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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a pleasure to welcome back students to the school this week! They have settled quickly into routines and our new year 7s are starting to find their way around the building.

Uniform

Thank you to parents for your support in ensuring students are in correct uniform and have the right equipment. **Please remind your child that jewellery should not be worn to school, including bracelets and necklaces.** If you have any concerns about providing uniform for your child or if you require assistance, please contact the school at the info@ address and we will be able to help you.

School Planners and Go4Schools

There has been a delay with our **school planners** this year which you may have noticed. Students will be receiving a temporary planner next week and will be writing to you in the next few weeks about the roll-out of our **Go4Schools system in setting homework online.**

RAAC:

You may have seen on social media that Stella Creasy MP mentioned WSFG in relation to RAAC this week. Her speech criticised the DfE for not having accurate information about the RAAC situation in schools. She went on to explain that despite RAAC being removed from WSFG in 2020, and the council repeatedly advising the DfE of this, we are still named on one of their lists.

I wanted to write to reassure you that as a result of the Council's survey, any RAAC was removed in 2020 and works were undertaken to ensure that the building was safe.

Waltham Forest Council has been proactive in surveying the schools it holds responsibility for and paying for the necessary works, including at WSFG. Due to national incidents in regard to RAAC failure in 2018, the Council commissioned a programme of surveys for the schools within their estate. This highlighted that RAAC was present in the upper floor of the humanities block in Walthamstow School for Girls and was in poor condition. Some parents will remember that during the works we had temporary classrooms for our year 8 students whilst a contractor undertook the roof replacement. All RAAC was removed and works were completed by December, 2020.





Key Dates for your Diary this term:

- Thursday 28th September - Year 6 open evening (early closure)
- Friday 29th September - Late start due to Year 6 Open Evening
- Friday 6th October - INSET Day
- Monday 9th October - This is my school - Year 7 event
- Tuesday 17th October – College Roadshow – Year 11
- Friday 20th October – break up for half-term
- Monday 30th October – return to school
- Monday 13th November – Friday 1st December – Year 11 mock examinations
- Thursday 30th November - Year 10 Parents evening
- Thursday 7th December - Presentation Evening
- Wednesday 20th December - Student Christmas Lunch
- Friday 22nd December – last day of winter term

Students will undoubtedly be tired at the end of this week. Some of them may have found either the transition back to school or the demands of the school day, in addition to the hot weather, to be challenging. Please reassure your child that all this is to be expected and to take some time out this weekend to look after themselves and to relax.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the weather.

Yours faithfully

Helen Marriott

Headteacher