

WELCOME TO



YEAR 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

1ST OCTOBER 2019



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FRIENDS OF WSFG

WSFG Alumnae is expanding - and you could be a part of it!

WSFG Alumnae is Looking for Parents and Carers to establish an 'WSFG Friends & Carers Alumnae Group'

- WSFG Alumnae is made up of a small committee of alumnae and school staff with an active interest in the school. In the past years, we have held monthly meetings in our bid to keep alumnae updated on each other and the school's development and its activities.
- We produce a termly newsletter, have a dedicated web area, hold a regular quiz night, run the Open House at the school every year and support the school with events and initiatives. We would like to continue doing so and would welcome the contribution of parents and carers of students to establish a wider community of friends and alumnae and to reinvigorate the group to do more.
- If you are interested in joining or would like to be kept updated on the next steps, please get in touch with Lesley
Winter: lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk or wsfgalumnae@gmail.com
- *For more information visit our website: <https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/alumnae/whoarewe>*

Alumnae Mission Statement

- To maintain a supportive community amongst students, parents and staff, past and present, and celebrate Walthamstow School for Girls' achievements.



**TRANSITION
FROM
KEY STAGE 2 TO
KEY STAGE 3**

Transition Programme



- Induction Programme
- PSHE
- Form Time
- Assemblies
- Curriculum
- Year 10 mentors
- START Profile
- Team building GREEN trip
- Settling in Afternoon



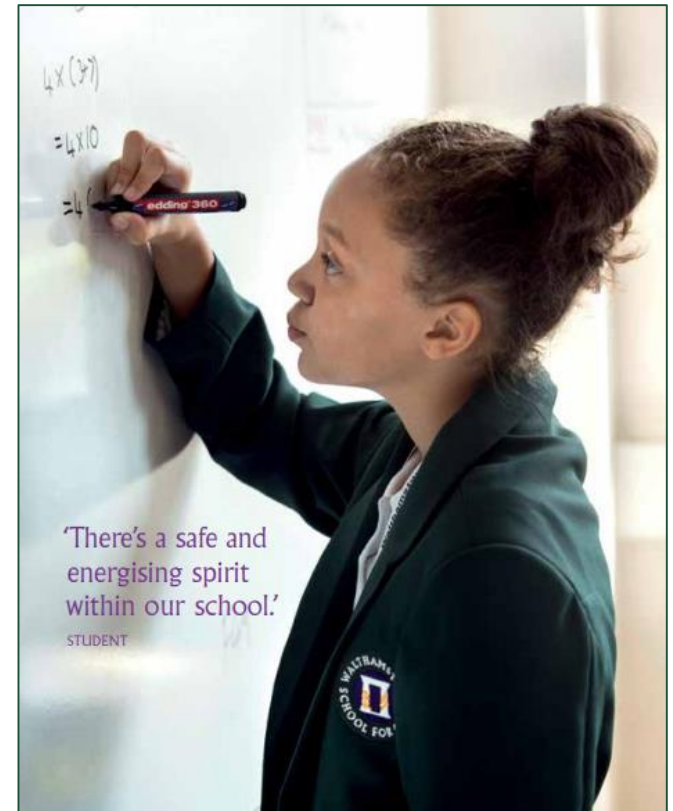


SETTLING IN AFTERNOON



Settling in Afternoon

- Wednesday 16th October
- 13:30 until 16:30
- Norris Hall
- Meet form tutors
- Discuss start at WSFG
- Ask questions





ONLINE SAFETY



Online Safety

- **Cyberbullying**
- **Online Grooming**
- **Location Services**
- **Livestreaming**
- **Illegal File Sharing**
- **Sexting**
- **Social Media Presence**





Online Safety



- **Have conversations about online activity**
- **Think before posting**
- **Private social media accounts**
- **Ownership Awareness**
- **Public Social Media – Monitor Direct Messages**
- **Password Security**





SIMS PARENT APP

SIMS Parent App



Have you downloaded the new SIMS Parent app?

Receive alerts about your child's attendance, behaviour and achievement, direct to your phone.

Simply visit the App or Play Store and download SIMS Parent to get started.
Or login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk
Ask your school for more information.

