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Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term
2017 End:
Wednesday
20th December

Monday 6th
November.
Year 7 Music
Sharing Evening
6pm.

Monday 6th–
Friday 24th
November
Year 11 mock
examinations

Tuesday 14th
November
Year 7
Parent /Carer
Information
Evening 6-7pm

Thursday 9th
November
Year 10 parents
carers subject
evening
4-7.30pm

Tuesday 21st
November
Year 9
Parent /Carer
Information
Evening 6-7pm

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Assemblies this week have focused on the Island of Dominica, where we are linked with the Goodwill Secondary School in Roseau. Some of our Year 9 students delivered an assembly on the effect of Hurricane Maria in September which devastated the island, including the school, which has been largely destroyed. The students are putting a great deal of effort into raising funds to help the school as it struggles to recover and will be holding Dominica Day to focus on fundraising events next Thursday (9th November) see page 8. This includes a visit from the link teacher in Dominica and Jane Grell, a local poet and storyteller originally from Dominica who will be reading stories and poetry in the LRC at lunchtime. Congratulations to: Kesia, Saffa, Reyhan, Brianna, Sapphire, Raum, Eva, Zalyka and Alicia in 9C and Destiny in 9H for delivering an informative assembly to the whole school.

All our Year 8 students have now visited the Old Vic to see 'The Lorax', adapted for the stage from the Dr. Seuss book. Thanks are due to Ms Cornford and other members of staff involved for making the arrangements to give the students this opportunity. We received a call from a plain clothes Police Inspector following the recent Year 9 trip to the Unicorn Theatre to compliment us on the behaviour of our students, in particular their kindness towards an elderly gentleman on the Northern Line. He said the girls had been "helpful, polite and pleasant" and was surprised to see children so "well behaved and well spoken". I commend these girls for being a credit to our green uniform.

Congratulations to the students who won the Year 7 borough football competition last year and were this week presented with their winners' medals by Ms Careless-Pye (Jessica and Sylvie 8F, Molly 8G, Deja, Julia and Swain 8H, Ruby 8C and Jessica 8W). We hope the team's winning streak will continue in this year's league!

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers in school on Tuesday evening for the Year 8 Parent Information Evening and on Wednesday evening for the Year 11 Parent Information Evening. These meetings are a new initiative for the school, aimed at providing greater parental communication and engagement. As well as sharing lots of information specifically relevant to each year group, Parents and Carers are invited to join our Parents/Carers' Forum and to participate in on-line parent/carer surveys and/or face to face focus groups. If you were unable to attend your daughter's Parent Information Evening this week but would still like to be participate then please email info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk and leave your details. Year 7 and Year 9 Information Evenings will be held later this month (see page16).

Year 7 students and their Parents/Carers will be back in school on Monday evening (6th November at 6pm) for their Music Sharing Evening. Admission is by ticket, available in advance only from Ms Bradshaw. Year 7 Students will be sharing what they have produced in their music lessons this term and it promises to be an enjoyable evening.

On Thursday next week (9th November) Year 10 Parents and Carers will be coming into school for our Parents'/Carers' Subject Evening where they will have an opportunity to meet with their daughter's teachers. If your daughter is in Year 10, she should be now making appointments for you with her subject teachers. The first appointment is at 4.30pm and appointments finish at 7.00pm. I look forward to seeing you all there with your daughters as this is the first such evening for you to discuss how she is settling into her GCSE studies.

Finally, my good wishes go to any families or colleagues who will be celebrating Guru Nanak's birthday at the weekend.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Year 10 English Check Point Information

Dear Parents and students

All year 10 students will be sitting a checkpoint exam on An **Inspector Calls on Friday 3rd November**.

Students should be revising what we have covered in class in preparation for this exam. This is an important opportunity for pupils to demonstrate the progress they have made since September and to cement their understanding of the text for their final exam in year 11. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the English department.

