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30th March 2017

Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spring Term
End: Friday
31st March

Easter
Holiday:
Monday 3rd
April 2017-
Monday 17th
April

Summer
Term 2017
Start:
Tuesday 18th
April End:
Wednesday
19th July

May Day
Bank Holiday:
Monday 1st
May

Thursday
11th May
Year 7 Parent/
Carers Evening
4.30-7pm

Monday 15th
May-Thursday
26th May
KS3
Examination
fortnight

Monday 15th
May-Monday
26th June
Year 11 GCSE
Written
examinations

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Spring term and look forward to a well-earned rest and some time together with our families, it is hard not to be affected by recent events of violence around the world, and, just last week, only a few miles away from our school. These are hard times indeed for our young people to experience as they reach adulthood. It is frequently said, by older generations, that young people have never had it so good, but is this really the case?

My Leadership Assembly this week was triggered by a recent newspaper article about 'memory palaces' and how the use of such mnemonic techniques can improve our power of recall. These are not new - Ancient Greeks and Romans used them to deliver lengthy speeches without notes. 'Memory athletes' have huge powers of recall, for example, remembering the order of playing cards in under 20 seconds, or 200 new names, faces and telephone numbers in minutes. Yet these people are not born with amazing ability. Scientists have proven that anyone can improve their memory, and after 40 days their brains can resemble those of the 'memory athletes' who trained them.

This is down to focus, perseverance and adapting different learned techniques including association, visual imagery, senses and colour.

This is why we believe Carol Dweck's 'growth mindset' principle is so powerful and our GREEN values (Growth, Resilience, Energy, Empathy, Newness) echo this.

An example of growth mindsets in action was the recitation of Pi by Year 7 students on Pi day last week and in assemblies this week. The girls persevered and learned to recite over a 100 digits from memory - a new experience for them. Congratulations to *Aniqah Jamil (7C)* and *Jai-Ming Kang (7F)* who stood in front of 360 students plus staff and recited from memory over 120 numbers with no prompts!

This week has been a busy one across the school. Some of our Year 11 students were involved in GCSE practical examinations; on Wednesday the PE GCSE students took their examination and on Thursday the Hospitality students organised a tea party for staff and visitors as part of a controlled assessment for their GCSE.

On Wednesday afternoon, some students from Ms Wallace's Year 7 drama club participated in a primary links visit to Edinburgh Primary School where they took part in a workshop and carried out a performance on the topic of India, which the Year 4 students had been studying.

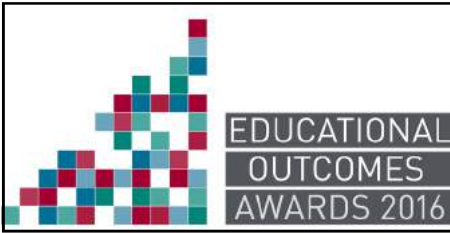
Also on Wednesday, some Year 8 students sold products in a MyBnk Enterprise Event. Just over £400 was raised, which will go to the Year 8 charity, Womankind. There is also an Easter cake sale planned for the last day of term, which will also raise funds for the charity.

And in Year 10 some students attended at a conference on Medicine at Sir George Monoux College.

Also this week there have been the usual activities and others which celebrate the coming of Easter, with Easter egg hunts taking place around the school, one of which has been organised by Year 10 students for Year 7 students in the Greek Theatre.

Have a wonderful, safe holiday, and thank you for your continued support this term.

Best wishes,
Meryl Davies



PRESS RELEASE

Walthamstow School for Girls wins two awards for exceptional 2016 results

Walthamstow School for Girls has been nationally recognised for its exceptional 2016 performance by the Schools, Students and Teachers network (SSAT). Educational Outcomes data analysis from SSAT has shown that the school is in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for both attainment and progress. Indeed, the school has done even better than that and is in the top 3% for progress.

The school's SSAT Educational Outcomes awards will be presented at a regional celebration event held to draw attention to the work of high-achieving, improving and innovating schools and teachers.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said:

“It's my great pleasure to commend Walthamstow School for Girls on their excellent 2016 performance, and to have the opportunity to highlight and share their great work at an SSAT Educational Outcomes celebration event. We know how hard teachers work to ensure the success of every child. SSAT's Educational Outcomes award recognises the professionalism, commitment and hard work of the leaders, teachers and students at Walthamstow School for Girls. A big thank you and well done to the pupils, staff and governors.

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WSFG PRESENTS... A NIGHT OF STEEL PANS

30 MARCH 2017

19:00 HEWETT HALL

TICKETS:

ADULTS £4

CONG. £2

Tickets available from
Student Services



Information for Parents / Carers and Students

The final day of Spring Term is Friday 31st March 2017

ALL lessons 1 – 5 are as normal.

