

Year 6

New Intake Parents' Evening 2026

Secondary school ready



8th July 2026

Welcome and outline/aims of evening

Aims:

- Provide information about the transition process and the year ahead
- Ensuring your child is ready to start at WSfG
- Ensuring you are aware of the key staff at school

Intro and Welcome

1. School Vision and Values
2. Music lesson @WSfG
3. Key Staff
4. Student Wellbeing
5. Smart phone free school
6. Parent / Carer Association
7. Safeguarding
8. Expectations of families and Attendance
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Welcome to Walthamstow School for Girls!



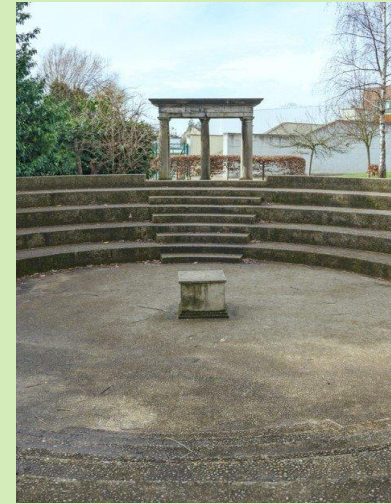
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"I don't think I'll ever be able to express my gratitude to this school and the teachers for everything they've done and the constant support they've given. And if there is one thing the school has taught me, it's this: if you believe in yourself, you can accomplish any dream you set your mind to." (Year 11 student)



What makes our school such a special place?



NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

“Pupils receive an exceptional education.” (Ofsted, 2024)



What to expect from the school

At WSfG, we:

- Foster a lifelong love of learning
- Look after ourselves and treat others with kindness and respect
- Embrace our diverse community and value our environment
- Empower everyone to make courageous choices
- Celebrate each unique gift.



Involving you in your child's education

- **We need you!**
- **Ensuring your child is successful**
- **There are no 'silly' questions!**
- **Parent voice**
- **Making sure we are meeting the needs of your child**
- **HOYs, form tutors and SLT**



Music Lessons

- Music Lessons are provided by the Waltham Forest Music Service.
- Tutors visit the school one day per week and students leave curriculum lessons to attend music lessons.
- The lessons rotate each week to avoid students missing the same curriculum lesson.
- We offer individual 20 or 30 minute lessons and paired 20 minute lessons.
- To sign up for lessons you will need to wait for your Parent Pay login.
- All three payment offers will be available on every Y7 Parent Pay account. To book lessons you choose the option you would like and make payment by Thursday of the second week of term.
- Please ensure that you state which instrument you would like your child to learn on Parent Pay
- Lessons will commence 3rd week of term.



Key staff



Ms. H. Marriott
Headteacher



Ms. L. Fearon
Head of Year 7



Ms. R. Warren Assistant Headteacher
linked to Year 7 and
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



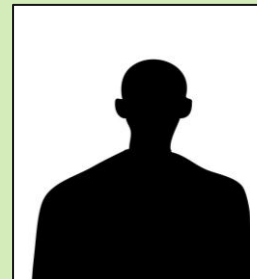
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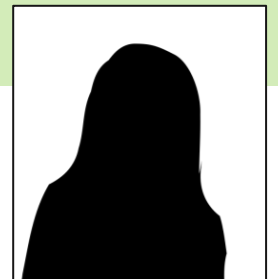
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Wellbeing

- **Your child's wellbeing is very important to us.**
- We have an extensive support network.
- Interventions Team meet every two weeks to determine need.
- Wellbeing Hub bringing together our wellbeing support for students including:- Learning Mentors, Counsellor, MHST, School Nurse.
- Groupwork, individual 1:1 support, art therapy, friendship issues, attendance concerns, settling in / key stage transition, self care, young carers.
- External referral for support of families and children:- Early Help, disordered eating, young carers, bereavement support, behaviour and attendance team, children's social care.
- Specific support for children's emotional health:- Young Minds, CAMHS.
- Positively You: [Positively You - A leading provider of student workshops](#)



Wellbeing – how can I help my child?

- ✓ **Have regular conversations with your child about how they feeling.**
- ✓ Be alert to your child not wanting to come to school or having frequent headaches, stomach aches etc.
- ✓ These MAY be an indicator that they are experiencing emotional difficulties.
- ✓ If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing speak with their Tutor or Head of Year as soon as possible.
- ✓ Please feel able to speak with school if you as a parent or members of your family are experiencing wellbeing concerns.
- ✓ We will be able to signpost you for support and monitor your child's wellbeing more closely if necessary.





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WSfG – A Smartphone Free School





Smartphones have become 'normal' for kids



Age
12

90%
of children have
a smartphone



Age
9

Average age
a child gets a
smartphone in
the UK



Age
6-7

1 in 3
children have a
smartphone



What we want for children



**Happy
today**

*Enjoy a happy,
healthy childhood*



**Thriving
tomorrow**

*Grow into confident, capable
adults*



**Safe
always**

*Stay safe as they
explore the world*

WSfG – A Smartphone Free School

- *Our aim is to foster a compassionate, focused and mentally healthy school community by removing the distractions and risks associated with smartphone use during the school day.*
- We want children to be free from the distraction of a smartphone during the school day and be safe online – smartphones are designed to be addictive!
- Our decision to become a Smartphone Free School is to help Safeguard children and protect their wellbeing.



