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SCHOOL CALENDAR
Autumn Term 2017 End: Wednesday 20th December
Monday 6th– Friday 24th November Year 11 mock examinations
Thursday 9th November Year 10 parents carers subject evening 4-7.30pm
Tuesday 14th November Year 7 Parent /Carer Information Evening 6-7pm
Tuesday 21st November Year 9 Parent /Carer Information Evening 6-7pm
Tuesday 12th December Community Party early closure (details to follow)

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HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to see so many of you in school, supporting your daughters’ education this week.

The first Year 7 Sharing Evening, a musical event introduced to WSFG this academic year by Ms Bradshaw, our new Head of Music, was very well supported on Monday evening. Year 7 students performed songs and Vanessa (7H) played a violin solo to an appreciative audience of parents and carers. Well done to all the students who took part and thank you to Ms Bradshaw and other members of staff who made the event successful.

Parents and carers were very positive following last week’s Parent Information Evenings for Years 8 and 11 and previously for Year 10, another new initiative introduced this academic year. Several took the time to write to me, which was much appreciated. Parents and carers of Years 7 and 9 will have the opportunity to attend the Year 7 evening on Tuesday (14th – 6.00-7.00pm) and Year 9 the following week (21st) (see pages 3 and 4). At these evenings parents receive information specifically relevant and important to the whole year group from their Student Progress Leader and other members of staff.

Only eight percent of Year 10 parents and carers were unable to attend their Parents Subject Evening on Thursday 9th. Short appointments were made for individual students and their parents/carers to receive feedback from their subject tutors on their daughter's progress and attitude to her work in that subject.

On Wednesday there was the last of the Year 9 workshops run by the Royal Navy in collaboration with Groundworks. Teams of students presented their designs for a community friendly green space to a panel of invited judges. The judges were impressed by the way students collaborated on their designs and some of the ideas produced, so judging was difficult, however the winning team was Team 1. Congratulations to the girls in that team (*Victoria, Leila (9W), Khadijah, Zahra (9C), Ruby, and Tulin (9S)*). We hope that some of them will be able to work with the architect when work begins on the space in Cheyne Walk. We thank the Royal Navy and Groundworks for the opportunity to participate in the project.

I would also like to thank all those involved in raising funds for Dominica Day on Thursday, in particular our guests: Jane Grell a local poet originally from Dominica who came into school to entertain students with poetry, storytelling and songs during lunchtime; and Mrs Johnson from the Goodwill Secondary School in Dominica, our link school which was tragically destroyed in the recent hurricane. News will follow regarding our fundraising in the next few weeks.

This week ends with a theatrical event when more than twenty WSFG students take to the stage at Stratford Circus to perform in *The Tempest* (Friday 10th) as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. They have been rehearsing hard for this, under the guidance of Ms Wallace and Ms Cornford. I understand the evening has sold out and I am sure it will be a huge success as well as a memorable experience for the students.

Next week sees the start of the Year 11 written mocks. Good luck to all our Year 11 students with these examinations.

Finally, I would encourage you to Back the Bid for Waltham Forest to become the first London Borough of Culture. Please see page 12 for further information.

Best wishes
Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Year 7 Parent / Carer Information Evening
Tuesday 14th November

Dear Parents / Carers,

You are invited to our Year 7 parent/carer Information Evening on **Tuesday 14th November** in the Hewett all. The doors will open at **5:45pm** for a prompt 6:00pm start.



The aim of this Information Evening is to provide you with details on: key events your daughter will need to prepare for this year including:

Assessment System/ Measuring Progress
Accelerated Reader
Green
E-Safety
Introduction to our Safer School Officer.

We would like all students to be supported at this meeting by an adult, no student will be allowed to attend without a parent or carer present. The Information Evening is expected to finish at approximately 7:00pm.

If you have any further questions regarding the Year 7 Parent Information Evening, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gunzi, Deputy Headteacher responsible for Key Stage 3, or one of the Student Progress Leaders for Year 7.

Ms Fearon and Ms Famiglietti
 Student Progress Leaders Year 7

Polite reminder to parents and carers

Please do not stop or wait on the road markings outside the school.