Ms Wilkins

Year 10 Parents Evening Thursday 9th November 2017

Your daughter will be making appointments between **4.30 to 7pm** with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress

We encourage all Year 10 students and **their parents / carers or a family member** to attend this consultation evening to discuss their daughter's progress and strategies to help them achieve their full potential at Walthamstow School for Girls.

It is a **crucial event** as it is your daughter's only parents' evening this year with an opportunity to discuss her GCSE targets with subject teachers.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Desbenoit
Student Progress Leader, Year 10.

The Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, the period of Remembrance.

Students wishing to purchase a poppy can do so from Student Services. Thank you for your support.



Ms Janes
Administrative Manager

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS 2017

The Year 11 Mock written 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.

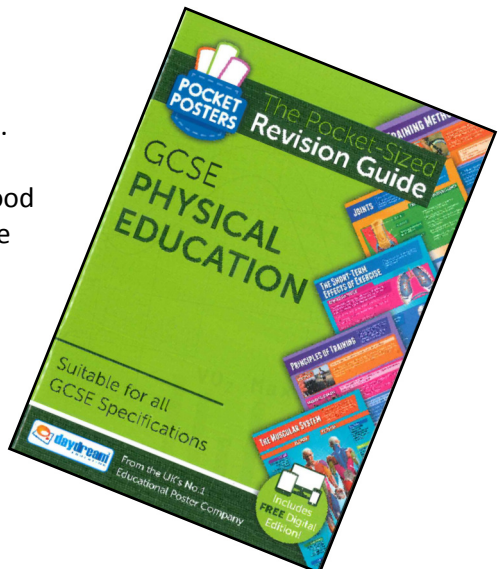
Mrs Brickett
Examinations Officer

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



Focus of the Fortnight
30th October – 10th November 2017
NOT Chewing

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is on Chewing.

All students are clear that chewing gum is a **banned item** and is therefore not allowed in school. If a student is found to be chewing on school premises, she will have her conduct card signed and will get an automatic one hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team.

Please support the school by ensuring your daughter does not bring chewing gum into school and please do not bring chewing gum into school yourself if you are visiting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Pratt
Assistant Headteacher
October 2017



All students are clear that chewing gum is a banned item and must not be brought into school.

Sanctions

If a student is caught chewing in school, she will have her conduct card signed and will get an automatic one hour detention.

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Award Applications



Applications are now open for Year 10 students to be considered to take part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. There are 24 places available. Students should write not more than one A4 sheet on why they would like to participate and give this to Student Services no later than 7th November.

Further details of the scheme can be found at <https://www.dofe.org/>

Ms Black / Mr Jalil / Mr Shackson

Ski Trip 2018 – Years 8 -11

There are a few places STILL 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 coming, please see Ms Famiglietti in room G68.



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 😊

Dominica Day

Thursday 9th November 2017



TO THE WHOLE WSFG SCHOOL COMMUNITY

You may be aware that we are linked with Goodwill Secondary School, Roseau, Dominica

Sadly, during the recent hurricane Maria, parts of the school were destroyed, along with much of the island of Dominica. Recovery from this will be lengthy and difficult.

We really want to show our support and so will be holding a

Dominica Day on Thursday 9th November

We are currently looking into whether the money raised on the day can go directly to support the Goodwill School, or whether this will need to go to the main relief fund for Dominica.

Here are some of the activities we will be running:

Assemblies to raise awareness during the week before

'Wear a colour from Dominica' day – 50p donation per student payable in advance

Dominica Flag Badges – 50p each

Dominica inspired lunch thanks to Olive Dining

Raffle (prizes to include Love to Shop vouchers)

Possible Dominica inspired story telling / poetry reading LRC lunchtime

Some of the Year 9 students and our Charity Reps are working really hard to make this a success and I want to thank them for their Energy and Empathy.

We have contacts in Dominica and will be sending photos of our day to Goodwill Secondary School, together with our donations.

We would also really appreciate your support. If you are able to make a donation, please feel free to bring it to the school office in advance or on the day, or send it in with your daughter for one of the collection buckets.

