



Greensheet

- 12 November 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope you and your families had a restful half-term and are keeping well. Although last half-term was very busy, we have found it rewarding to be able to teach with fewer COVID restrictions, as well as being able to run educational visits, extra-curricular activities and host visitors. I hope your daughter continues to enjoy all of these opportunities so that we can 'bring out the gift' in each one of our students.



Remembrance Day

Yesterday we held the traditional minute's silence to commemorate those who have died during the First World War and in conflicts around the world. Thanks to our Global Alliance group, students have been exploring the role of Black Africans and soldiers from the Punjab who made significant contributions to the First World War on behalf of Britain. There are some links below, including an interview with David Lammy, which shows how their contribution has been sidelined in favour of white European soldiers. Rather than allowing their stories to be erased, we need to ask questions about this lack of recognition and learn from this in our lifetime.

We will remember them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h04RO5RcQAk>

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/nov/10/records-of-320000-punjab-soldiers-from-first-world-war-uncovered?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

COVID Reminders

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your daughter brings a clean mask to school each day. The use of masks and our one way system have helped to keep infection rates low but I would encourage you to remain vigilant in the following ways:

- Ensure that your daughter tests using the **lateral flow tests** twice per week – testing has been **really crucial in identifying cases**, particularly where students are asymptomatic
- Remind your daughter to bring a **clean mask** to school each day
- Vaccinations are being hosted by the school on November 22nd. If you haven't already registered, please use the link below:

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/covid/2021/walthamforest>

COP26

Students from our WSFG 'Green Group' will be attending a climate panel at the town hall to coincide with the final day of COP26. The event will be opened by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Grace Williams and there will be three speakers addressing the question **'What's your most ambitious idea for how Waltham Forest can tackle the global climate crisis and protect biodiversity?'** I am confident that our girls will have a great deal to contribute. In fact, their voice is more important than ever as we have seen in statements made by Malala Yousafzai and others on 'Women's Day' at COP26:

- "Gender equality cannot be treated as a struggle separate from that of arresting climate change" (Malala)
- Vanessa Nakate, a climate justice activist from Uganda, said: "We cannot have climate justice if more than half the world's population is left behind... The girls who are already most likely not going to be able to go to school or to finish school are from the communities that are already on the frontline of the climate crisis".
- Nakate has pointed to issues such as forced marriage, and said that some girls and young women actually volunteered to be married because their families would then receive payments which might mitigate the impact of problems "exacerbated by the climate crisis".
- The Malala Fund estimates the climate events of 2021 will prevent [at least 4 million girls](#) from completing their education.

Whilst we know that girls are significantly impacted by climate change, they are also powerful agents of change, capable of strengthening a country's response to climate change. A prime example of this is 17-year-old Anjali Sharma who led a [landmark class action](#) – with seven other teenagers – in the Australian Federal Court against Australian government. The court found that the government has a 'duty of care to protect young people from the climate crisis'.

I look forward to hearing about the solutions suggested by our WSfG students at the conference today.



School Events

We thought it would be helpful to inform you of some of our future school events so that you can be prepared.

Autumn Term

- **Year 11s starting mocks:** Tuesday 16th November
- **Year 11 careers dates – now available for all:** Wednesday 1st December – Wednesday 15th December
- **Year 7 Performing Arts Sharing Evening:** Thursday 2nd December
- **Christmas Carol Concert:** Wednesday 15th December

Spring Term

- **Year 9 Options Evening:** Thursday 27th January
- **Year 9 Parents and Carers' Evening:** Thursday 10th February

Anti Bullying week

At WSfG, we have started our focus on Anti-Bullying early this year and are planning a month of activities to raise the profile of this important issue.

The focus month started with a Leadership Anti-Bullying assembly addressing "One Kind Word" which is the theme of the Anti-Bullying campaign for 2021/22.

Progress leaders will be delivering further assemblies on Anti-Bullying looking at different aspects of the theme. Activities for Tutors and their groups have been written to deliver in registrations during the National Anti-Bullying week of 15th November.

These activities will give students and Tutors an opportunity to discuss the issues and to strengthen their relationships.

Posters have been prepared for all classrooms and noticeboards called "Talk To Us". The posters show who students can speak with if they are concerned about any issues, including bullying, and are intended to re-assure and strengthen the message that speaking with a member of staff will support students if they have concerns.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families well for the coming half-term and to thank you for your continued support.