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

CAPITA | SIMS helping schools inspire.



- Just search for "sims parent app" in the Apple app store or Android play store and download
- You need to have a registration activation code from the school. If you need one, please contact: info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk
- Once registered, you can link your account to various email or social media accounts such as; Hotmail, Gmail or Facebook to avoid having to use another set of usernames and passwords
- Once logged in you will have access to data on; school calendar events, home learning activities, attendance, conduct, timetables and reports
- Do refer to our website for a useful guide and overview:
<https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/parentapp>



ASSESSMENT AND MEASURING PROGRESS

Assessment and Measuring Progress

https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/curriculum

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The Curriculum

We want students at WSFG to love learning. The curriculum at Walthamstow School for Girls allows students not only to excel in their exams but also prepares them for a life-long love of learning.

From the moment students arrive they experience a rich and stimulating education offering both breadth and depth where the aim is to inspire. As such, we offer a curriculum which is not only enriching but that seeks to stretch, challenge and engender ambition in our students.

We have had a particular focus on curriculum review, design and development over the past 3 years. Please see the attached map that outlines the work of the school in this area.



IN THIS SECTION

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- > KEY STAGE 3
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- > KEY STAGE 4
- > ASSESSMENT & REPORTING TO PARENTS
- > POST 16 OPPORTUNITIES
- > WORK-RELATED LEARNING

Attainment

Level	Description
Extending	Working well above expectation
Advancing	Working above expectation
On Track	Working at expectation
Working towards	Working below expectation
Acquiring	Working significantly below expectation

Progress

Exceeding the expected progress
Making good progress
Not making the expected progress



SQUID



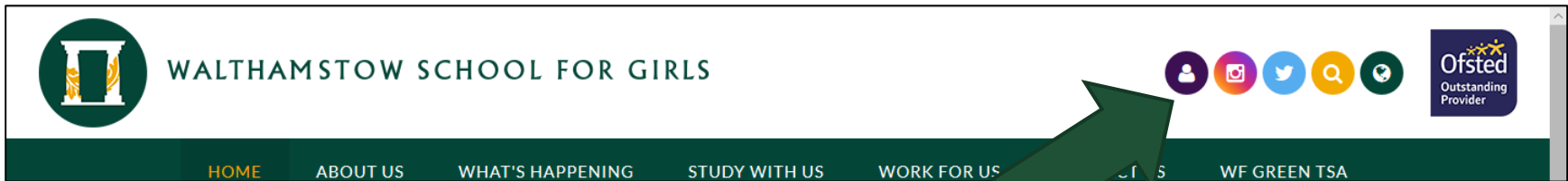
- The schools e-payment facility for lunch, trips and purchasing resources
- School on the journey to becoming cashless, so all trips will be managed through sQuid
- If not already done so please register via our school website or directly at:
- <https://portal.squidcard.com/LoginPortal/>
- Once your registration is complete you need to activate your account via the email sent to you and use the 16 digit code on your registration letter and 3 digit security code sent to you by the school. If you need a new letter please contact: info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk
- There is a handy App can be downloaded from App (iphone) and Play (Android) stores
- Once logged in you can pay for “offers” related to trips and top up lunch accounts
- For some useful guides please go to the “Parents” section of the school website



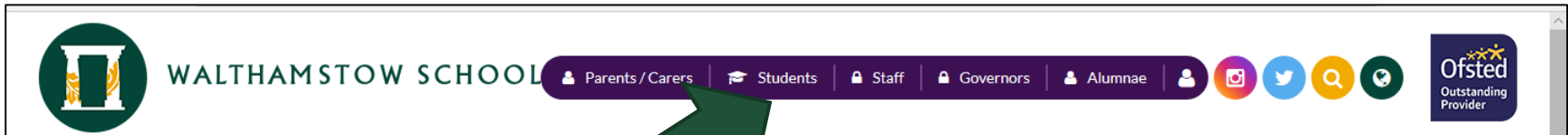
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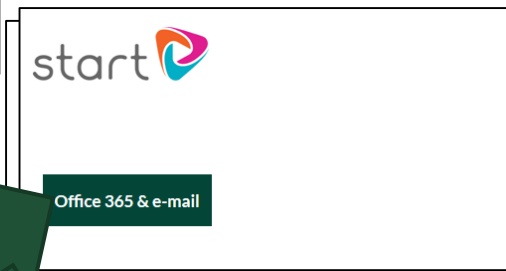
Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

