

**WELCOME TO**



**YEAR 11 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

**8 OCTOBER 2019**



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7. English – final preparations/revision strategies
8. Maths – maths mocks, interventions/revision software
9. Science – preparing for exams
10. Squid
11. SIMs Parent App

# KEY STAFF

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Ms Jean-Baptiste –Year 11 SPL

Ms Kennedy-Deputy Headteacher (Key Stage 4)

Ms Pratt –Assistant Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms King-Attendance Officer



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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 a '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 the 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](mailto:lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) or [wsfgalumnae@gmail.com](mailto: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.



# POST-16 AND COLLEGE APPLICATIONS



# College Applications

- Level 1 courses – targeted at students achieving grades 1-2 at GCSE
- Level 2 courses – targeted at students working towards grade 4
- Level 3 courses – targeted at students achieving grade 4 in English and Maths and at least 5 subjects at grade 4 or above
- BTEC (vocational courses), A levels (academic courses) or Apprenticeships (paid on the job learning)





# College Applications

- College Open Evenings
- Colleges and employers-lunchtime drop-ins
- Applications – references
- College Roadshow – 28 November 2019

# Apprenticeships



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## Careers

We understand the importance of building the highest aspirations in our young people. We work hard to provide them with all of the necessary information needed to make well informed decisions about the future and to break stereotypes and barriers.

Our named careers Lead for the school is Ms Philippou, Assistant Headteacher.

WSFG have bought into an incredibly valuable tool called '**Start**' by U-Explore. This is a one stop careers advice station. It is your daughter's tool to access information on colleges, universities, careers and qualifications. Students can keep their profile up to date and get advice on their next steps. They can add activities to their 'locker' to build a portfolio which can support with CV writing, college and job applications. Students' logins will stay in place even once they have left WSFG provided we are still with 'Start'. Ask your daughter to show you this tool at home and encourage them to update it regularly.

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### Post-16 Opportunities

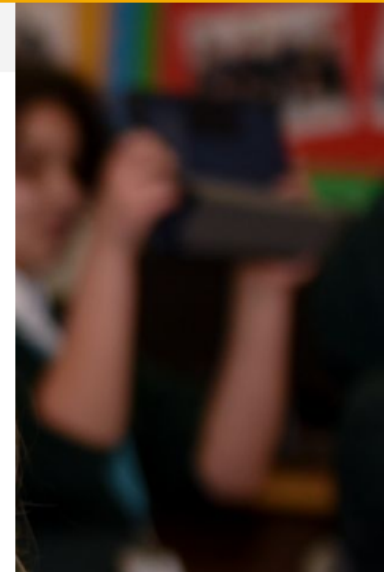
Work Related Learning (including information on Work Experience & Professional Interview Day)

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### Apprenticeships

Year 11. Apprenticeships starting in September 2019 are recruiting now. To search for apprenticeships in your local area and beyond you can use the following government search engine:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>



# Apprenticeships



Find an apprenticeship

[Sign in / Create account](#)

## Find an apprenticeship

Search and apply for an apprenticeship in England

Search [Browse](#)

### Keywords (optional)

Can include job title, employer or reference number

All

### Your location

Enter postcode, town or city or [use current location](#)

## Help

[How to search for an apprenticeship](#) (interactive walkthrough)

0800 015 0400

### Start tour

If you'd like some help on how to use the search to find apprenticeships that are suitable for you, start the tour here.

Start tour

# Opportunities to Flourish Fair



- Waltham Forest event
- Employers
- Apprenticeships, traineeships, voluntary opportunities, jobs on offer
  
- Tuesday 15 October
- 3.30-5pm
- Walthamstow Assembly Hall, Forest Road, E17 4JF



- Start is an online platform that helps students 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 and 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 HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL WITH THE FOLLOWING LINK ALLOWING YOU TO SET UP YOUR OWN START PROFILE AS A PARENT / CARER***

***<https://sway.office.com/ug700WGBat4Ww6eB?ref=Link>***



# PROFESSIONAL INTERVIEW DAY

# Professional Interview Day

## Why?



- An opportunity to practise applications and interviews
- Preparation for real life – life skills
- Understanding how to write a CV and a covering letter
- Familiarity with real-life job adverts
- Going through the interview process
- Thinking about appropriate dress for an interview
- Confidence building in interviews
- Support for college applications and interviews



# Professional Interview Day

## What happens?



- Preparation in PSHE (booklets, CVs, letter writing, first impressions, what to wear, interview practice)
- Come to school in your interview dress
- Allocated appointment slots for your interview
- Interviews conducted by 21+ volunteers
- Your interviewer will have your CV and cover letter
- Interviews are around 15-20 minutes long
- Feedback from interviewer on interview and CV/cover letter
- Self-reflection
- Normal lessons for the rest of the day





# Professional Interview Day

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> WORK EXPERIENCE YEAR 10  
2019

Professional Interview Day is another opportunity we offer to our students, in order to help prepare them for real life. Students will complete an application form and CV including a personal statement for one of the 'vacancies' in their booklets. On Professional Interview Day, students will be allocated a 30 minute interview slot and will be interviewed by one of up to 20 volunteers in order to experience what a real job interview may feel like. They will be expected to come to school in professional dress appropriate for an interview.