Ms Marriott

Headteacher



Parent & Carer Information

Year 11 Core Mock Examination Timetable

The Year 11 Core Mock Examinations begin on **Tuesday 16th November and finish on Friday 19th November 2021** and a copy of the timetable can be found on the school's website under the Exams Information section.

https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/_site/data/files/docs/777F66331AE202196D83A21BFFA522AA.pdf

All students were given a copy of their core mock examination timetable, together with a Student Guide, via their form tutors before half-term and a copy of the guide can be found on the school's website under the Exams Information section.

https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/_site/data/files/docs/02D47371074F4FCD7DA49276B447CCC7.pdf

If students are too ill to attend, or are late, please telephone the school (020 8509 9446). If the office is closed, please leave a message on the answer phone.

Students are reminded to follow the school's mobile phone rules ensuring they hand their mobile phones to the front office at 8:30am and collecting them at 3:30pm or after their exam(s) have finished.

Many thanks,

Mrs Brickett

Examinations and Assessment Manager

Students with Allergies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The canteen staff have noticed a growing number of students buying food for other students. This is a health and safety issue for students who have allergies and medical conditions and may be given foods that they are not allowed to eat. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing the implications of giving food products to others to your daughter due to the allergens they could contain.

Many thanks for your ongoing cooperation and support,

Mr. Jalil

School Business Manager

Year 11 College Roadshow

Monday 13th December

6pm - 7.30pm

During this term year 11 students will be receiving information about continuing their education after they leave this school.

At WSfG, we have organised a College Roadshow along with many of the local Colleges and 6th Forms who will be available to give information on the courses that they offer.

We hope as many students as possible, accompanied by their parents/carers, will be able to attend.

This year we are splitting the cohort between 2 slots to maintain social distancing.

Students in form groups 11W, 11S and 11F should attend between 6pm and 6.45pm.

Students in form groups 11G, 11C and 11H should attend between 6.45pm and 7.30pm.

The event will take place in the Hewett Hall and masks must be worn.

Thank you

Mr Shackson

Assistant Headteacher/Interim Deputy Headteacher



**Opportunity from the
University of
Cambridge for Year 11**

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Opportunity from the University

If you would like to find out more about researching university courses, this could be for you.

Gonville & Caius 11 Up Online Programme 2022

Deadline: Friday 17 December 2021

The programme will consist of a series after-school sessions via Zoom where the students will gain help researching University courses and engaging with super-curricular activities, as well as hearing about student life and experiencing sample lectures. By taking part in the programme we hope students will

improve their confidence and knowledge in applying to selective universities, and more specifically to Cambridge. Please see the session programme below for further details:

Programme Sessions:

- Monday 17 January 2022 (4:30-5:30pm) Launch Event - Introduction to Oxbridge
- Monday 7 February 2022 (4:30-5:30pm) A level choice and researching university courses
- Monday 7 March 2022 (4:30-5:30pm) Super-curricular activities
- Monday 18 April 2022 (4:30-5:30pm) Student Life at Cambridge- Virtual tour, Day in the Life and Student Q&A
- Monday 16 May 2022 (4:30-5:30pm) Taster lectures

Please ask students to register their interest by completing this short survey form

https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eILIP89RRPqapNA

The deadline for signing up is **Friday 17 December 2021** and students will be notified by Wednesday 5 January 2022 whether they have been successful in gaining a place on the programme. We welcome applications from all students, and we will prioritise applications from high-achieving students with a widening participation background (e.g. Free School Meals, living in care etc).

Any questions, please see me.

Thanks,

Ms Robinson

Challenge Coordinator



Red Box Project

WSfG is pleased to restart the Redbox project for all tutor groups across the school. As you may know, the Redbox project provides a much needed service giving all students access to sanitary products in a discrete manner.

The Redbox project has proved a very popular service in the past, and students have highlighted how important it is to have access to sanitary products when needed.

Unfortunately, the charitable funding for this project is no longer available.

Therefore, we would like to ask anyone in our school community who is able to donate any of the following products to the school's Redbox Project:

- Sanitary pads (new, closed packs)
- Tampons (new, closed packs)

If you would like to donate any of the above products, please send them in with your child to school. Your child should bring them to Student Services, where the products will be distributed across tutor groups to ensure every student has access to sanitary products when needed.

In addition, a supply of sanitary products will be available via Student Services for any student who needs them.

We hope you feel able to donate to this important project to ensure all students have access to these essential products whenever needed.

Ms R Schaber

Associate Assistant Headteacher

Eat or Heat Food Drive



At this time of year, we know that many families in our community can struggle - often making difficult decisions on whether they can afford to buy food for their families or heat their home.