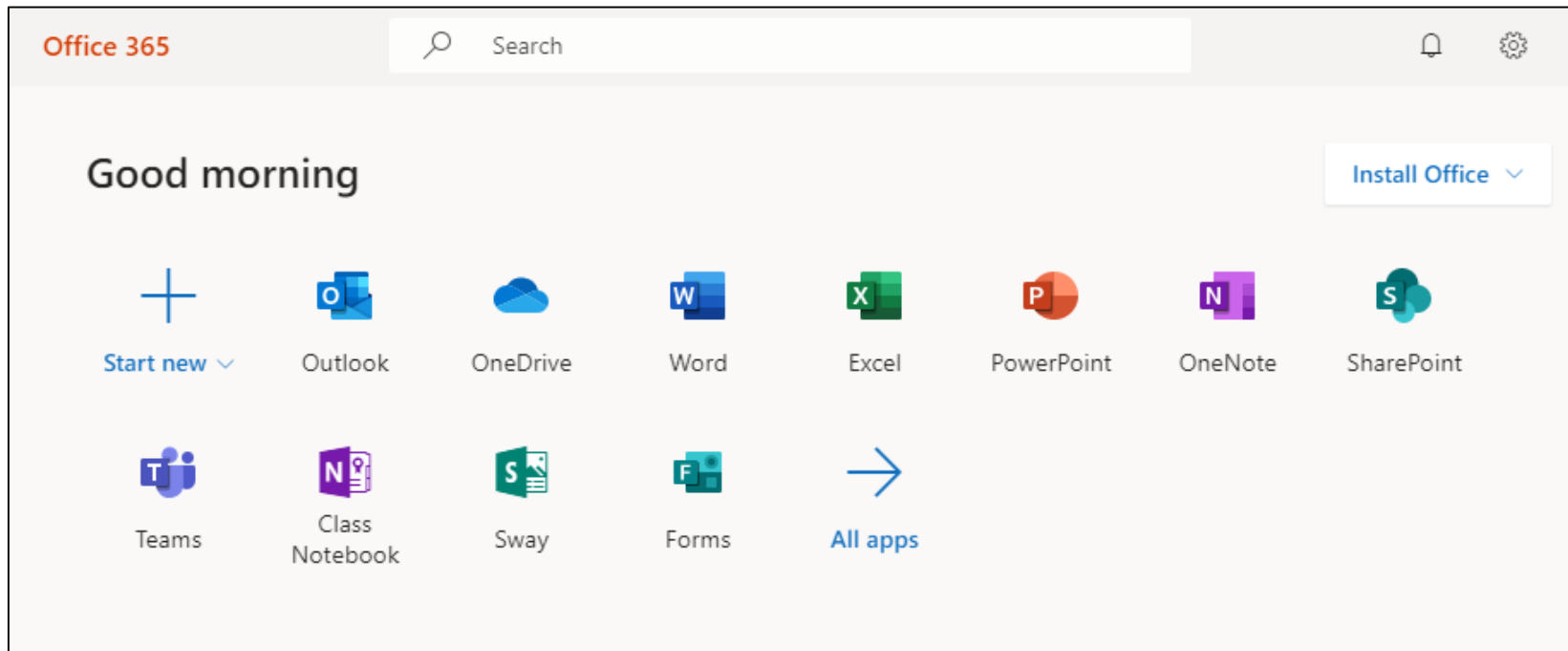


Step 4

Login:

Password:

Office 365 Applications





START PROFILE

CAREERS



Start Profile



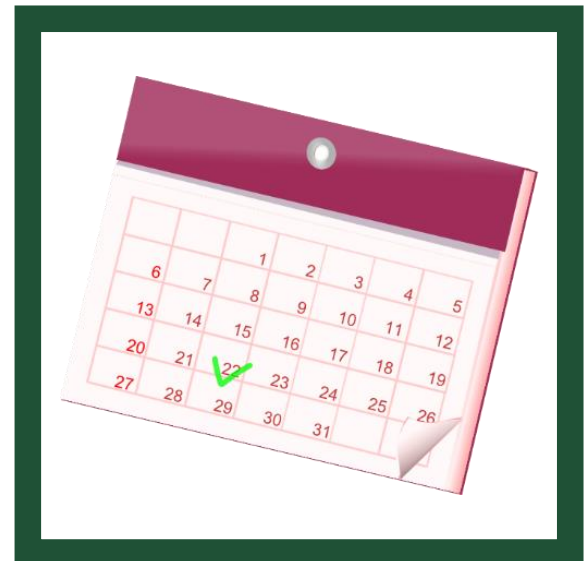
- *Start* is an online platform that helps you to explore careers – this will help you learn more and support your child in their careers education and future options.
- *Start* includes information on post 16 & post 18 education, industries, companies and employment skills.
- ALL students have a login to *Start* and their login will last them forever (or as long as the company lasts).
- At WSfG we will be using *Start* in some of our PSHE lessons to support our careers education.

YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE FOLLOWING LINK ALLOWING YOU TO SET UP YOUR OWN START PROFILE AS A PARENT / CARER

<https://sway.office.com/ug7OOWGBat4Ww6eB?ref=Link>

KEY DATES

<https://www.wsfsg.waltham.sch.uk/year7>



Key Dates



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School Calendar

October 2019

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Year 7 Paren...	GCSE Drama...				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Drama/Dive... Year 11 Pare...		Early School ... Open Evening	Staff Trainin...		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Year 10 Pare...	Year 7 Settli...				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Autumn Half Term Holiday						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Year 8 Paren...					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Extra-Curricular

Philosophy club

Student journalists

Debating club

Green club

Model United Nations

Steel pans

Music clubs

Glee club

Netball

Football

Basketball

Handball

Trampolining

Badminton

Rounders

Cricket

Athletics

Table tennis

Tag rugby

Dance





YEAR 7 TRIPS AND COSTS



Trips and Costs 2019/20

- **GREEN Trip** in October (team building) - £5.50
- **Theatre Trip** (Drama) – December 2019 - £3
- **Christmas Carol** (English) – December 2019 – £3
- **Royal Veterinary College** (Challenge) – Spring – TBC
- **Goldsmiths University** (Challenge) – Spring - TBC
- **Rochester Trip** (History) – June 2020 - £10



GREEN VISION

What will my daughter be learning?