Our rules in September 2026

- No students will be allowed smartphones in the building, it will be a completely smartphone free environment
- No smartphones will be checked in, kept in bags or pockets
- If students are found using a smartphone, if it goes off in a lesson or if it is found during a bag search it will be **confiscated for 6 weeks**
- Touch screen watches and smart watches will also be treated the same way – this includes FitBits.
- Students cannot use a smartphone before they enter the gate or outside the gate after school
- In very specific circumstances e.g. medical reasons certain students will be allowed to carry a smartphone.



Safety was the primary concern with this change.

We have created a list of 'acceptable school phones' that students can have in school. This phone can be kept in their bag during the school day. It **must** be switched off!



Nokia 2660 Flip



Nokia 8210 4G



Nokia 110 4G



Nokia 105 2G



XploraOne



Doro 6820

If a brick phone goes off or students are found to be using it, we will confiscate it for 48 school hours.

WSfG Parent Association



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WSFG Parent Association

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) plays a vital role in bringing parents, carers, and staff together to support our school community.

From organising fun events for the children to raising funds for important resources and equipment, the PTA helps enhance school life in meaningful ways.

We're always looking for new faces and fresh ideas, and every parent or carer is automatically a member so why not get involved?

Everyone is welcome, whether you're curious to find out more or ready to jump in and help.



SAFEGUARDING TEAM

WHO DO I TALK TO ?

If you have concerns about your safety (at school or at home).
Please talk to one of our school's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)
who are specially trained to support you.

OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM:



Deputy DSL
Ms R Warren
Assistant Headteacher
Room F05 / X415



Deputy DSL
Mr N O'Brien
Deputy Headteacher
Room G45 / X439



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Ms K Pratt
Assistant Headteacher
Room G44 / X435



Deputy DSL
Ms S Wallis
Assistant Headteacher
Room G66 / X425



Deputy DSL
Ms J King
Pastoral Manager
Room G43 / X444

OUR WELLBEING HUB TEAM:



Ms C Epelle-Oboko



Ms J McDonald



Ms W Dominique



Important Information

Wellbeing and Safeguarding@wsfg
if you have any concerns you can speak to any adult or
the safeguarding team

CHILDLINE
If you need help,
Childline is a great place to start
and they can direct you to safe organisations to help on lots of issues.
www.childline.co.uk
or call 0800 1111

DRUGS?
Honest advice, help and information
about drug use and misuse
<http://www.talktofrank.com/>

These websites are
here to help
HELP
You are not alone –
people want to help

EATING DISORDERS
Advice, support and information
on eg anorexia and bulimia
www.b-eat.co.uk/

GRIEF
If someone close to you has died
www.winstonswish.org/
<https://www.childrensivesmentuk.org/east-london>

DOMESTIC ABUSE
Advice and support
<https://www.womensaid.org.uk/>

FGM and FORCED MARRIAGE
Contact Childline for support and advice
Report to the Police as an urgent matter on 999

SELF HARM?
A support website for young people
www.selfharm.co.uk
Their online self-help programme
<http://alumina.selfharm.co.uk/>

LGBTQ+
There are many charities and support organisations.
Call Childline and they will direct you towards the
most appropriate ones for you

MENTAL HEALTH
Advice on anxiety, depression, stress
and all mental illnesses
www.youngminds.org.uk

ON LINE SAFETY
Advice and how to report abuse
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

NEED TO TALK?
Kooth is an on-line counselling service. Great if
you need someone to listen and talk to
www.kooth.com

IN SCHOOL SUPPORT
We have learning mentors and a school counsellor
in school. If you would like to be referred, please
speak to your SPL or a member of the
safeguarding team



People to contact.



Deputy DSL
(DSL / Monday/Friday)
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info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk



0800 1111



www.ceop.police.uk



0808 800 5000



STUDENT FRIENDLY SAFEGUARDING LEAFLET

*Walthamstow School for Girls is an
inclusive school that values all.*

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee."

What is safeguarding?

Our school has a safeguarding policy for
staff, families and governors.
This child friendly leaflet is designed for you.
There may be times where you want to talk
to someone in school about a problem that
might be upsetting you.

We have people in school who are
specifically trained to help you.
It is important to know how to get help if you
are worried or unhappy with something.



What do we expect from parents/carers?

