is linked to the Everyday Muslim exhibition. Ring Sharon Trotter on 0208 496 4391 for details.

**EVERY TUESDAY FROM 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY: TAI CHI BREEZE FOR GIRLS (11+) AND WOMEN, ST BARNABAS CHURCH HALL, WELLESLEY ROAD, E17 8JZ, 6 - 7PM, £5 DROP IN (REDUCED FEE IF BOOKED TERMLY).** Get fit and de-stress for summer! Ring 07713 152 999 for details.

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY: THE WAR HOSPITAL - AN EXHIBITION OF STORIES FROM WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL COLLECTED BY EASTSIDE COMMUNITY HERITAGE PROJECT, WALTHAMSTOW CENTRAL LIBRARY, HIGH STREET, E17 7JN, 7-8.15PM, FREE.** Meet the participants in this oral history project, discover some fascinating local history and enjoy music from World War I. Booking recommended- [www.wfculture.eventbrite.com](http://www.wfculture.eventbrite.com)

### BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY: CHURCH LANE MARKET, CHURCH LANE, LEYTONSTONE, E11, 11AM- 4PM, FREE.** This new weekly street market will feature art and craft stalls, homemade food and novelties; if you have something to sell, stalls are £10. See [www.churchlanemarket.weebly.com](http://www.churchlanemarket.weebly.com) for more information. Nearest tube: Leytonstone.

**EVERY SATURDAY UNTIL 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY: FREE KUNG FU TRAINING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, RIDGEWAY PARK, CHINGFORD E4 6XU, 2-3.30PM.** Booking is essential, ring 07713 152 999 or email [info@daolu.co.uk](mailto:info@daolu.co.uk) NB the class does not take place if it's raining!

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY: PIANO RECITAL WITH JOHN KERSEY, CHINGFORD PARISH CHURCH, THE GREEN, CHINGFORD E4 7EN, 4 - 5.15PM, FREE (DONATIONS FOR THE CHURCH HALL REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME ARE WELCOME).** The programme includes works by Bach, Beethoven, Faure and Alkan. No booking required; enquiries 01208 529 6094.

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY: CELEBRITY CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH IN AID OF ST JOSEPH'S HOSPICE AND HAVEN HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE, LEYTON ORIENT'S MATCHROOM STADIUM, BRISBANE ROAD, LEYTON E10 5NF, £6 CHILDREN, £11 ADULTS, £29 FAMILY TICKET, 3-5PM.** Support our local hospices and watch the Celebrity Team (actors, sportsmen and TV personalities) take on the Hotspur Legends! Book via: <http://www.stjh.org.uk/celebrityfootball> Nearest tube: Leyton.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore