



GREENSHEET



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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Autumn Term 2017 End: Wednesday 20th December
Thursday 12 th October School closure 14.30pm for Open Evening
Friday 13 th October Staff Inset Day. School closed to students
Wednesday 18 th October Year 7 Settling in afternoon
Thursday 19 th October Alumnae quiz night 7pm
Half Term Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October
Tuesday 31 st October Year 8 Parent /Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The first of our new style Parent Information Evenings for each year group took place on Tuesday evening this week. It was very encouraging to see that nearly every student in Year 10 attended themselves and/or was represented by a parent/carer. Ms Desbenoit and school colleagues addressed a full hall to share lots of information relevant to Year 10 including an update on the reforms to the GCSEs.



On Wednesday afternoon the Hewett Hall was full again, with 60 Year 9 students participating in a programme for 14-16 year olds run by the Royal Navy in collaboration with Groundwork and the London Borough of Waltham Forest. Students worked together in teams to design a community friendly green space to transform an area near to the school (Cheyne Row). The programme is designed to help develop their research and planning, decision making, teamwork and presentation skills.

The following Year 9/10 students represented WSFG in a netball rally this week: Year 9 team: *Anna, Eva, Jasia, Evie, Marianne, Deepthigaa, Crystal, and Olivia*. Year 10 team: *Maria, Shula, Eve, Kelsey, Maryam, Hannah, Melissa and Amie*.

Other Year 9 students have been assisting with the Primary School Steel Pan Workshops for Henry Maynard School this week. Thank you to *Tulin, Ana, Ruby, Gabriela, Eliza, Emine, Keralie* and *Chikara*.



On Wednesday afternoon Ms Healy accompanied three of last year's Year 11 students and their families to the prestigious PiXL Student Celebration event at Central Hall, Westminster. *Liveta, Amina* and *Mahnoor* all received PiXL prize awards for the significant levels of progress they made while they were students at Walthamstow School for Girls. The event was attended by successful students from schools across London and special guest for the occasion was the actor James Cosmo who has enjoyed

a long and glittering career. Our former students should be very proud of the hard work they put into their studies at WSFG and their achievements in summer. We wish them continued success in their studies at Westminster Kingsway College and Leyton Sixth Form.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated items for our dignity bags (see p.12). The organisers are delighted with the response from the whole school community at WSFG to their appeal.

Finally, a reminder that school will closed to students at **2.30pm on Thursday 12th October, 2017** as we prepare to welcome the students who will be starting secondary school in September 2018 and their families to view the school at our **Open Evening (5.30-8.00pm)**. School will be closed to students for staff INSET the following day, Friday 13th October

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies
Headteacher

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 12th October
5.30-8.00pm

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Information for Year 7 Parents/Carers
Year 7 “Settling-In Afternoon”
Wednesday 18th October.

Dear Parents / Carers,

As your Year 7 daughter has now been with us for over a month, we will be having a Year 7 “Settling-In Afternoon” on **Wednesday 18th October.**

Your daughter will be given an appointment by her Tutor and she will have this put into her school planner. This appointment is for you to come into school with her and meet with her Tutor. The appointment will be between **1.30 and 4.30pm on Wednesday 18th October.** The Tutor may be able to accommodate you if you request a particular appointment, so please communicate this by using your daughter’s planner.

The Tutor will have a copy of her settling –in report for you and will be able to discuss the outcomes with you during the appointment. You will be given a copy of this settling-in report to take home with you.

Your daughter will be dismissed at **12.25pm on Wednesday 18th October** and will be expected to go home to return with you in her full school uniform to attend the appointment. I am afraid we do not have the capacity to look after your daughter, after 12.25pm, so you **MUST** make arrangements for her to leave school and only return with you at your appointment time. We hope you will find this appointment useful and we look forward to meeting with you.

If your daughter is entitled to a free school meal and wishes to order a packed lunch to take with her when she leaves school at 12.25pm on Wednesday 18th October, please ask her to see **Ms. Fearon / Ms. Famiglietti by Friday 13th October.**

If you have any concerns or questions about the “Settling-In Afternoon”, please contact your daughter’s Tutor or her Progress Leaders, Ms. Fearon or Ms. Famiglietti.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope this will be a useful meeting for you.

Ms. Fearon or Ms. Famiglietti,
Year 7 Progress Leaders,



The Dignity Bag Appeal

Just over two weeks ago we asked students, parents and carers to support this appeal, which was brought to our attention by Abbey in Year 11. The response has been awesome!