To help support families in our local community, we'll be running a Food Drive between **Monday, 22nd November and Monday, 13th December.**

Each form group will have their own collection point in their form room, and everyone is encouraged to bring in what they can to donate. Prizes will be awarded for the top form in each year group which collects the highest number of donated items!

We encourage everyone to donate as generously as they can to help support families in our local community. We look forward to celebrating how generous the WSFG community can be!

Ms R Schaber

Associate Assistant Headteacher

Accepted Items:				
Large and small boxes	Canned soup	Canned spaghetti	Canned fish	Canned meat
Canned tomatoes	Canned potatoes /	Canned vegetables	Canned fruit	Canned dessert
Sugar	Long Life milk /	Teabags	Instant coffee	Pasta sauce
Squash	Porridge	Pulses	Kidney beans	Chickpeas
Pasta	Rice	Couscous	Noodles	Cooking oil
Soap	Shower gel	Tooth brush	Tooth paste	Shampoo
Razors	Sanitary towels	Tampons	Wash-	
Nappies	Dog food	Cat food	Flour	

1 - All food items must be tins or sealed packs

Faculty News



WSfG Global Alliance (WGA) Opportunity



Christmas Celebrations Around the World

If you're already part of the WGA, or would like to get more involved, this is the opportunity for you!

Ms Schaber is looking for volunteers to create and deliver an assembly to all year groups in the last week of term. The focus of the assembly will be about Christmas celebrations around the world.

You could focus on your own culture or a culture you're interested in finding out more about. And of course we're not just talking about Christmas, but celebrations from any culture which take place at this time of year!

You do not need to be part of the WGA to participate.

Anyone who is interested in helping create and deliver this assembly should see Ms Schaber in the English Office (G12) during break or lunch to register your interest.

Deadline to register your interest is **Friday, 19th November**.

Thank you to the WGA for supporting this assembly!



Art

Aeya (9H) has written about going to see Veronica Ryan's fruit sculptures in Mare Street, Hackney, as part of Black History Month.

Produced by Black British Artist Veronica Ryan who lives in New York.

These sculptures have been made in celebration of those from the Windrush generation and to commemorate what they have given to Hackney.

Ms Wills

Head of Art

Facts and Location of these sculptures:

These fruit sculptures are located in Hackney
central on Mare Street

These sculptures stand at approximately 2-3 feet and
are out in the open for people to see

These fruit sculptures are of fruits native to the Caribbean
and were made by New York / British artist Victoria Ryan

Ryan's three sculptures are of Custard apple (*Annona
squamosa*) Breadfruit (*Artocarpus altilis*) and soursop
(*Annona muricata*)

Some pictures took whilst there:



Soursop (*Annona muricata*)



(Size reference)

Breadfruit (*Artocarpus altilis*)



Custard apple (*Annona squamosa*)



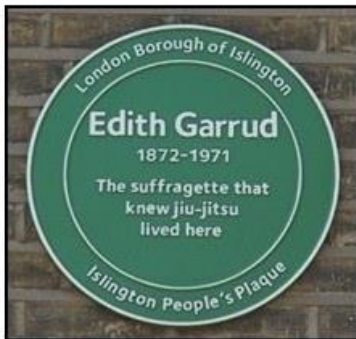
Why are these sculptures significant and how does it relate to Black History Month?

These sculptures despite being 'just fruits' have significant meaning as they are representing honour and show gratitude to the Windrush Generation. A generation that came to England for work and to give their family (and generations to come) better life opportunities and prospects.

During Black History Month people all over the world (different months in different countries) come to honour and remember key Black historical figures that have been forgotten. The people of the Windrush helped rebuild England after the Second World War and took employment jobs that were needed. This is important to remember because even though this generation was helping restore England they faced racism, hate crimes and prosecution. Gradually these people were unjustly kicked out of the country they now called their home and sent to different countries in the Caribbean for not having the correct paperwork to stay despite never receiving them or losing them over the past years. It is important we remember the injustice and hardships these people faced and can reflect and make sure mistakes like this will never happen again.



Roberto Lugo, Roberto Lugo is an American- Puerto Rican potter from Philadelphia -Artist inspiration



green wall plaque-text based

WSfG British Global Icons Ceramic Trail Project

Open to All Year Groups

Would you like to be involved in making a series of ceramic plaques to celebrate British global icons which will be put up around the grounds of Walthamstow School for Girls?

Then come along to the F36 Art Room - Friday Week B - Lunchtime

What British Global Icons would you like to celebrate?

