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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Autumn Term 2017 End: Wednesday 20th December
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
Wednesday 1 st November Year 11 Parent /Carer Information Evening 6-7pm
Monday 6 th November. Year 7 Music Sharing Evening 6pm.
Monday 6 th - Friday 24 th November Year 11 mock examinations

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Latin dictum of this week is "Tempus Fugit – time flies"* and it certainly has done this half term, as the school has been so busy. On Wednesday afternoon I was pleased to welcome the parents and carers of our Year 7 students to the school for their Settling in Afternoon meetings with their daughters' form tutors and I hope that they have enjoyed the start to their secondary education.

October is Black History Month and as you will have seen in recent editions of Greensheet we have been celebrating in school with drama, music, art and design, food and a range of activities within every faculty to celebrate Black history; in addition to which our LRC Manager, Ms Kelly, has designed and made some votive candles which she has been selling in the LRC. My thanks to our Diversity and Equalities Rep, Ms Desbenoit, who has co-ordinated the many events that have taken place during the past three weeks, with the finale in assemblies this week of inspiring Year11 speakers *Aaliyah* 11G, *Angela* 11G, *Ella* 11G, and *Renae* 11C.

Several students from WSFG competed very successfully at the Borough Cross Country competition at Jubilee Park on Friday 13th October, at various distances: Years 10/11 4000m, Year 8 3000m and Year 7s 2,600m. Well done to all the students from WSFG that participated, including: Annalie (11W) (1st place), Becci (10W) (2nd place), Molly (8G) (3rd place) Ruby (8C) (16th place) and Malaika (7H) (2nd place) – some very impressive results from our runners.



At the end of last week I received some fantastic news regarding our Artist in Residence, Ms West. After being shortlisted and invited to display her work at the British Ceramics Biennial AWARD in the Midlands this month, she was announced as the winner of the British Ceramics Biennial AWARD 2017 for her

monumental new work (Un)Woven. Part of her prize is a commission for the 2019 British Ceramics Biennial award. The judging panel included the Senior Curator in the Sculpture, Metalwork, Ceramics and Glass Department at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Our students are very fortunate to have access to an artist of this calibre from whom to draw inspiration and learn. My congratulations go to Ms West.

Thank you to the Alumnae Committee for running the Quiz Night on Thursday to raise funds. I am sure it will a very enjoyable event.

A reminder for parents and carers of our Year 8 students that there will be a Parent/Carer Information Evening for them on Tuesday 31st October from 6.00-7.00pm. Please see page 3 more details.

The following evening there will be a Parent/Carer Information Evening for the parents of Year 11 students. Please see page 4 more details.

Happy Diwali to our Hindu families celebrating Diwali on 19th and their New Year the following day. I wish all of our students and their families a restful half term and look forward to seeing the students return to school on Monday 30th October at the usual time.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies
Headteacher



* follow us on Twitter @WalthamstoWSFG

Parent / Carer Information Evening Year 8

Dear Parents / Carers,

You are invited to our Year 8 parent/carer information Evening on **Tuesday 31st October** 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 System/ Measuring Progress
- Accelerated Reader
- Outdoor Pursuits Trip
- E-Safety

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 8 Parent Information Evening, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gunzi, Deputy Headteacher responsible for Key Stage 3 or myself.

Kind regards,

Ms Careless–Pye.

Student Progress Leader Year 8

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 all that they 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

Parent / Carer Information Evening

Year 11

Dear Parents / Carers,

You are invited to our Year 11 parent/carer information Evening on **Wednesday 1st 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:

College Applications (initial guidance on completing these and an overview of the whole process)

Professional Interview Day

Apprenticeships

Year 11 Geography Field Trip

There will also be a session led by the Heads of the English, Maths and Science Faculties on how to achieve the best grades possible and fulfil your potential in core subjects.

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 11 Parent Information Evening, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Kennedy, Deputy Headteacher responsible for Key Stage 4 or myself.

Kind regards,

Ms Warren.

Student Progress Leader Year 11

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property since returning at the beginning of the term.

Any unnamed items not claimed by Friday 20th October may be disposed of.

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

Student leave during term time

A student's absence during term time can seriously disrupt the continuity of her learning. Not only does she miss the teaching provided on the days she is away, she is also less prepared for the lessons building on that after her return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement which we and you must seek to avoid. Therefore, the school **DOES NOT** authorise absence during term time for family holidays or trips abroad.

Parents or carers do not have the right to take their daughter(s) out of school for holidays and the school will only grant leave of absence in truly exceptional circumstances.

A student who is absent longer than ten days after an agreed return date, or without authorisation, can legally be removed from the school roll.

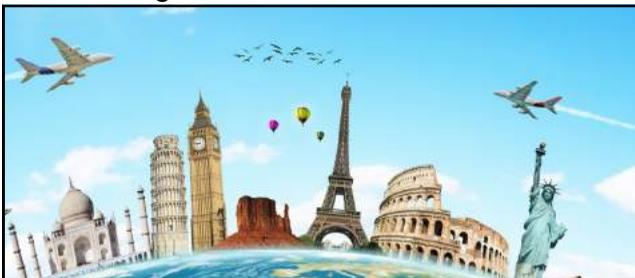
Parents or carers who take their daughters out of school without the authorisation of the Headteacher face court action and a fine.