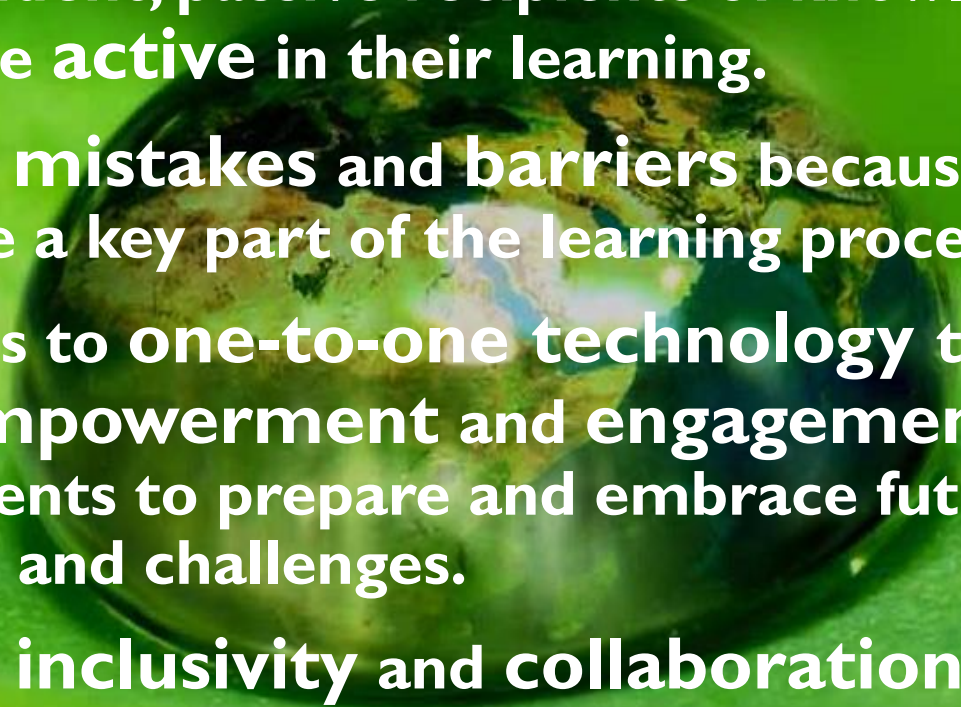
KS3 Curriculum and The Wonder Years

“... making sure that children’s time in education are their wonder years. The time when they get to grips with the power and flexibility of the English language and the fundamental mathematical concepts, when they learn about the scientific principles that shape the world around them and the universe, and the events that have forged history.

It should also be the time that children discover the possibilities of foreign languages, develop an appreciation of music and the arts, as well as the rudiments of some principles and practice of design and technology.”

GREEN Vision for Learning

- To encourage skills for self-regulation so students are not dependent, passive recipients of knowledge, but, rather, are active in their learning.
- To embrace mistakes and barriers because we know they are a key part of the learning process.
- To have access to one-to-one technology to encourage empowerment and engagement enabling students to prepare and embrace future opportunities and challenges.
- To encourage inclusivity and collaboration, fostered by one-to-one technology.
- To teach the **GREEN** skills which support independence and a capacity to learn for life.