No student will be allowed to remain in school and the gates will be locked at 3.45pm

There will be a normal breaktime and lunchtime offer in the canteen.

Friday 31st March will be a non-uniform day with proceeds going towards the Year Group chosen charity.

The cost of wearing non-uniform will be **£1.00** and must be paid **IN ADVANCE** to Form Reps.

The jewellery rules still apply on this day and lanyards **must** be worn.

The first day of the Spring Term for students is Tuesday 18th April 2017

All Students are expected in **FULL** school uniform and to be in school at the correct time of 8.40am.

The Focus of the Fortnight from 18th April will be on Uniform and Lanyards. This will be a Week B.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!
Ms. Pratt
Assistant Headteacher.

School Attendance Guidance

School Attendance

Effective schools convey their positive regard for regular attendance to parents or carers, students and teachers. Children quickly pick up the message that their presence is important. The twice-daily requirement to register students can and should be perceived as an opportunity for the school to receive students formally from home, and serve as an introduction to the session.

Students are expected to attend school for the full 190 days of the academic year, unless there is a good reason for absence. There are two types of absence:

- Authorised (where the school approves student absence)
- Unauthorised (where the school will not approve absence)

If a student is absent, parents or carers should call the school on the first day of the absence before 9.00am, stating a reason. A note should be sent on the day the student returns to school explaining the absence. The school will then decide whether to authorise the absence. If authorisation were to be refused, for instance if a student was kept off school for a birthday, then the parents or carers would be informed. A note is essential for authorisation of absence.

If contact, explaining the student's absence, fails to be made by parents or carers, then the school will try to contact the home by telephone or text on the initial day of absence.

Since the start of the 2015/16 academic year, a pupil has been classified as a persistent absentee if they miss 10 per cent or more of the school possible attendance sessions. (DFE guide)

Students with 100% attendance during the term will be rewarded by the school with a certificate at an assembly.

Those with 100% attendance for the year will be formally recognised at the end of year assembly.

Family Holidays during Term Time

A student's absence during term time can seriously disrupt her continuity of learning. Not only does she miss the teaching provided on the days they are 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.

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 child 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 10 days after an agreed return date can legally be removed from the school roll.

In considering whether or not to authorise leave of absence, the school will consider each case individually, taking into account a student's overall attendance, their stage of education (e.g. examinations) and the reason for the absence.

New 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.

Lateness

School begins at **8.45am** and all students are expected to be in school, ready for registration at this time. Any student arriving later than 8.45am but before 9.05am should go straight to registration. If your daughter has an assembly however, she should sign in at the gate or school office on arrival and then go to assembly. Students arriving after 9.05am will be required to produce a note from their parents or carers explaining the reason; otherwise they will be marked with having an unauthorised absence. Any student arriving late for school will be detained the same evening for ten minutes.

Students who are consistently late are disrupting not only their own education but also that of others. Where persistent lateness gives cause for concern, further action may be taken.

What can parents and carers do to help?

- Let the school know as soon as possible why your daughter is away.
- Send a note when she returns to school.
- Make appointments outside school time.
- Do not allow your daughter to have time off school unless it is really necessary.

If you are worried about your child's attendance at school what can you do?

- Talk to your child; it may be something simple.
- Talk to your daughter's Form Tutor/SPL/attendance manager.

If it continues:

- The school may refer the matter to the Education Welfare Service.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager

SQUID Payment System Update

How to access the new SQUID online portal



Dear Parents, Carers

If you haven't already done so, you now need to access the sQuid Online services via their new Portal.

You can also download the sQuid App for iOS and Android devices by clicking the relevant links in the App store or Google Play button to download the App to your phone.

You must use this link now for Catering and School Trips & Offers payments. Please ensure that you bookmark this link.

There are 2 ways to access the new portal:

1. Via the "WSFG" website and click on the sQuid icon located in the bottom left corner. Go to "sign in" at the top of the page and select, that will take you to the new "login" page.

Choose the first choice "New sQuid Online Portal" and continue as normal.

2. Login from the internet directly typing in this link address:

<https://portal.squidcard.com/login>

Follow the on screen instructions. Your log in number and email address are the same.

Ms Barbier
Finance Manager

Students must ensure their one card is topped up

You can either top up by a cheque made payable to "Olive Dining" and place it in the box in the Dining Hall before 8.45am each day, or by cash by using the cashloader machine in the student entrance or Dining Hall before 8.45am, at breaktime, lunchtime or after 3.30pm. All cheques will be loaded by before morning break. Any top ups made via the cashloader machine will show instantly on your account.