[Professional Interview Day will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019](#)

The skills they learn for this day are vital not only for the world of work but also in support of their college applications process. We encourage students to create CVs and personal statements that they can continue to build on and adapt for different purposes.

**Ms Philippou**  
Assistant Headteacher



[Professional Interview Day Booklet 2019 \(DOCX\)](#)



[Professional Interview Day 2019 \(PPTX\)](#)



# Professional Interview Day

## Key dates



Application deadline:

**Monday 6 January**

Applications printed and handed to Student Services.

Professional Interview Day:

**Friday 7 February**





# EFFECTIVE REVISION AND PREPARING FOR GCSEs

# WSFG Website information



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## Subject Information

Please click on the subjects listed below for more information.

The latest news from our Teaching Faculties can be found [here](#)

Art



Computing Key Stage 3 / Computer Science GCSE



Creative Digital Media Production



Design & Technology



Drama



Economics



# Examination boards



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Please click to view the KS4 Courses for Examinations in 2019-20

### [Awarding Bodies](#)

Below are links to the exam boards for our school:

AQA [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)

Edexcel [www.Edexcel.com](http://www.Edexcel.com)

OCR [www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)

WJEC [www.wjec.co.uk](http://www.wjec.co.uk)

### [JCQ \(Joint Council for Qualifications\)](#)

The following notices are for guidance regarding exams and exam conditions and students need to familiarise themselves with these. They can be accessed via the [JCQ website](#) or by clicking on the individual links below:

- [Coursework](#)
- [Non-examined Assessments](#)
- [On-screen Tests](#)

# New 9-1 grading system



Grade 9  
Highest 3% of marks

A*	A*+	9
	A*	8
	A*-	
A	A+	7
	A	
	A-	
B	B+	6
	B	5
	B-	
C	C+	4
	C	
	C-	
D	D+	3
	D	
	D-	
E	E+	2
	E	
	E-	
F	F+	1
	F	
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# Mock Examinations

11-29 November



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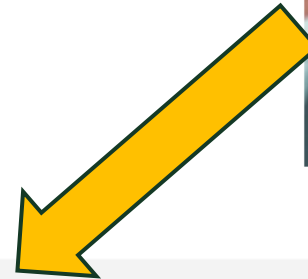
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[Year 11 Mock Exam Student Guide November 2019 \(PDF\)](#)



[Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable November 2019 \(PDF\)](#)





# Mock Results

- Mock Results Day: Thursday 19 December
- Results available on Sims Parent App
- Targeted interventions: compulsory attendance
- Mentoring
- Parent support meetings





# Support for Achievement

...In the classroom

- Good attendance
- Good punctuality
- Determination
- Focus

# Holidays: managing workload



- BTEC
- MFL-for mock oral examination
- Art/Music or Design & Technology  
completing portfolio/composition/ NEA
- All students should aim to master one key  
Mathematics topic this holiday

# Remarks of GCSE examinations



- School identifies borderline students (1 mark away from a grade boundary)
- Parental requests can be made