This endangers the lives of our students and the local community.

Thank you



SCHOOL — KEEP — CLEAR

**Year 9 Parent/Carer Information Evening
Tuesday 21st November**

Dear Parents / Carers,

You are invited to our Year 9 parent/carer Information Evening on **Tuesday 21st November** in the Hewett Hall.

The doors will open at 5:45pm for a prompt **6:00pm** start.



The aim of this Information Evening is to provide you with details on: key events your daughter will need to prepare for this year including:

Assessment
E-safety
Green rewards
Introduction to GCSE Options
Science at Key Stage 4

We would like all students to be supported at this meeting by an adult, no student will be allowed to attend without a parent or carer present. The Information Evening is expected to finish at approximately 7:00pm.

If you have any further questions regarding the Year 9 Parent Information Evening, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gunzi, Deputy Headteacher responsible for Key Stage 3 or myself.

Kind regards,
Ms Jean-Baptiste
Student Progress Leader Year 9

Year 11 Mock Examinations 2017

The Year 11 Mock Examinations begin on **Monday 13th November and finish on Friday 1st December 2017.**

The MFL speaking mocks begin on **Monday 4th December and finish on Friday 8th December 2017.**

Students should have received copies of their individual Mock Examination timetables via their Form Tutors before half-term and there are details of these mocks on the school website:

<http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/page/?title=Exams+Information&pid=91>

Please ensure all students are in full school uniform and have all the equipment they need for these exams.

Many thanks.

Mrs Brickett
Examinations Officer

MyBnk Workshop
Thursday 16th November



Dear Year 7 and 8 Parents and Carers,

Here at WSFG we understand the importance of preparing students for real life as much as we can. As part of this, we provide some workshops to our students on financial capability. The workshops are delivered by a fantastic organisation called MyBnk.

Year 7 and 8 workshops will take place in school on Thursday 16th November for part of the school day.

Please check our website for further information. Click on the link at the top of the home page called 'Study with us' then follow to 'Extra-curricular activities and enrichment' and then 'financial capability'.

Many thanks.

Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher

100% Attendance for October

Below are the attendance figures for October 2017 and total so far. Winners postcards for the month of October are in form tutor pigeon holes ready to share with their form groups and pin on your noticeboards.



Well done to 7C, 8C, 9S, 10H & 11H for being October winners.

Year to date winners are 7C, 8C, 9G, 9C, 10S and 11F. Don't forget, winners for each term receive a Form treat and 100% attenders receive a new star badge. Our Headteacher will also be sending postcards to the successful forms.

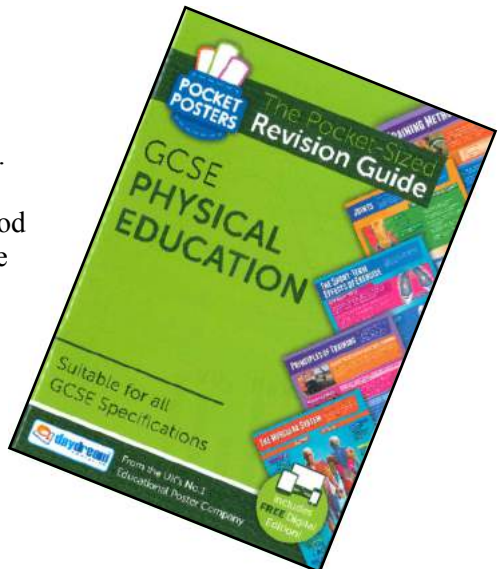
Ms King
Student Attendance Manager

GCSE PE Revision Guide

The P.E. department have available revision guides for sale for £2.50p each.

Please ask your daughter to see Ms Wood if you would like to purchase one in the PA office.

