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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school, refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead.

As a high-achieving all-girls secondary school in East London, we continue to be inspired by the ambition, resilience, and creativity of our students. I would like to take this opportunity to share some important updates and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Year 11 students.

### Key Information for the New School Year:

#### Back to School:

2nd September arrangements:

- Year 7 - 10.30 to 3.15pm
- Years 8 to 11 - 11.10 to 12.30pm

Normal school day for all year groups from Wednesday 3rd September.

#### Term Dates and Important Events:

Autumn Half Term – Key Dates		
8th September 2025	School photographer	Only for Years 7 and 10
9th September 2025	Year 11 Parent Information Evening	5.30pm to 6.30pm
25th September 2025	Languages Day/Macmillan Bake Off	
25th September 2025	Early closure due to Year 6 Open Evening	Students will be dismissed at 2.15pm
26th September 2025	Late Start	School day will start at 9.40am ready for period 2 lesson at 9.45am
8th October 2025	Inset Day	School closed to all students



14th October 2025	College Roadshow	5.30pm to 7pm for Year 11 students and families
20th October 2025	Year 7 – This is my School/ Meet the tutors	4pm to 5pm
24th October 2025	Last day of half term	Students will be dismissed at 3.15pm

Term dates for 2025/6 can be found on the school website: [Walthamstow School for Girls - Term Dates 2025-26](#)

### **Uniform and Equipment:**

We continue to have the highest expectations of uniform and behaviour. Thank you for working with us in ensuring that your child is in full uniform. The uniform policy can be found here: [Walthamstow School for Girls - Our Uniform \(wsfg.waltham.sch.uk\)](#).

Please also ensure your child is organised, ready and prepared for the week ahead by checking their uniform, equipment, planner and lunch money (or on ParentPay). If you are experiencing any financial difficulties, please contact the info@ email and we can help you.

Please also support us with the following:

- **Mobile phones** - these should be checked in to the Front Office before 8:45am. They can be collected at 3:15pm. If a student is seen with a mobile phone whilst in the building at any time, including after 3:15pm on their way out of school it will be confiscated, locked away and parents/carers will be able to collect it after 48 school hours after the day of confiscation. Mobiles will not be returned to students.
- **False lashes** - these are banned items and students must not wear these. They will be confiscated if worn.
- **Long nails** - both acrylic and natural nails must be kept short for Health and Safety reasons. Nail posters in school display what length is acceptable.
- **Nose piercings** - one stud is permitted, no nose rings. Nose and ears are the only acceptable piercings. One small stud earring is allowed in each ear, no hoops.
- **Jewellery** - no rings, necklaces, bracelets are allowed.
- **Trainers** should not be worn unless there is a medical reason and a note provided. Students will be provided with plimsoles if they arrive to school in trainers.
- **Ear buds, wireless headphones and Smart watches** are banned items and will be confiscated. They will be locked away and returned to parents/carers after 48 hours.



- **Perfumes and sprays** are banned items and will be confiscated as they can be harmful to students with respiratory illnesses.
- **Chewing gum** is a banned item. Students found chewing will be given a 30 minute detention.

### **The New School Day – Starting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025:**

Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed to our recent consultation. Your feedback helped shape the final proposal, which was approved by governors. The new school day is designed to support student wellbeing and staff flexibility, while maintaining high standards of learning.

#### **New Schedule:**

- **Gates open:** 8.15am
- **Gates close and school begins:** 8.40am
- **Lesson 1:** 8.45 – 9.45am
- **Lesson 2:** 9.45 – 10.45am
- **Break:** 10.45 – 11.05am
- **Lesson 3:** 11.05 – 12.05pm
- **Form time:** 12.05 – 12.25pm
- **Lunch:** 12.25 – 1.15pm
- **Lesson 4:** 1.15 – 2.15pm
- **Lesson 5:** 2.15 – 3.15pm
- **School ends:** 3.15pm

**Please can you remind your child that school starts at 8.40am promptly and all students should be in school by this time.** If students need time to put equipment in lockers or use the toilets, **they should arrive earlier.** This will allow them to get to their lesson by **8.45am.** **Any students who arrive after this time, will be marked in as late and will miss valuable learning time.**

### **Celebrating Year 11 Success – GCSE Results 2025:**

We are thrilled to share the exceptional achievements of our Year 11 students. Their results reflect not only academic excellence but also the courage and determination that define our school community.

#### **Key Highlights:**

- **72% achieved Grade 5+ in English and Maths** (up from 66% in 2024)



- **84%** achieved **Grade 4+ in English and Maths**
- **68%** achieved **5+ GCSEs at Grade 5+ including English and Maths**
- **31%** achieved **Grade 7+ in English and Maths** (up from 18% in 2024)
- **Average Attainment 8 Score: 59.77**
- **EBacc APS: 5.42**

Among our top achievers:

- **Serena Hadjadj:** 10 grades 7–9, including 4 grade 9s
- **Zainab Sajid:** 9 grades 7–9, including 5 grade 9s – heading to Brampton Manor
- **Alicja Mutuku:** 9 grades 7–9, including 6 grade 9s – also joining Brampton Manor
- **Constance Grodzicka:** 9 grades 7–9, including 5 grade 9s – going to Latymer School

Their advice to future Year 11 students: *“Stay focused, study consistently, make time for fun, and believe in yourself!”*

We are proud of every student, not just the highest achievers. Their success is a testament to the dedication of our staff and the unwavering support of our families. Thank you for being part of this journey.

We look forward to another year of growth, achievement, and collaboration. As always, thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community.

**Warmest wishes,**

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