Year 8 Outdoor Adventurous Activities Trip

Reminder for parents and carers

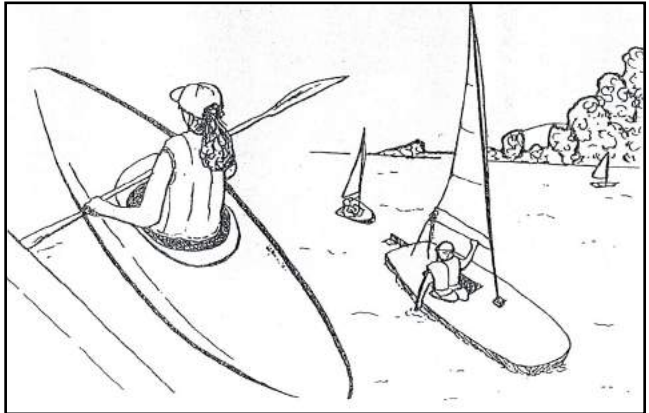
This is a reminder that **payment of £25** for this trip should be paid in full by **Friday 31st March 2017**.

This can be paid by cash or cheque (payable to Walthamstow School for Girls) and handed in to Student Services.

Payment can also be made via Squid through the existing portal, only up until 31/03/17.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding this, please contact me.

Many thanks.
Ms Famiglietti



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled so that it can be easily returned

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.

Any items not collected by the end of term may be disposed of.

Ms Jolliffe
Student Services



DEAR Day – Thursday 30th March 2017

Once again students in Years 7-9 participated in Drop Everything and Read Day Thursday.

The first three lessons of the day were committed to students (and all staff) dropping everything to read for the first 15 minutes of the lesson.

Mrs Jean-Baptiste
Accelerated Reader



Sainsbury's Active school vouchers

WSFG are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active school vouchers.

Message to students:

Please bring them into school and deposit them in the box which will be located outside Norris Hall under the machine where you top up your one card.

P.E. Faculty



Message for Year 11 Students

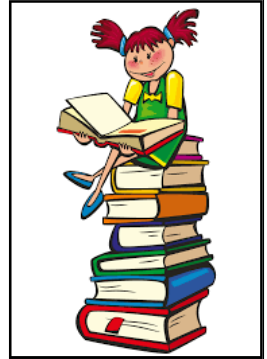
Year 11 Literature Revision - Poetry Lectures

Lectures will be **one hour** and take place in Norris Hall.

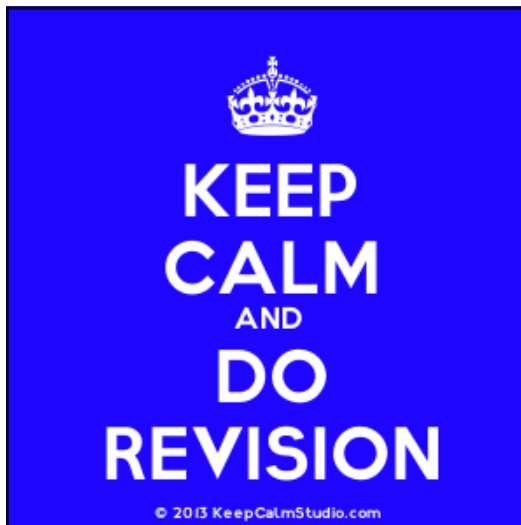
Each lecture is open to all students but you must be punctual (lectures will begin promptly at 3.45pm), you must stay for the duration of the lecture and you must come prepared to listen and make notes in the revision booklet or revision cards provided in lessons. Our first lecture was well attended so don't miss out!

Lecture 5 -
Wednesday 19th April
Mametz Wood
The Soldier
Dulce et Decorum Est

Lecture 6 -
Wednesday 26th April
Hawk Roosting
Ozymandias



Ms Baldwin
Head of English



School History Your Archives Need You

We are in the process of cataloguing our archives with the view in the near future to have a permanent display within the school. If you have any artefacts, photographs or especially your memories of your years at the school we would be grateful if you would share them with us.



We are always keen to keep in touch with alumnae, so if you have any news you would be happy for us to share with other alumnae in a newsletter, please get in touch! We would also welcome photographs to go with any news item too. We will be happy to return your item, please let us know.

There are gaps in some periods of our archive, particularly from 1970-2000. If you have any stories to share, or would like further details please contact:

Ms Winter:

Tel: 020 8509 9410 Or email: lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

or Ms Kelly

Tel: 202 8509 9432 or email: okelly@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Prize giving 1952

Ms Kelly
LRC Manager



Higham Hill Hub!

COG



We would like to take the opportunity to introduce you properly to our community cycling and bike maintenance project, called COG (Community Outdoor Group).



