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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The outcome of the school's Ofsted short inspection in February has now been posted on the Ofsted website. All parents and carers should have received a text with a link to a copy of Ofsted's letter on the school website, together with a letter from me explaining the outcome and an extract from the Schools' Inspection Handbook produced by the Department for Education in April. The outcome received was the best it was possible for us to achieve under the existing Ofsted Framework – the school remains "good" and Ofsted witnessed sufficient good practice to recommend that our next inspection is a longer inspection, which could lead to an "outstanding" judgement for the school. Please see the website for further information <http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/page/?title=2018+Inspection&pid=2273>

Thank you to all the Year 7 parents/carers who attended the Parent Subject Information Evening on Thursday, it was good to see you in school again and I hope your daughters are making progress with their studies and enjoying the many activities on offer to them here.

This week fundraising has continued for the Zanzibar trip with a Dancing in the Dark event at lunchtime on Thursday attended by KS4 students, giving them an opportunity to enjoy a moment of

relaxation before their examinations. Later that evening there was more dancing for some of our students as Ms Wood took a group from Year 10 to a Step Into Dance competition at Mulberry School for Girls in Tower Hamlets.

Many of you will have watched the London Marathon in the heat last weekend and may have been inspired by the thousands of runners taking part (which included one of our Parent governors)-I know some of our staff were. Two of our Year 9 students were representing the London Borough of Waltham Forest in the Mini Marathon, having qualified in the u13 age group. Please see p7 for details. Well done Aoife and Ruby!

We are looking forward to the launch of the GREEN project next week for our Year 7 students and to the exhibition later in the year.

Any quizzers out there should be sure to book a table at the Alumnae Quiz Night next Thursday (over 18s only). Please see p9. The last quiz was great fun! Tickets are available from Ms Winter.

Finally, my good wishes to all GCSE students taking their performance and practical examinations in Drama, Art and P.E. this week and next.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

WSFG parent awarded Freedom of the Borough

It was an honour last Thursday to accompany a small group of student representatives to the Town Hall for a special Council Meeting to witness the Freedom of the Borough being awarded to two inspirational women, Hibo Wardere, a WSFG parent, and Leyla Qalbi Hussein. They were given this award by Council Leader Clare Coghill in recognition of their indefatigable work fighting against the barbaric practice of FGM. The girls were invited to observe the Council Meeting as well as spend some time chatting to the two guests of honour about their campaigning work. The girls have in fact pledged to invite them both to WSFG to speak about this work to a new cohort of student campaigners, so watch this space for more news. Hibo also offered to donate more copies of her book 'Cut: One Woman's Fight Against FGM in Britain Today' to our LRC. Below are a couple of observations from the students:

Last Thursday my peers and I went to the Town Hall and listened to continuous debates as well as two miraculous women get rewards. We were luckily given the chance to talk to them after the rewards were given. Their inspirational words inspired us all and gave us power that we never knew we had. I hope to have them in school with us soon to enlighten everyone with their beautiful words.

Jasia 9C



On 19th April, 2018, several students and I went to the Town Hall to honour the Award Ceremony of Hibo and Leyla with the Mayor. We took pictures, witnessed the ceremony and had a chance to ask questions and talk with Hibo and Leyla. They were awarded for their fight for women's rights and against FGM. Leyla made a movie about this, whereas Hibo wrote a book about FGM called 'Cut'. I am very delighted that they are going to visit the school, hopefully, and do activities with us.

Vanessa 7H

Thank you to Safa 10W, Fatma 10C, Erin 9W, Evan 9W, Jasia 9C, Olivia 9C, Emma 9S and Vanessa 7H- you all represented the borough's students in an exemplary way!

Ms Davies
Headteacher



Focus of the Fortnight
Lunchtime Behaviour
23rd April – 4th May 2018.