Many thanks for your support and generosity!

Ms Philippou, Assistant Headteacher

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. (early closure details to follow).

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 could 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



BLACK HISTORY MONTH – IDENTITY TO ME

Ella 11G performed an amazing speech in an assembly just before half term to celebrate Black History Month entitled “*Identity to Me*”. I am so proud of her, it is reproduced below:

12% of the world’s population are mixed race and I am one of them. Being the daughter of a finally non-segregated society, you would think people wouldn’t ask questions, but one of the most common questions I get asked is “What are you?”.

People talk to me like I’m some kind of unidentified object, or that dodgy crisp you find in a crisp packet, my reply to that question should go a bit like this:

My name is Ella Palmer and I am 15 years old; my immediate heritage is Ghanaian, Caribbean, British, my mum is black and my mum is white.

But because of the unfortunate sake of common simplicity I just say I’m mixed race.

*Mixed race is a totally inaccurate term used to describe the 12% of the population I belong to. We all come from the same human race; therefore there simply **cannot be a mixed raced**. Instead I would rather be called mixed heritage, as it is my lineage and culture that is mixed rather than my right to be human.*

Another thing I have found is that, people constantly try to apply me to a certain stereotype but I’m always either too black or too white. This just proves that no matter who you are, society is always there to try and place you in a box, with a derogative, insensitive label to go with it.

*There are more than 7 billion shades of melanin
So why are there only four colours we can think in
Black, white, yellow and red*

*Four little words we can’t get out of our heads
I’m not a light skin, mixed race or half caste,*

*For they are words that we should leave in the past,
No matter your skin colour, religion, gender, or sexual orientation,
It celebrates the contributions of an ethnic minority group,
Through stories of oppression, triumph, success and hope,
We live in a century of appreciated diversity*

*Where the colour of our skin is not all we aspired to be
But instead inspires and educates the people around us
Recalling memories from our lifetime and of our past*

*And I am very proud to say
That looking at all of you here today,
We are beautiful in every way.*

WSFG Diversity Calendar for the month of November



ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਜਯੰਤੀ
Guru Nanak Jayanti
Nov 4



November
2017



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

November is Epilepsy Awareness Month | Lung Cancer Awareness Month |
 Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month | Mouth Cancer Action Month | COPD Awareness Month |
 Adoption Month | November

☐ Last Quarter ● New Moon ○ First Quarter ○ Full Moon

Special Days

- 1st All Saints' Day - Christian
- 1st National Stress Awareness Day
- 2nd All Souls' Day - Christian
- Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie I - Rastafari
- 4th Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev - Sikh
- 5th Guy Fawkes Night
- 7th Dedication of the Lalan Baitali - Catholic Christian
- 11th Armistice Day - Interfaith
- 12th Remembrance Sunday
- 13th World Endless Day
- 14th World Diabetes Day
- 14-18 Anti Bullying Week
- 15th Holyday fast begins - Orthodox Christian
- 19th International Men's Day
- 20th Universal Children's Day
- 21st Transgender Day Of Remembrance
- 22nd Thanksgiving - Interfaith USA
- 24th Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur - Sikh
- 25th International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- Careers Rights Day
- Day of the Covenant - Baha'i
- 26th Feast of Christ the King - Christian
- 27th Ascension of Abdul'Isa - Baha'i
- 30th Saint Andrew's Day - Christian
- Bank Holiday - Scotland

All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before.



Alumnae Quiz Night Success

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Alumnae Fundraising Quiz night last month. There was a wide range of groups represented at the event, including local schools, parents, staff, family and friends.

The winning table included a contingent of the school support staff, who scored 97 points out of a possible 130 points.

Everyone really enjoyed the night and we were able to raise **£418.50**.

Funds raised will be used to ensure that our extensive school archive, dating back to 1890, is preserved and used by both present and future generations of our school.

A special thanks goes to everyone who contributed to the event, either in time or raffle prizes and who helped to make the evening so special.

