



# GREENSHEET



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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all enjoyed the spring break, certainly our students have returned with renewed enthusiasm for the term ahead. My thanks to those members of staff who enabled Year 11 students to continue their examination preparation in school during the holidays and to Mr Morrow and his team (Ms Wood and Mr Fowler) for organising and accompanying our students on another enjoyable ski trip to the Alps - some photographs are shared in this edition of Greensheet. Thanks also to Ms Careless-Pye, Ms Dominique and Ms Robinson who accompanied a group of Year 8 students to the Houses of Parliament during the holidays as part of WSFG's participation in the Inspire programme in collaboration with some other local schools.

In the final week of the Spring term, the Year 8 netball team enjoyed success against Frederick Bremer School. Belated congratulations to the team, who were: Molly and Grace (8G), Morenike and Deja (8H), Jai-Ming, Sylvie, and Jessica (8F), Rachel and Rebeca (8F) and Roya and Jessica (8W). We wish them continued success this term.

It was exciting to return to school to find the mosaics, prepared in our art rooms last term, finished and proudly displayed on the school wall in Church Hill for the whole community to enjoy.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April Year 7 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7pm

May Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Year 11 GCSE Examinations

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They look splendid and I would like to congratulate local artist, Maud Milton, who instigated the project, designed and created these impressive mosaics with some help from ourselves and other members of our community including our local MP and local Councillors. More information on this and other activities in school during the Spring Term is available in the Bumper Greensheet, to be issued shortly.

Students in Years 7-10 have enjoyed competing in the Summer Interform this week and thankfully the weather has been beautiful, allowing this to take place out of doors.

On Thursday evening a few of our students were invited to accompany me and represent WSFG at a Special Council Meeting at which two local women were awarded the Freedom of the Borough. Some of these students stayed on for part of the Council meeting that followed to witness the formal start to the meeting and see the local democratic process in action. One of the recipients of the Freedom of the Borough, Hibo Wardere, a WSFG parent, was recognised for her national campaigning work to raise awareness of and fight against FGM.

I look forward to seeing the parents/carers of the Year 7 students again next week as they come in to meet for the first time formally with their daughters' subject tutors. Students in Year 7 should be making appointments with their teachers on their parents' behalf for the Parents Subject Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April between 4.30-7.00pm.

Finally, please remind your daughter that her behaviour outside of school, especially when wearing the school's green uniform, reflects on the whole school community and there are high expectations of behaviour from both her teachers and her parents and carers. We are fortunate to enjoy a beautiful school building and lovely grounds, recently enhanced by the addition of the mosaics to the school wall in Church Hill; there is a strong tradition of pride in having attended Walthamstow School for Girls which we are determined to protect. It is therefore important that all our students maintain exemplary levels of respect for the local environment and community at all times and this includes leaving plants in their natural habitat on the way to school, irrespective of how enticing they may appear.

Meryl Davies  
Headteacher

The mosaics on the school wall in Church Hill



**Year 7 Parents' Evening**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**4.30pm – 7pm**

Year 7 students are starting to make appointments with their teachers to meet with parents /carers to discuss their progress over this school year, and how we can ensure that they achieve their full potential.

It is extremely important that **all** Year 7 students and their parents, or carers, attend this consultation evening, especially as there is much to be celebrated. We are confident that you will support us in this. We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Famiglietti and Ms Fearon  
 Student Progress Leaders, Year 7.

**Focus of the Fortnight  
Lunchtime Behaviour  
23<sup>rd</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> 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



### 100% Attendance for March

Well done to 7C, 8C, 9C, 10H and 11S for being March winners. Postcards have been displayed on your notice board.



Year to date winners are 7C, 8F, 9S, 10S & 11S.

Don't forget, winners for each term receive a form treat and 100% attenders receive a new star badge.

Our Headteacher has also sent postcards to the successful forms.

Ms King  
Student Attendance Manager

## 40 Years of Steel Pans at WSFG

With the help of the alumnae committee, the evening to celebrate 40 years of steel pans at WSFG was a fantastic event.

It also succeeded in raising in the region of £2800 to help maintain the pans.



The event was organised by tutor Richard Murphy, who has taught steel pans to students for the past 34 years, including several generations of the same families.

The funds raised will be used to tune, repair and replace the school's steel pans, the most popular musical instrument among our students.



Over the years, the school's steel bands have grown in size and reputation, performing locally, nationally at the Royal Albert Hall and internationally in Prague, Paris and Barcelona.



The senior bands, made up of students in Years 10 and 11, have reached the finals of the National Music for Youth Festival several times. A number of girls have gone on to study music at university and some now teach the steel pans. The concert's programme included performances of works by Paul McCartney, Burt Bacharach, Zack Laurence and Frederick Chopin.



Current and past Heads of Music  
Michael Burstow, Anne Loveluck and  
Helen Bradshaw, with Richard Murphy

Richard Murphy with ex-players

A full report can be found in the Spring Greensheet plus.

## Our School History

Here is a poem for some of you dog-lovers out there - to get you over the loss of Crufts from the TV. I found it in the 1949 edition of the 'Iris' magazine. Miss Hooper, as well as teaching, used to run 'Ranscombe Kennels' and specialised in breeding Spaniels.

Ms Kelly  
LRC Manager

### The Dog's Pow Pow.

*Within the bounds of County High School,  
Walthamstow's great County High School.  
All the "Powers that be" decided  
They would have a show for canines.  
Have a lovely show for canines.  
First and foremost 'mongst the urgers  
Was our well beloved Miss Hooper,  
Respected and revered Miss Hooper:  
Three and sixpence was the wampum.  
Was the fee to enter "Rover."  
Many came, and many brought  
Canine friends, all barking madly.  
And the air was filled with barking,  
Filled with noises made by spaniels,  
Made by labradors and bulldogs;  
Some dogs were all brown and furry.  
Others black and sleek and shiny;  
There was one like strings of liquorice  
Very like a long black sausage:  
There were dogs of every species,  
Known to us or known to others.  
Suddenly a hush fell on us,  
All was quiet but for barking.  
Then a voice in tones insistent,  
Tones that carried o'er the ether.*

*Gave a message, clearly, and asking,  
All the dogs who in the first class  
Were competing, that were present,  
"Come into the grassy clearing,  
Stand around our luscious green-sward,  
First parading all together,  
And then, singly, come toward me,  
And go through your simple paces."  
Every winner proudly marching,  
Marching proudly came with owners,  
First the best dog of those present,  
Then the one in best condition,  
After him the most appealing.  
Then 'twas time to hurry homeward,  
Hurry home through dreary showers,  
We'll remember, we'll remember,  
And we'll show our cards and murmur,  
"These I got at County Dog Show,  
Got when barking dogs abounded."*

Hiawatha Hirschinson And Minnehaha Rand,  
V.H. Wigwam



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

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Tables of up to ten

**Booking essential**

To book a place please contact

**Lesley Winter on:**

**020 8509 9410**

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**Adults £8, cons £6 booked**  
**in advance**  
**or £10 on the door**

WF Community Hub

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## School Calendar for 2017-18

### Summer Term

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## School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

### Autumn Term 2018

#### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 Staff Training Day - School closed for students

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Lessons begin for students - Week A**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Early school closure at 2.30pm for Open Evening

#### **Half Term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

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

### Spring Term 2019

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Half Term: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### Summer Term 2019

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**