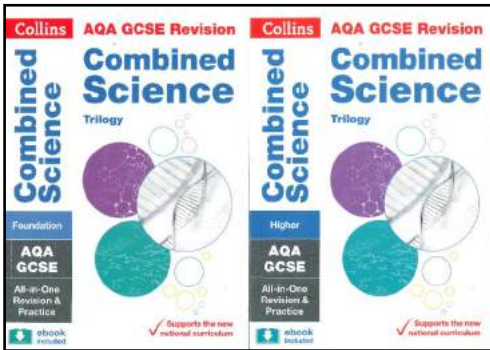
Thanks
Ms Wood



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:

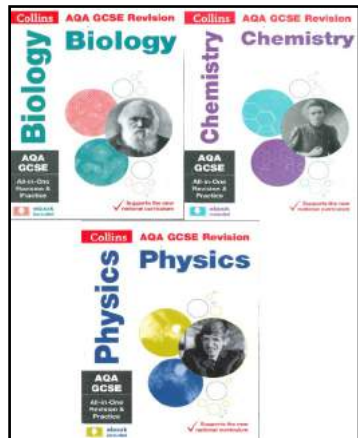


Combined Science
(Higher or Foundation)

£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 guide(s) 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.

PLEASE NOTE: *If your daughter is paying by cash to Student Services, can you please ensure she has the correct money as change is not always available. The preferred method of payment is by sQuid.*

Mr Kerr
Head of Science

Christmas Card Competition- Open to all Years 7-11



**Inspired by someone you
have studied in Art**

Deadline: Monday 13th November

Please pass entries to the Art Department

**MUST INCLUDE the school logo or links with
the school. MUST BE inspired by someone
you have studied in ART**

GOOD LUCK 😊

Community Christmas Party.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year at WSFG we host a community Christmas party. This is a very special event which is really important to us when the whole school comes together to organise a celebration with food, gifts and entertainment for the elderly members of our community. We like to show them how much we appreciate and value them and to make sure they have a good time with some great company.

This year, our community party will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 12th December.

We are starting to organise the event and to send out invitations to our elderly guests.

If you have any elderly relatives, neighbours, friends or contacts who you would like to invite, please provide us with their full name(s) and address(es) so that we can contact them. This could be via phone (020 8509 9446) email (info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) or via your daughter(s).

Additionally, if you have any unwanted (brand new) gifts that we could offer our guests, please send them to the humanities office via your daughter(s). Last year was one of our best ever community parties and, with your support, we'd like to make sure this year is even more memorable.

Thank you.

Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher



Our School History

I came across this poem and illustration by Edna Wilsdon in the December 1933 edition of *IRIS*, our school magazine. The poem is based on Poe's 'Annabel Lee' and the illustration by Edna is in the style of Aubrey Beardsley, who illustrated many of Poe's work.

I hope you enjoy both the poem and the illustration and I am sure you will agree that Edna was a very talented former pupil.

Ms Kelly

LRC Manager

Elizabeth Lee.

(With apologies to Edgar Allan Poe.)

IT was many and many a year ago
 In a cold grey house by the sea,
 That a child there lived whom you may know
 By the name of Elizabeth Lee;
 And this maiden she lived in that house all alone,
 In the cold grey house by the sea.

She lived all alone, and her soul was as wild
 As the chill wind blown o'er the sea,
 And the strange, wondering eyes of the questioning child,
 Of the child Elizabeth Lee,
 Loved the scuffling and ruffling of everything blown
 By the chill wind over the sea.

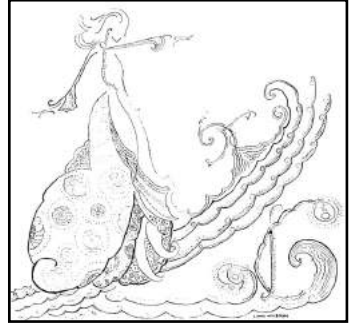
But the days one by one madly rushed from her grasp;
 And quiet, by the still, dull sea,
 Thin misty shadows of doubt and of fear
 Stole over Elizabeth Lee.
 She suddenly felt that her spirit was waiting-
 For what could the waiting be?

She could not look on the sea with joy,
 Or exult in the shock of the wind;
 For the new-born fears of her soul did destroy
 The one-ness of her mind,
 For the things she had known assumed new depths,
 Peace she could not find.

Until one night in her cold, grey house
 By the shore of the still, dull sea,
 Her spirit was called from its longing and doubt.
 The soul of Elizabeth Lee
 Was named and flamed by a wind of fire
 That blew o'er the still, dull sea.