At WSFG, we expect parents to:

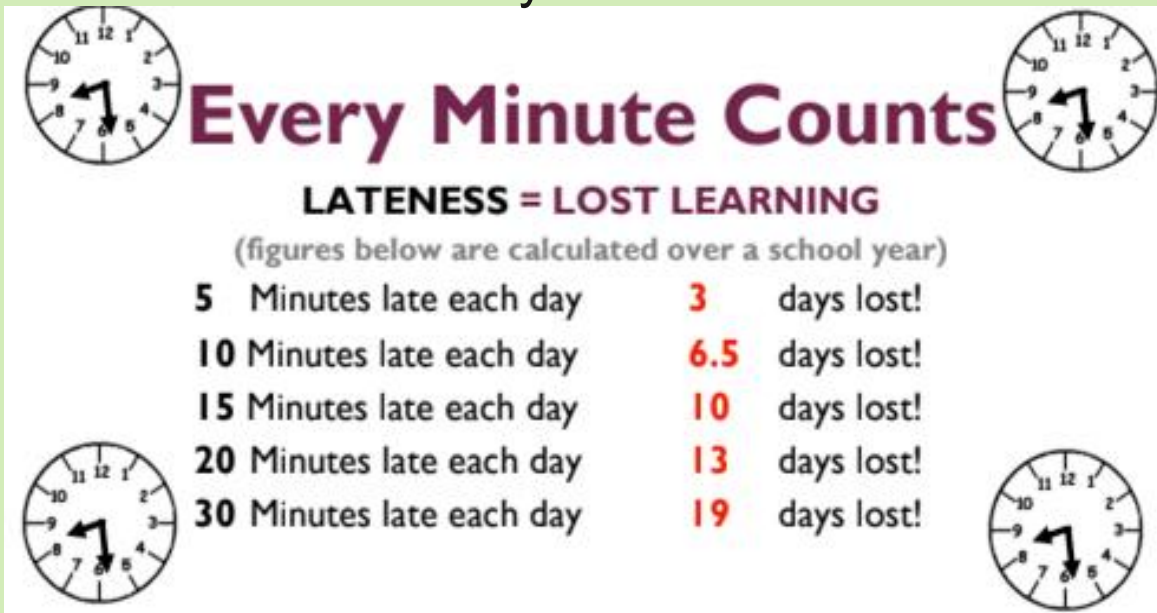
- Support your child and the school to ensure they are safe, happy and secure.
- Ensure your child is in school each day on time, in the correct uniform with the right equipment
- Attend parents' evenings
- Communicate with the school if you have any concerns or questions



Attendance and Punctuality

It is vital that students have excellent Attendance.

- Below 95% attendance will mean the school will be closely monitoring.
 - Below 90% may lead to prosecution.
- Holidays are NOT permitted during term time and may lead to fines.



Year 7 Preparation for life long success

WSfG Uniform and Equipment

Our uniform is available from ...

Speedstitch Unit 32, Walthamstow Business Centre, Clifford Road, Walthamstow London E17 4SX. (0208 531 4800)
www.speedstitch.co.uk / enquiries@speedstitch.co.uk

Victoria 2, 246 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, Tel – 020 8520 2176 <http://www.victoria2schoolwear.co.uk/>

Fashion Fair, 184 – 186 High Street, Walthamstow Tel – 020 8503 7048

A visual guide to what is acceptable and not acceptable for WSFG school uniform and equipment.

Trousers and Skirts

Dark, bottle green pleated knee length skirt or trousers in the acceptable school styles below:
Strictly no jeans style trousers, tight trousers or leggings are permitted.



Dark, bottle green religious dress in plain, cotton fabric.

Shirts:

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



Jumpers/Cardigans:

Dark, bottle green sweater, cardigan or sweatshirt without any logo.



Head Coverings

Hijabs must be plain white, dark bottle green or black with **no fringe or decoration** and must be worn pinned securely. Under-scarves must be white, dark bottle green or black



Coats and Blazers

School blazer with WSFG logo (see below) is compulsory for all years. This must be worn at all times.
Plain, **BLACK** coat or jacket that is suitably waterproof. This is compulsory for all students.
Denim, leather, faux fur or faux leather jackets and hoodies are not permitted to be worn or brought into school under any circumstances.



School Shoes:

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.



Tights and Socks

Plain black, white or bottle green knee socks, ankle socks or tights are to be worn at all times.
Over the knee socks and leggings are not permitted.



Make up

Make-up, if worn, must be minimal and discreet.
False eyelashes and eyelash extensions are not permitted.
Acrylic nails, gel nails and nail varnish is allowed to be worn for school but nails must be short and not extend more than a few millimetres beyond the tip of the finger.

Jewellery

Students are permitted to wear one small stud in each ear (which should be no bigger than the size of a pea) and a wristwatch 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 at the end of each half term.

Hair accessories

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.



Bags

Students need a bag that will fit A4 sized books



All this information is on the school website and in the leaflets you will be given.
Any hair colour and style is now allowed @WSfG

Equipment list and requirements

- It is important that all students are fully-equipped for the new school year. Please ensure that your child returns with all of the following items as these may not be provided by teachers.
- Fully-equipped pencil case, including black or blue pens; HB pencil; ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener
- Calculator – we recommend either the Casio FX-83GT CW+ or the FX-85GT CW+
- Glue stick
- Purple pen
- Tissues
- Mathematical instruments set; protractor, compass
- Small set of coloured pencils
- Reading book
- Sanitary products when required

Any parents who think they will not be able to provide the above equipment, or uniform items please contact info@ and we will be able to support you with this.



Year 7 start on Wednesday 2nd September @11.00 - 3.15



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