GREEN skills for empowered learners



Growth

Resilience

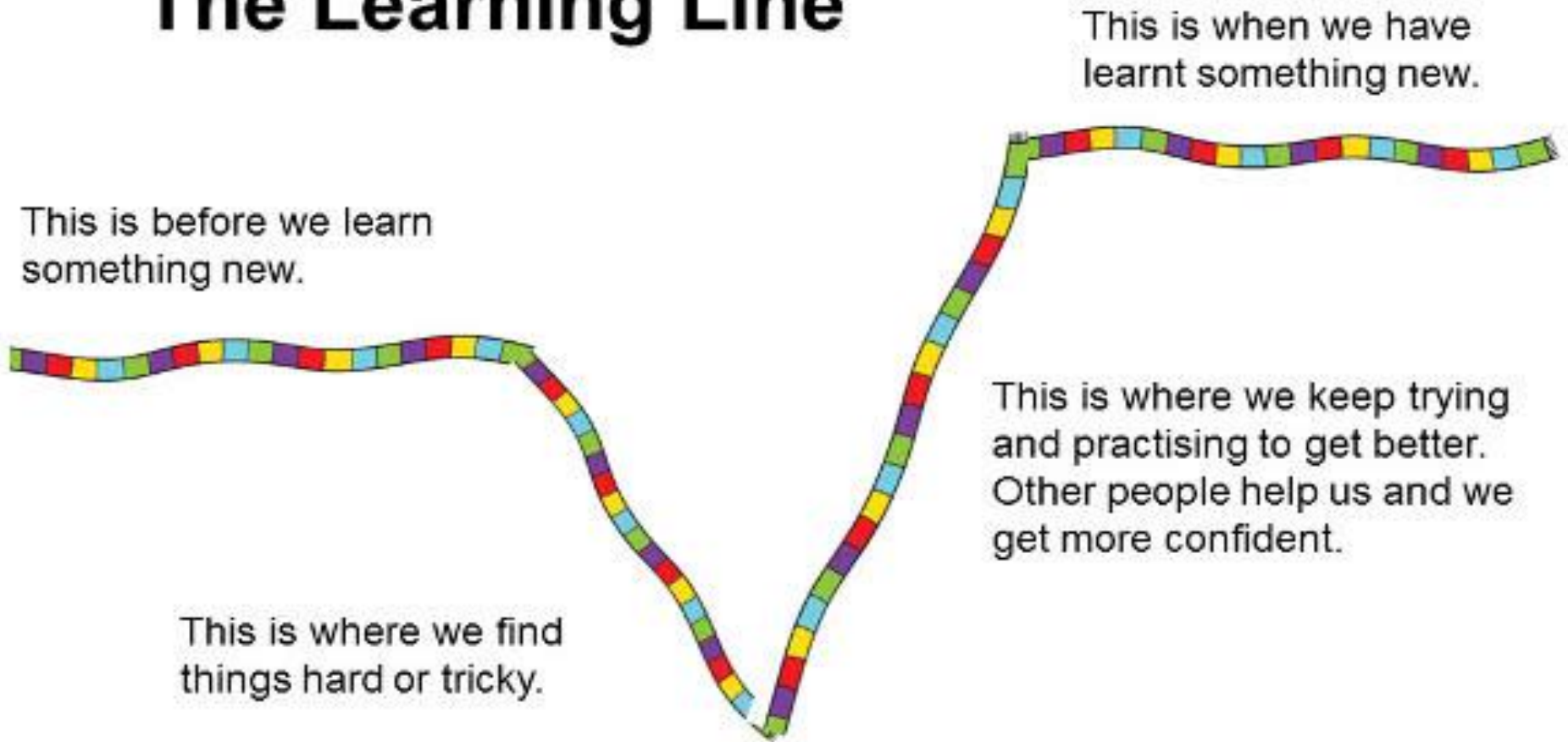
Energy

Empathy

Newness

The Learning Line

The Learning Line



Vision for Learning using one-to-one devices

- To have access to one-to-one technology to encourage empowerment and engagement enabling students to prepare and embrace future opportunities and challenges.
- To encourage inclusivity and collaboration, fostered by one-to-one technology.
- Ensure access to a full range of resources at all times during the school day including the school Office 365 based learning platform
- Prepare students in the use of technology in a modern work environment
- Ensure all students have the same access to school resources at home as they do in school



ONE-2-ONE DEVICES

1 to 1 Device Initiative Outline



- The school will run the scheme in four stages:
- **Stage 1** (Year 7 Autumn Term)
- **Stage 2** (Year 7 Spring Term)
- **Stage 3** (Year 8 Autumn Term onwards)
- **Stage 4** (Year 11 Autumn term)

1 to 1 Device Initiative:



Stage 1

- After October half-term, all Year 7 Students will be issued with their own iPad Device
- This will remain in school. They will collect it in the morning for use during the day from a central location and return it at the end of the day to that location.
- Parents and careers will be expected to complete an online form agreeing to the terms of use of the device
- Students will be inducted in using the device and start to gain experience in using it in lessons
- Teachers, students and parents will be asked for feedback

1 to 1 Device Initiative



Stage 2

- For the start of the Spring term in January 2020 we would like students to have home access to the devices. We would therefore ask parents at the time to provide a £50 security contribution to protect against loss and damage which will then allow students to take the devices home
- Students and parents will need to sign a contract taking responsibility for the devices, ensuring devices are always looked after by students
- Students will be expected to bring them into school each day fully charged ready for learning
- The school will continue to collect feedback

1 to 1 Device Initiative



Stage 3

- If parents are supportive and the school assesses there to be strong positive outcomes from the Year 7 programme the school hopes to continue the scheme into Years 8 – 11 so the student has access to the device for the full 5 years of their time here at WSFG
- The current cost of the 1 to 1 device package is £270, this is much lower than the £400 it would cost to purchase the package direct via Apple but this is only sustainable if parents are willing to make a contribution towards the £270 package costs
- The school will look to subsidise part of the £270 package costs, with larger subsidies available for students eligible for Free School Meals and those who are Pupil Premium
- Alternatively, if the scheme does not continue, the school will return the initial £50 collected in Year 7 as a security contribution and all devices will need to be returned to the school.

1 to 1 Device Initiative



Stage 4

- If the scheme does continue we would look for parental contributions to be made over a three year period to make it easier to spread the cost In Years 8 – 10 of your daughter's studies
- At the start of the year 11 Autumn term we will give parents the option to make a nominal payment (£25) to effectively keep the ipad and transfer ownership of the device from the school to you
- Parents who chose to make the payment will keep the device at the end of Year 11, those that do not wish to make the payment can simply return the device in a working condition to the school before the Year 11 Leaver's Day



**QUESTION BOX AT THE
BACK OF THE HALL –
WE WILL POST ANSWERS
ON THE WEBSITE**

**THANK YOU FOR
COMING**