Our students have totally embraced the cause and we are now awash with green WSFG PE bags, full of sanitary and hygiene items, for girls and women, who do not have these basic items.

We cannot thank you all enough for your enthusiasm, encouragement and support in this.



The bags and basket loads of additional items were collected on Thursday morning from school by the local organisation responsible for bringing this idea to our school. They are then driving all donations down to Brighton from where they will be shipped across the world to refugees from Syria, Iraq and the Middle East.

So sometime in November, we imagine our beautiful green PE bags being in the proud possession of girls similar in age to our students, on the other side of the world! Thank you so much for your kindness.

Ms Famiglietti
Student Progress Leader Year 7



Information for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been brought to my attention that a number of students in various Year Groups throughout the school have head lice at the present time. At school we are not entitled to make any head inspections, the responsibility for treating head lice lies with the Parents / Carers.

There is more information contained within this Greensheet. It suggests how to treat the problem if it occurs. If you suspect your daughter has head lice, it must be treated systematically and the full instructions on the treatment lotion must be followed until she is completely clear. If some of the eggs remain, she will continue to have lice as they do breed quickly. The lice and eggs may take a number of treatment sessions to eradicate. The recommendation is that the whole family is treated at the same time as head lice are very easily passed on. Recommendations about the best lotions and treatments can be made by your chemist or pharmacist.

If your daughter does have head lice and she is being treated for them, there is no reason to keep her away from school, but it would be useful for you to inform us so that we are aware.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Ms Pratt
Assistant Headteacher

Please see Greensheet dated 21st September for more treatment information.

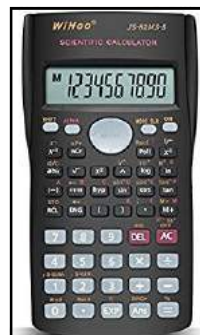
Scientific Calculators

Dear Parents/ Carers

We now have a stock of scientific calculators available to purchase.

They are available from the **Maths Office for £7 each.**

The Mathematics Faculty.



Information for Year 11 Students College Lunchtime Visits

Staff from various Colleges and Sixth Forms will be coming in during Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes to deliver speeches about the courses available for Year 11s to study. They will be able to give details about their school/college and answer any questions your daughter may have. These talks will be in the **Hewett Hall** and if she wishes to attend she must be seated in the hall by **12:40pm**.

The dates for these visits will be updated regularly in the student bulletin, Greensheet and on the school website.

The first three visits have been booked in and they are:

Monday 9th October – George Monoux

Tuesday 10th October – London Academy of Excellence

Monday 16th October – Walthamstow Academy

These sessions are optional but obviously they will help her decide where she would like to continue her studies when she leaves WSFG.

If you have any questions please see Ms Warren.

100% Attendance for Academic Year 2016-2017 Raffle Entries



The following students were amongst twenty eight students across the school entered into the prize draw for achieving 100% attendance during the last academic year 2016/17. They have all received a special postcard from the headteacher

Each of the raffle winners listed below received an ipod shuffle.

Ladchumi 8S (formerly 7S)

Anna 9C (8C)

Ann 10G (9G)

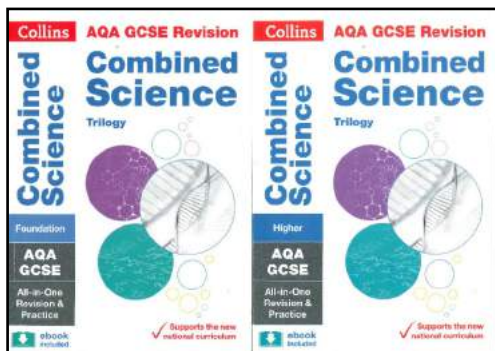
Zoe 11H (10H)

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager

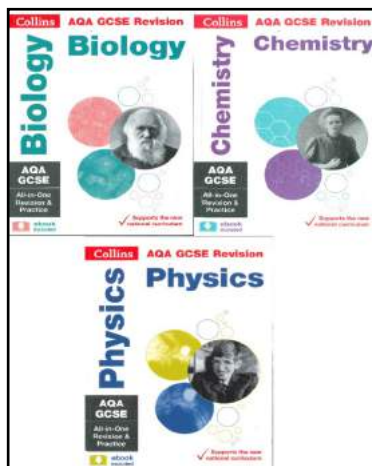
Year 9 & 10 Science GCSE Revision Guides.

The Science Department will be selling AQA GCSE Science Revision Guides to Years 9 & 10 from Student Services at a much reduced price.