What designs would you like to use for the ceramic plaques? Text/images/patterns etc.

Do you want to be involved? Drawing, writing, or making? All of the above?!

See you there!

Art Faculty



Year 11 Movie Night

Just before half term on Thursday 21st October members of the WSfG Student Amnesty Group organised a movie night. This was to raise money for Medical Aid Palestine and the whole event was organised and run by year 11 students. Tickets were sold to watch the movie and refreshments were also available on the evening.

In total the students raised £301.35 which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to *Anam, Amal, Leila, Maria, Fatimah* and *Aroush* for organising such a wonderful evening. A special thanks also goes to Ms Pratt, Ms Healy, Ms Desbenoit, Ms Cornford and Ms Bradshaw for helping to staff the event.

Ms Warren

SPL Year 11

**HELP OUR SCHOOL TO BUY MORE BOOKS and
GIVE THE GIFT OF READING**



You can buy books through our

Scholastic Book Club by logging on to

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/walthamstow-school>

to browse through the latest books and order online.

Students can also order in the LRC by cash, or pay by

sQuid 'Book Club and Book Fair'.

Books can be delivered to the school or to your home.

THE SCHOOL ACCOUNT IS 'WSFG'

For **every £1 you spend**, our school will earn **25p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order by 1st December, 2021.**

Thank you for your support,

O Kelly



Garden Club

Thanks to **Waltham Forest Bulb Bonanza** we received 350 free spring flowering bulbs. The bulbs will be a signal that spring has arrived.

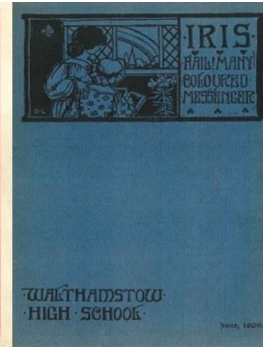
The bulbs we received include Mixed Crocus, Muscari, Mixed Iris and Daffodils.

We look forward to planting them with our girls and any volunteers from our wider school community this term.

What a treat,

Mrs Dominique





School History

As we go into winter and having our flu vaccinations here is a poem from the 1957-8 *Iris* about the flu pandemic affecting staffing and activities, and is entitled 'The Rush Hour' by 12 year old, Christine Holman.

From 1957–1958 there was a global pandemic of influenza, causing between one and four million deaths worldwide, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in history.

Mrs Kelly,

LRC.

RUSH HOUR

*There they go, puffing, blowing,
Catching buses, starting cars,
People out of London flowing,
Typists, workers, bosses, chars.*

*Trains are crowded, buses filling,
London's rush hour at its worst,
People running, money spilling,
Newsboys shouting till they burst.*

*Shops are closing, people leaving
London's busy crowded streets;*

*Trippers homeward bound believing
They have had the best of treats.*

*Tomorrow will be just the same,
People moving up and down,
But then no one will ever tame
The rush hour in our London Town.*

Community Events

Africans in Britain: A Hidden History? 18th November 2021, 6:30-8:00pm Hackney Museum.

The museum is conveniently situated in central Hackney next to the Town Hall Square.

Address:

Ground Floor Technology and Learning Centre, 1 Reading Lane, London, E8 1GQ

Join **Professor Hakim Adi** in this talk exploring how Africans have often been hidden in 'Black British' history. Hakim was the first historian of African heritage to become a professor of history in Britain.

Story Sleuths: The stories of Black Londoners, Museum of London Docklands

30th October 2021 - 30th November 2021

Explore the stories of past Black Londoners with this family-friendly digital trail, illustrating how their legacies have shaped this city and the lives of people who live here today.

School Calendar 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021



- Wednesday 1 September 2021 to Friday 17 December 2021
- Tuesday 16th November - Friday 19th November: Year 11 Core Mock Examinations
- Monday 22 November: Vaccinations
- **Friday 26 November: SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Winter Holiday: Monday 20 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022

Spring Term 2022

- Tuesday 4 January 2022 to Friday 1 April 2022
- Thursday 6th January -Friday 21st January 2022: Year 11 Non-Core Mock Examinations
- Half Term: Monday 14 February 2022 to Friday 18 February 2022
- Spring Holiday: Monday 4 April 2022 to Monday 18 April 2022

Summer Term 2022

- Tuesday 19 April 2022 to Tuesday 19 July 2022
- Monday 16 May– Friday 27 May: KS3 Exam Fortnight
- Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022
- Monday 06 June—Friday 24 June: Year 10 Exams

PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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