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# REVISION STRATEGIES

Using online tools to develop knowledge retention and recall

- Quizlet
- GCSEPod
- Project based / Office 365

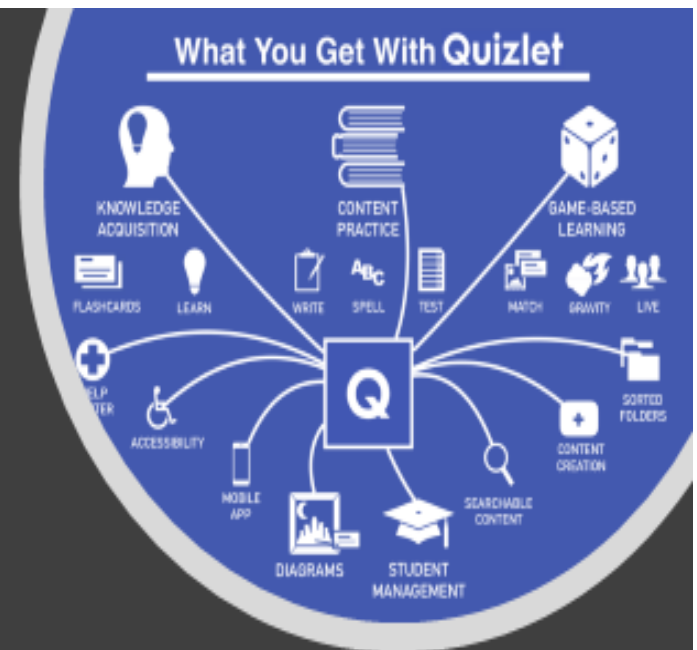


# Quizlet at Key Stage 3

- ✓ Pre-prepared quizzes for revision for most subjects
- ✓ Students can compile their own quizzes
- ✓ Easy to set and monitor

Particularly suitable for revision/ learning in:

- Languages
- Humanities
- DT
- Computing
- Music
- Science
- English language





# GCSEPod at Key Stage 4

- Clear, concise curriculum content
- Accessible to all but with stretch and challenge
- **Note:** students do need to actively listen (eg answer questions or take bullet point notes after watching)
- One stop shop for most subjects in school

**Top revision tips**

- 1 Start as early as you can**  
Cramming at the last minute is stressful and has limited success.  

- 2 Make a plan**  
Work out how much time you have and how long you can spend on each subject.  

- 3 Create a suitable space**  
Find a quiet spot away from distractions and keep your things all in one place.  

- 4 Use methods best for you**  
Choose the most appropriate revision methods and try to use a mixture for best results.  

- 5 Take regular breaks**  
It is possible to work hard. Your brain needs to rest to...  

- 6 Revise with a friend!**  
Talking through what you've learned can help...  






# ENGLISH REVISION STRATEGIES

# English Language

## Component 1: 40% -fiction



- 1 hour 45 minutes
- Section A: Reading
- Section B: Narrative Writing



# English Language

## Component 2: 60% -Non-fiction

- 2 hours
- Section A: Reading
- Section B: Transactional Writing (x 2)



# Literature

## Component 1: 2 hours (40%)

### **Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare)**

- Extract question
- Essay question

### **Poetry Anthology**

- 2 essay questions (one with comparison)



# Literature

## Component 2: 2 hours 30 (60%)

### An Inspector Calls

Source Based Question Essay Question

### Jane Eyre

Source Based Essay Question

### Unseen Poetry

2 essay questions (one with comparison)



# MATHS REVISION STRATEGIES



# Maths Examinations

- Paper 1 Non-Calculator **May 19<sup>th</sup>**
- Paper 2 Calculator **June 4<sup>th</sup>**
- Paper 3 Calculator **June 8<sup>th</sup>**
- All exams are 90 minutes
- No controlled assessment – 100% exam
- Higher Tier - 4 – 9
- Foundation Tier - 1 - 5





# Maths – Practice & Revision

- Use [Pinpointlearning.co.uk](https://www.pinpointlearning.co.uk)
- Use [vle.mathswatch.com](https://www.vle.mathswatch.com)
- Use [Kerboodle.com](https://www.kerboodle.com)
- Use **Revision Guide** and **Workbook**
- Use **textbook** and **practice book**
- Past **Exam Papers**

# Maths - What you can do to help



- **Remind** your daughter **to attend maths support** every Tuesdays 3:30 to 4:30.
- **Discuss** her **successes**, for example a good homework or result in a test.
- **Ask** your **daughter to explain** maths questions to you as this reinforces her learning of the topic.



# SCIENCE REVISION STRATEGIES



# Science - Assessment

- AQA exam board for Science
- All students will sit 6 Science exams
- There are 2 papers for each discipline: Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Combined Science exams are 1 hour 15 mins each
- Separate Science exams are 1 hour 45 mins each



# Science - Paper breakdown

- Biology paper 1: Units B1 to B4
- Biology paper 2: Units B5 to B8
- Chemistry paper 1: Units C1 to C5
- Chemistry paper 2: Units C6 to C10
- Physics paper 1: Units P1 to P4
- Physics paper 2 Combined: Units P5 to P7
- Physics paper 2 Separate: Units P5 to P8

Note: Separate Science students have one extra unit to cover on Space for their second separate Physics paper.



# Science - Support

- Electricity support sessions Thursday 17th October and Thursday 31st October with Mr Kerr
- Practice exam questions in class
- Analysis of November mocks will inform Revision sessions planned for spring term
- 3 Biology, Chemistry and Physics revision sessions planned for spring term going over material based on mock analysis
- Paper 2 mocks to be sat in Spring term



**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





# SIMS PARENT APP

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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](http://www.sims-parent.co.uk)  
Ask your school for more information.

Available on the App Store and Google Play.



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- 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](mailto: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>



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COMING**