Your daughter is now able to buy them from Student Services for the following prices:



Combined Science
(Higher or Foundation)
£8.00 (list price £16.99)



Triple, Higher tier only
(For students taking separate science)
£11.00 for all 3 books
(list price £32.97)

We would like to encourage all students to purchase the guides as they will be a great aid to revision and learning.

Students entitled to Free School meals are able to purchase the books at half the price, £4 for combined, £5.50 for triple.

Mr Kerr
Head of Science

Focus of the Fortnight
9th – 20th October 2017.
Noise and Movement in the school corridors

Dear Parents / Carers,

All members of our school community are asked within the Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code to move around the school “calmly, safely and quietly”. We also always walk on the left in school corridors and staircases etc. If students behave in a dangerous, noisy or inappropriate way in the school buildings or grounds, they will be spoken with by a member of staff and will have their conduct card signed. It is in the interest of all members of our community to move calmly, safely and quietly around the school at all times. Thank you for your support in this and all school matters.

Ms. Pratt

Assistant Headteacher

- The Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code states that we move around the school “calmly, safely and quietly”.
- It also states that we walk on the left.
- The corridors are not for social gathering as they need to remain clear.
- Respect the “Fresh Air Days” and go outside when required.

The Sanctions.

- The student breaking these expectations will be spoken with by a member of staff
- The student Conduct card will be signed if this expectation is not met by a student.

Ski Trip 2018 – Years 8 -11

Dear Parents/Carers

Places are now available on this year's school ski trip.

The trip will take place from the evening of **Thursday 28thst March** until the morning of **Friday 6th April 2018**. This is the first week of the Easter holidays.

We will be travelling by coach to **Crans-Montana in Switzerland**

The trip will cost **£850** this year.

If you are interested in sending your daughter on this trip, please ask her to collect more information and a booking form from Ms Famiglietti in room G68.

Completed booking forms and a £200 deposit cheque (made payable to Walthamstow School for Girls) should be given to the School Finance Office as soon as possible, as we only have thirty two places for this very popular school trip.

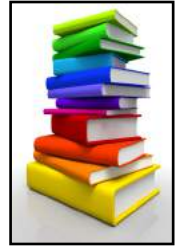
Many thanks

Ms Famiglietti
Ski trip organiser



OVERDUE LRC BOOKS

There are currently 299 books that students have not returned to the LRC. This represents at least £2,392 worth of books that are not available to other students!



Reminders have been sent out, so please support the school and your daughter by making sure that she returns her books to the LRC. If she has lost the book, you will be asked to pay for a new book.

If the book is not returned, your daughter will have to attend a detention at school, on **Wednesdays from 3.30 to 4.00pm**.

She will be given a letter to take home and you will also receive a text message. Evidence from exam results shows that students who develop a regular reading habit do better in their exams.

So keep reading!

Ms Kelly and Mrs Guest
LRC

Year 11 BME Student Conference Friday 27th October

There is an opportunity for Year 11 BME (Black and Ethnic Minority) students who are aiming for mainly A/A*/9/8 grades to attend a conference at the University of Cambridge.

Interested students will need to fill out the online application form, and be able to make their own way to Cambridge over half term.

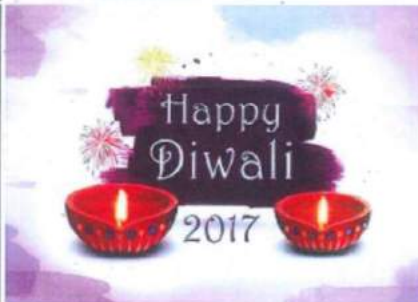
It is also necessary to ask one of your teachers, who knows you well, to be a named referee. Please speak to them before filling out the form.

Follow the link for more information and see me if you have any questions.

<https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/access/bme-student-conference-student-information-form/>

Ms Robinson
Challenge Coordinator

WSFG Diversity Calendar for the month of October



October
2017



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1							1
Week 2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Week 3	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Week 4	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Week 5	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Week 6	30	31					

Last Quarter
 New Moon
 Full Quarter
 Full Moon

Special Days

- 1st International Day of Older Persons - Africa - Iran
- 2nd International Day of Non-Violence - Peace of the Ganges Angkor - Children
- 4th World Breastfeeding Week - Catholic Christian
- 5th World - Australia
- 16th Birthdays of One Billion - UN
- 18th World Mosaic Week Day
- 19th International Day of the Girl
- 19th World Night Day
- 23rd World Hand - Australia
- 19th International Day of World Women
- 16th World Parent Day
- 17th International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 19th Saint Luke, Apostle & Evangelist - Christian
- 19th Edward - Despondent - Week, 5th, 2nd
- 20th World Child Slaves - UN
- 20th New Year - India
- 21st Gifts of the Bible - Israel
- 22nd Birthdays of Babu's Bab - Israel
- 23rd World Bullion Day
- 23rd International Women Assessment Day
- 23rd African Bridge Day - Christian
- 27th World Mother Day
- 28th International Women's Day
- 30th World Mother - FC
- 31st 23rd World Day - Christian
- 31st World (Wednesday) - Sabbath - Wood/Hop/Hat/Horn and Southern Hemisphere
- International Day - Protestant Christian

All events begin on the evening of the day.