In considering whether or not to authorise leave of absence, the school will look at each case individually, taking into account a student's overall attendance, her stage of education, (e.g. examinations), and the reason for the absence. It is very rare that any student is granted leave of absence.

Leave of Absence forms can be obtained from the school office and all requests should be submitted to our Attendance Manager **at least four weeks before the first day of requested absence.**

Arrangements for trips should **NEVER** be made before permission has been sought from the Headteacher.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager



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.

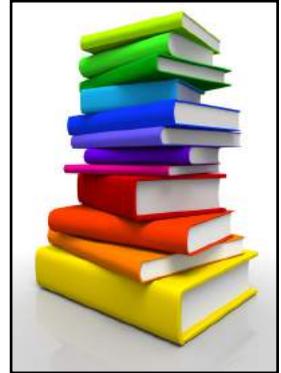
Reminders have been sent out, so please support the school and your daughter by making sure that she returns her books to the LRC. If she has lost the book, you will be asked to pay for a new book.

If the book is not returned, your daughter will have to attend a detention at school, on **Wednesdays after school 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



Big Fella (1937)



Saturday 21st October
Highams Park Baptist Church
E4 9PB
1.30pm for 2pm

Highams Park Society Saturday Afternoon Cinema special for Black History Month

One of the most popular British films of 1937, starring Paul Robeson and Elizabeth Welch and featuring a cast of black actors from that period

After the film, Steven Bourne, who is the late Elizabeth Welch's biographer will give a talk

£250 for members and £5 for non-members.

Tea, coffee and cakes included in the entrance fee

Children free.

Music For Youth Primary Prom



Last week our Year 11 Steel Band had the honour of performing at the Royal Albert Hall for the Music For Youth Primary Prom. They amazed two audiences of 5000 people with a variety of pieces from television and film. A highlight was their arrangement of *Forcefield* from *The Crystal Maze*.

Our students were a picture of professionalism throughout the day and their collaborative attitude was a testament to their teacher Mr Murphy. They received extremely positive feedback from the organisers of the event and the audience.

Special thanks to Mr Jalil, Ms Careless-Pye and Mr Murphy for making this trip possible.



Ms Bradshaw
Head of Music



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

Walthamstow Wetlands

Walthamstow Wetlands opens on 20th October, see Website for further Details;

walthamstowwetlands.com

Walthamstow Wetlands is open seven days a week between 9.30am to 4pm (October to March) and 9.30am to 5pm (April to September).

The Visitor Centre and Café situated in the Marine Engine House are open daily 9.30am to 4pm (October to March); 9.30am to 5pm (April to September).



Community News

October

SUNDAY 1ST @MIRTH, MARVEL & MAUD

IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT N. JEWISON, 1967, CERT 12
DOORS 7.30PM, FILM 7.45PM, CLOSE 10.15PM £8/£6 CONCS



SUNDAY 8TH @MIRTH, MARVEL & MAUD

A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE ELIA KAZAN, 1951, CERT 12
DOORS 7.30PM, FILM 7.45PM, CLOSE 10.15PM £8/£6 CONCS



SATURDAY 14TH @CENTRE17

THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE CHRIS MCKAY, 2017, CERT PG
DOORS 10.30AM, CRAFTS, FILM 11AM, CLOSE 1PM
£5.50/£12 (CHILD/PARTY PACKAGE), £4 ACC ADULT, UNDER 2S FREE



TUESDAY 31ST @MIRTH, MARVEL & MAUD

GET OUT JORDAN PEELE, 2017, CERT 15
DOORS 7.30PM, FILM 7.45PM, CLOSE 10.15PM £8/£6 CONCS



November

SATURDAY 4TH @CENTRE17

THE RED TURTLE M.D. DE WIT, 2017, CERT PG
DOORS 10.30AM, CRAFTS, FILM 11AM, CLOSE 1PM
£5.50/£12 (CHILD/PARTY PACKAGE), £4 ACC ADULT, UNDER 2S FREE



SUNDAY 12TH @MIRTH, MARVEL & MAUD

CASABLANCA MICHAEL CURTIZ, 1942, CERT PG
DOORS OPEN 2.15PM, FILM 2.30PM, CLOSE 4.30PM £7/£5 CONCS



SUNDAY 26TH @MIRTH, MARVEL & MAUD

BLACK NARCISSUS M. POWELL & E. PRESSBURGER, 1947, CERT PG
DOORS OPEN 2.15PM, FILM 2.30PM, CLOSE 4.30PM £7/£5 CONCS



December

SATURDAY 2ND @CENTRE17

SNOW WHITE & THE 7 DWARFS P. PEARCE, 1937, CERT U
DOORS 10.30AM, CRAFTS, FILM 11AM, CLOSE 1PM
£5.50/£12 (CHILD/PARTY PACKAGE), £4 ACC ADULT, UNDER 2S FREE



SUNDAY 10TH @MIRTH, MARVEL & MAUD

REBECCA ALFRED HITCHCOCK, 1940, CERT PG
DOORS OPEN 2.15PM, FILM 2.30PM, CLOSE 4.30PM £7/£5 CONCS



SUNDAY 17TH @MIRTH, MARVEL & MAUD

HOME ALONE CHRIS COLUMBUS, 1990, CERT PG
DOORS OPEN 2.15PM, FILM 2.30PM, CLOSE 4.30PM £7/£5 CONCS



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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**.

School Calendar for 2017-18

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

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 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