A chill wind blows o'er the still, dull sea,
 Bearing the soul of Elizabeth Lee.

Edna Wilsdon.
 Iris Dec 1933



World War One

Exhibition at Wood Street and Hale End
 (Highams Park) Library, 7th to 18th November

“GO!”

The display is from Walthamstow School for Girls archives, with an emphasis on women. It includes, War Weddings, Poetry, Refugees in Wood Street, 'Our Boys', Fundraising in Australia, Nursing and Suffragettes. We also have diaries from women stranded in Europe, detailing their journey back home.



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Back the bid

@Wfculture19

Waltham Forest is bidding to be the first London Borough of Culture in 2019

Launched by the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, the London Borough of Culture competition will bring over £1 million to the winning borough to stage a world-class programme of cultural events and activities.

Being awarded the title would bring huge economic and social benefits to local residents and businesses, as well as attracting visitors - from London, the United Kingdom and abroad - to Waltham Forest.

Ours is a vibrant borough - home to many creative people, historic

buildings and diverse communities with a rich heritage. We believe our borough is the perfect canvas on which to showcase and celebrate London.

However there's still much that can be done to improve our residents' life chances, boost the local economy and enhance the borough as a whole.

Winning will give us the international kudos and attract partners to deliver even more in terms of culture for residents and businesses, and bring amazing opportunities and investment into the borough to achieve even more.

Back the bid

Pledge your support and get your
family and friends to sign up too!

wfculture19.co.uk

Get involved on social media, and tell us why
you think Waltham Forest should win



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The jj Foundation Photography Awards for Young People



The jj Foundation Photography Awards for Young People is an opportunity for 13-25 year old students. This competition is free to enter, all you need is a maximum of three digital images within any of the following categories: portrait, landscape, street photography, still life/art and fashion.

Follow the links below to some resource packs with more information about how to take the perfect shots in each category, created by a professional photographer. You can see an example [here](#) or see the [Eastside website](#) for more information.

Prizes include:

- 1st prize - 1 day of professional studio hire in jj Studio London, with advice from the team's photographic assistants and a Nikon DSLR camera.
- 2nd Prize - 1 week work experience at jj Studios and a Nikon DSLR camera.
- 3rd Prize - Nikon DSLR camera.

Each category winner will receive an image printed by Touch Digital Fine Art Printers, following the exhibition in our London office

Students have until 30th November to apply for this competition.

For full information and how to apply please visit the [competition website](#). This is an excellent opportunity for talented, motivated pupils with a passion for photography .

For further details

Call the office on **020 7033 2380** or email Hannah on hannah@eastside.org.uk.

English Conversation Classes Hale End Library

Every Wednesday from 1st to 21st November -

Free English Conversation Classes at Hale End Library, Highams Park, E4

Time: 4:15 pm

For more details email conversationclub.als@walthamforest.gov.uk or www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk or phone 020 8496 1130

Candlelit tours of St Mary's Church Friday 24th November

Experience St Mary's Church by candle light and discover the fascinating stories behind the stones with a guided tour.

Tour times 7.45pm, 8.02pm, 8.25pm

Free

No need to book, arrive 5 minutes before tour time.

Free refreshments.

Regret unsuitable for children under 8 years

Event repeated Friday 1st December

7.30 –9.00pm

For more details contact

Jaqueline Baker

bakere17@yahoo.co.uk

walthamstowchurch.org.uk



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School Calendar for 2017-18

Autumn Term 2017

Start: Monday 4th September End: Wednesday 20th December

Monday 6th–

Friday 24th November

Thursday 9th November

Tuesday 14th November

Tuesday 21st November

Tuesday 12th December

Thursday 14th December

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Year 10 Parent/Carer Subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Year 7 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

Year 9 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6-7pm

Community Party early closure (details to follow)

Carol concert 7pm

Spring Term 2018

Start: Thursday 4th January End: Thursday 29th March

Thursday 25th January

Year 11 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Thursday 22nd February

Year 9 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Thursday 15th March

Year 8 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -

Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April

Thursday 26th April

Year 7 Parents/Carers Subject 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