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is about the Lunchtime Behaviour of the students. All students are allowed in their Form Rooms at lunchtime but to ensure that good behaviour is maintained there is a clear Lunchtime Code they have to follow. This is displayed on the wall of each Form Room and Students are now familiar with its contents. All students are expected to follow the Code and Form Rooms are required to be clean, tidy and ready for learning and teaching at the end of break and lunchtime. Each Form Group has two “Room Reps” who have extra responsibility in ensuring that Form Rooms are used well and are ready for lessons.

Thank you for your support in this and all other school matters.

Ms. Pratt
Assistant Headteacher.

The Sanctions

If a student breaks the Lunchtime Code, she will be excluded from her Form Room for two lunchtimes. She will spend one of those lunchtimes in the Duty as arranged by her Student Progress Leader. The conduct card will be signed.

Remember

- Fresh air day rules to be observed for all Year Groups
- The school has a clear Lunchtime Code for use of Form Rooms which is on the wall of every Form Room in the school. Doors must be open, lights on and students seated on chairs etc.
- Please respect the fact that you have the privilege of going into your Form Room and ensure that it is used following the code at all times.
- If the code is not followed, individuals or the Tutor Group will be locked out of the room by the SPL.

Information for Parents /Carers

Lunch Money Loans

It has become apparent that the number of students borrowing money for lunch has increased dramatically this school Year. Lunch money loans should be for ***emergency purposes*** only.

Walthamstow School for Girls offers a Top-Up facility via **sQuid** enabling both students and parents to check balances, top-up lunch money, pay for trips and other sundry items at their own convenience. An automatic Top-Up can also be activated ensuring your daughter never runs out of money.

A reminder to parents/carers that if you wish to pay for your daughter's school meals by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'Olive Dining Ltd'.

All students have also been given usernames and passwords to enable payments to be made online via our **sQuid** system (see the school website for details). If you would like a reminder of your daughter's username and password please contact Student Services.

Ms Jolliffe
Student Services



Lost Property

Reminder to parent's/carers.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled.

Students are reminded that you can collect lost property at **3.30pm** every day.

Parents and carers may also collect lost property **any day after school.**



Ms Jolliffe
Student Services

Year 7 Green Exhibition

As we mentioned at the Year 7 Parent Information Evening, we will be launching this Year's Year 7 **GREEN** project and exhibition next week.

This is an opportunity for the Year 7s to showcase their **GREEN** skills (**G**rowth, **R**esilience, **E**nergy, **E**mpathy, **N**ewness) as well as making progress in their subjects.

There are two key dates:

Friday 4th May (morning) – GREEN project launch

Thursday 28th June 4-6pm – The GREEN Exhibition

The project theme is '**Identity**'. All Year 7s will be working on finalising their best work to display for the exhibition. Every one of our Year 7 students will be displaying a self-portrait and a piece of poetry. It is important that they work hard to make sure they present their best work and that they feel proud of their work.

The exhibition will also act as a fundraiser event for a good cause – we will announce the name of the charity nearer the time as we are currently finalising this with students.

If your daughter is elected as a **GREEN** rep, she will be playing a major part in organising the event. We really look forward to working with her on this.

Please do support this event by:

- ◆ Speaking to your daughter about the launch and about how her work is going over the next few weeks
- ◆ Coming to see the exhibition on Thursday 28th June
- ◆ We will also be asking for food and prize donations nearer the time and will be looking for a celebrity guest. Please do contact us if you can help in this area.

Thank you in advance for all of your support – we look forward to seeing you in June.

Ms Philippou and Mr Jones

Two Year 8 Girls compete in London Mini Marathon

Two Year 8 students represented Waltham Forest at an event at the London Marathon last week.

After qualifying as two of the six fastest girls in the under 13 age group for the London Borough of Waltham Forest, *Aoife* and *Ruby* in Year 8, competed against runners from all over the country in the London Mini Marathon last weekend, in record breaking temperatures, to run the 5km race from Blackfriars Bridge to The Mall along the River Thames and past the houses of Parliament, Big Ben and Buckingham Palace to finish strongly in front of thousands of spectators down the world famous last 200 metres on The Mall.