And lastly, the evening would not have happened without the help and support of the Alumnae, who give freely of their time to support activities at the school.

Ms Kelly and the Alumnae committee

The new archive storage



Body & Soul

ADOPTION SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Providing additional, focused support for children and young people who have been adopted to enhance their resilience, relationship-forming skills, adoption network, and regulation proficiency.

Saturdays 12.30pm-4.30pm

Initial 4 week programme followed by monthly reconnection days

Reg Charity No. 1060062

- ♥ The aims of the programme are to increase children and young people's feelings of safety, enhance their self-regulation, help them to develop a positive self-image and improve self-esteem, give them a greater sense of control over their own life and support the development of secure attachment.

In line with Body and Soul's whole-person approach, our programmes utilise group-based, age-appropriate therapeutic methods to support our members in transforming attachment and behavioural problems. These include Theraplay, dance therapy, music therapy, drama therapy, Dialectical Behaviour therapy (DBT), and mindfulness therapy, run by qualified practitioners. Our team includes registered teachers, social workers, clinical psychologists and child psychologists, as well as peer mentors.

Young Explorers 8-12 years
Teen Spirit 13-16 years
& Parent's Place for all
parents

For more information Call 0207 923 6880
 e-mail rebeccab@bodyandsoulcharity.org
 Eligible for Adoption Support Fund funding

Body & Soul

Legacy Youth Voice Applications Now Open



The application process for the next cohort of young people to be part of the Legacy Youth Voice is now open.

It is a unique opportunity for young people to be a part of the Legacy Youth Voice, a young diverse group bursting with ideas and insights, helping to shape the future of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and creating opportunities for young East Londoners.

You can see a brief video about the group and what they do [here](#).

These are the broad criteria they are looking for in the young people who apply:

- Aged 14-18
- Resident or studying in Hackney, Newham, Waltham Forest or Tower Hamlets
- Passionate about making a difference
- Desire to develop skills around communications
- Desire to develop themselves, gain new skills and build on existing ones

Keen to work with other young leaders to help influence and shape their Community

You receive training in areas such as leadership and communications, and get the chance to develop their skills and work with other young people as part of one of the most unusual and special youth programmes in the UK.

The online application form can be accessed with [via this link](#).

The deadline for applications is **Sunday 3rd December 2017**.

KIDS GO FREE

THE SSE WOMEN'S FA CUP FINAL
 Saturday 5 May 2018, Wembley Stadium



MAKE DREAMS GOALS

The SSE Women's FA Cup Final is back! Have you booked your seat at Wembley yet?

The game attracts record crowds every year with thousands of children, parents, schools and junior football clubs all in attendance.

Remember, adult tickets drop to just £7.50 when you book as a group of nine or more.

Come together to celebrate the very best in women's domestic football and be part of history again.

KIDS GO FREE
Adults £15

BUY NOW

Prize draw

Buy tickets for nine or more people by Sunday 12 November, be it for a school, a football club or just a group of friends, and you could win free coach travel to and from the game.

And if you buy general admission tickets for The Final you will automatically be entered into a prize draw to win x4 Club Wembley tickets to an England Men's Senior fixture.

[Prize draw Terms and Conditions](#)

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School Calendar for 2017-18

Autumn Term 2017

Start: Monday 4th September

End: Wednesday 20th December

Monday 6th November.

Year 7 Music Sharing Evening 6pm.

Monday 6th –

Friday 24th November

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Thursday 9th November
7.30pm

Year 10 Parent/Carer Subject Evening 4.30 –

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

Thursday 14th December

Carol Concert 7pm

Spring Term 2018

Start: Thursday 4th January

End: Thursday 29th March

Thursday 25th January
7.30pm

Year 11 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –

Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Thursday 22nd February
7.30pm

Year 9 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –

Thursday 15th March
7.30pm

Year 8 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -

Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April

Thursday 26th April
7.30pm

Year 7 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –

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