Enterprise Challenge Day Winners Trip to The Shard



The winning team of an enterprise challenge day with students from Willowfield Humanities College visited the Shard last Friday. It was an amazing trip, the students were a credit to both schools and it was a pleasure to accompany them. Here is what they had to say:

The Shard was amazing! The view and lighting were also great! It would be good to organise more trips with other schools to build our social skills.

Ann 10G

The view was breath-taking and a fantastic experience for a school student. It expanded our mind to the world around us and developed our GREEN skills.

Karthika 10W

The Shard was amazing! The view was beautiful! It was great to organise a cross- school trip too.

Jessie 10S

The trip was really good as it was really nice to go with another school and meet new people. The view was amazing and I would definitely recommend it! Thank you very much!

Laila 10S

Ms Desbenoit.
Year 10 SPL / Diversity Co-ordinator.

FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

Walthamstow School for Girls

Thursday 19th October 2017

7.00 p.m.

Tickets £5.00 per person

Adults only - open to staff, parents,

alumnae and friends over 18

Bring YOUR own food and drink

Deadline for booking a table Friday 13th October

To book a place please contact

Lesley Winter on: 020 8509 9410

Or email

lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk



We are thrilled to announce our first ever HighTide Festival in London - HighTide Festival Walthamstow - in partnership with Waltham Forest Council and Arts Council England and in association with the National Theatre.

Over the course of 12 days, we'll present a diverse programme of outstanding live performance, including three headline theatre performances, comedy, cabaret and music. Our hub is the Festival Square, situated in Walthamstow Town Square Gardens next to [Walthamstow Central](#) - only 20 minutes from central London. Here you'll find our state-of-the-art temporary theatre, [The Mix](#), our box office, bar and local food vendors.

If you are travelling by tube, take the exit to your left at the top of the escalators, coming out through the Walthamstow bus station. You will then see the festival site on your left hand side.

Three minutes walk away is [Mirth, Marvel and Maud](#), our partner venue, where we will present readings, performances by brilliant local artists, and free late night parties.

We're looking forward to meeting you soon!



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Information for Year 11 Students



Medicine 4The Masses

The definitive medical application
and personal statement booster

Over 500 unique experience points to elaborate and discuss in your
personal statement and interview

Key course summary

- Work experience in a lecture based format
- Access to unlimited personal statement reviews
- Fully peer-reviewed and evidence based course material
- Lectures by medical school interview panel, international
- performance coaches, elite performers and academics
- Not another "how to" course, but pragmatic and directly applicable experience

Student suitability

- This course is suitable for students from GCSE through to A-Levels, pre and post personal statement submissions, with a certain interest in medicine

More detailed information:

www.oslersroom.com/sub/Medicine4TheMasses

Tickets: £35; tickets will fully book, limited places

This event will not run again

Date: 18th November 2017

Time: 08.30am - 5.00pm

Location:

Perrin Lecture Theatre, Bizard Institute

4 Newark Street, London E1 2AT

Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry

Queen Mary University of London

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School Calendar for 2017-18

Autumn Term 2017

Start: Monday 4th September

End: Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 12th October

School closure 2.30pm open evening

Friday 13th October

Staff Inset Day school closed to students

Wednesday 18th October

Year 7 Settling in afternoon

Thursday 19th October

Alumnae quiz night 7pm

Half Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Tuesday 31st October

Year 8 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

Wednesday 1st November

Year 11 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

Monday 6th–

Friday 24th November

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Thursday 9th November

Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Tuesday 14th November

Year 7 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

Tuesday 21st November

Year 9 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

Spring Term 2018

Start: Thursday 4th January

End: Thursday 29th March

Thursday 25th January

Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Thursday 22nd February

Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Thursday 15th March

Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -

Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April

Thursday 26th April

Year 7 Parents'/Carers' Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Summer Term

Start: Monday 16th April

End: Friday 20th July

May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Monday 14th May

Year 11 GCSE Examinations

Friday 22nd June

Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June