Aoife finished in a brilliant time of 21 minutes, and 34 seconds, finishing 75th in the whole of the UK in her age group

Ruby, who also ran the race last Year, finished in 24 minutes and 53 seconds.

Both girls received medals for their efforts and vowed to return for the 2019 race.



Our School History

Following on from Interform last week, I would like to share with you the article from the November 1906 edition of the 'Iris' magazine. It is describing Sports Day and the various races. I still can't figure out what a 'flat' race is and the 'spearing a potato race' sounds scary!

Ms Kelly
LRC Manager

The Sports.

Our Sports were held on June 20th. The day was beautiful, although perhaps a trifle hot. The visitors were seated on chairs, round the field, striving to be as much in the shade as possible.

The first item on the programme was the Fancy Skipping. This was very pretty and everyone joined in.

Following this was the Spearing Potato Race, for which were offered a first and a second prize. These were won by Ethel Dann and Girlie Foxon respectively.

The children from Form 1. and Preparatory then had a competition all to themselves, namely, Bouncing the Football. The opposite sides were adorned with green and yellow bows.

The yellows, headed by Violet Norwood, came off victoriously.

The next proceeding was the Egg and Spoon Race, which Olive Cooper won, Dora Cross being second.

The Three-Legged Race then took place. Elsie Cotching and Gertrude Allen came in first, with Beatrice Norwood and Ruth Holdstock second.

The Flat Race for girls over thirteen was won by Elsie Cotching, and Olive Cooper took the second prize.

The Junior and Senior Drill was a very interesting and instructive item.

The Backward Flat Race was won by Ethel Dann, and Elsie Bennett came in second.

The last item was a Tug-of-War between the old and present girls. The latter being victorious.

During all these proceedings, many of the visitors were glad to be supplied with tea, which was served on small tables scattered about the part of the grounds not used for the Sports.

The profits from the tea were £1 16s. 3d., which went to the School Games Club.

All then gathered round to see the distribution of the prizes, but owing to some delay they had not arrived. The girls, however, received them at school two or three days afterwards.

Many votes of thanks were given, including one to Mr. Hallows, who, for the second time, had so kindly lent his field.

Helen Mercer

With the success of the last quiz night, please put this date in your diary for May 2018. Donations of raffles prizes greatly welcome. These should be taken by your daughter to Student Services.

WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

ALUMNAE FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 3rd May 2018

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

Tables of up to ten

Booking essential

To book a place please contact

Lesley Winter on:

020 8509 9410

Or email

lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

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TEDEd Club Talks Event

**A fantastic opportunity
OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS**

Tuesday 8th May 2018 6pm – 8pm

Sir George Monoux Sixth Form College

Chingford Road

London

E17 5AA



In TED Ed club students work together to discuss and celebrate creative ideas. Club leaders receive TED Ed's flexible Clubs curriculum to guide their school's club and to help inspire tomorrow's TED speakers and leaders.

Students from Monoux will give 2 minute talks on various topics, here are just a few:

- Misconceptions of oppression in Islam
- Does our money really belong to us? (tax)
- The effect of capitalism on our identity
- Personal development
- Mental health
- Building a legacy
- Animal testing
- Social obligations/expectations for the black female in the corporate world
- Fairer pay for doctors/nurses (They look after us, but does the government look after them?)

See **Ms Robinson** if you would like to attend.

School Calendar for 2017-18

Summer Term

Start: Monday 16th April End: Friday 20th July
 Thursday 26th April Year 7 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7pm

May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Monday 14th May - Year 11 GCSE Examinations
 Friday 22nd June

Half Term

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School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3rd September to Wednesday 19th December 2018

Monday 3rd September 2018 Staff Training Day - School closed for students

Tuesday 4th September 2018 Lessons begin for students - Week A

Thursday 11th October 2018 Early school closure at 2.30pm for Open Evening

Half Term: Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October

Tuesday 11th December 2018 Early school closure at 2.30pm for Community
 Wednesday Party 19th December 2018 End of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Half Term: Monday 11th February to Friday 15th February 2019

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019