COG's long-term vision is to establish a cycling Hub for the borough, which will run various cycling groups and bike maintenance workshops for the community, for different ages and abilities and we are very excited to have recently received a £10,000 grant to really enable the wider vision of the project to flourish.

COG Groups

Some of the groups will include the following:

1. Go-Ride Club (British Cycling) – young people cycle group
2. Ride Social – Social Cycling Group – inter-generational group
3. Beginner Groups – learn how to ride a bike
4. Disability/accessible cycling & bike maintenance group
5. Women's Only Cycling Group
6. Cycle for Health Groups
7. Bike maintenance workshops - learning how to maintain bikes

COG will have a limited supply of bikes and helmets to provide for group sessions to those who don't have their own bike so that nobody misses out.

Volunteers

COG is also looking for confident cyclists to train as Ride Assistants. You don't need to be a cycling expert or competitive racer, you just need to be confident riding in a group and have a desire to help out your local community, supporting all ages and abilities.

How do I get involved?

To register your interest in COG and/or to find out more information on the project, please email COG at: info@highamhillhub.org.uk

COG at Easter

with this in mind, our popular school holiday free cycle sessions for young people kicks off again this Easter.

Dates: **Monday to Friday 3rd to 7th April and Monday to Thursday 10th to 13th April**

Time: **1:30 to 3:30pm**

Cost: **Free**

Please sign-up in advance by following this link: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HB7ZX9Y

please bring a bike & helmet - there will be a **limited supply** of bikes & helmets to provide for those who don't have access to their own.

See the flyer for more information



**Higham
Hill Hub**

Community Outdoor Group (COG) is a cycling club for all ages & abilities' set up by the Metropolitan Police, Higham Hill Hub & partners. This Easter, the COG team will be putting on **free beginner/intermediate 2 hour rider sessions** for young people. Details are as follows:

Date: Monday to Friday 3rd —7th April 2017 & Monday to Thursday 10th –13th April

Time: 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Age: 8-14 years old

Location: Higham Hill Hub (in Higham Hill Park)

Please sign-up in advance by following this link www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HB7ZX9Y



Please **bring a bike** - there will be a **limited supply** of bikes & helmets to provide for those who don't have access to their own



For more info on COG, to register interest in other COG community cycling & bike maintenance sessions, or if interested in becoming a COG volunteer, please contact us at info@highamhillhub.org.uk



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Ride the Beat - Fitness Classes at the Hub with AI



Ride the Beat Fitness sessions with lovely AI continues every Wednesday and Sunday morning at the Hub. See flyer attached for more information.



AI: info@ridethebeat.co.uk

soon to come....word on the grapevine is the exceptionally popular Lego club is returning to the Hub.....a resident led Higham Hill community & social cluband.... puppy dog traininga Hub for all, including 4 paws!

we hope to see you at the Hub again soon

Higham Hill Hub



Ride the Beat – Body & Mind Fitness

I joined AI in February 2014

With High Blood pressure Cholesterol, Diabetes not under control
Arthritis. Top size 22 bottom size 20

February 2017

No more blood pressure or Cholesterol. Diabetes under control
Able to keep my arthritis under control with special exercise
Top 16 size 14 Bottom

So come and join me and others and hear our life's journey

Sunday & Wednesday 9.30 – 10.30am

Please arrive 10 minutes before the start

Contact: AI 07956 127 190, info@ridethebeat.co.uk
Please come prepared with a mat and water to drink.

The cost is a mere £8.00 per session

Book 4 or more in-advance at a cost £5.00

Invest in yourself for a better future

AI Irotumhe Personal Trainer/CEO



Programme details

Location: Walthamstow School for Girls,
Church Hill, Walthamstow, London E17 9RZ

Date: Wednesday 26th April for 13 weeks

Time: 4-7pm

Facilities: Refreshments and light evening meal provided
For help with childcare, please speak to Eleni

Contact: Call Eleni : 07872 926873
Email eleni@racefound.org.uk
Or
Register online at <http://bit.ly/SFSC-WF>



strengthening
families
strengthening
communities



A free inclusive course to help parents and carers raise happy confident children all ages from babies to teens



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About the programme

This is a popular parenting programme for anyone raising children. We welcome parents and carers from all backgrounds who would like to work on their parenting skills and build positive relationships with their children.

We can help you to recognise and respond to the challenges of being a parent and the risks and concerns facing our children. Whether you want to help your child do well at school, deal with bullying, avoid online grooming or getting in with the 'wrong crowd', or just feel more confident: SFSC can provide you with strategies to help you feel equipped as a parent and help you to keep your children safe.

I found it very supportive being part of a group and sharing ideas with other parents.

I loved the programme and will ask my friends and relatives to go as well.

I spend more time with my mum and we communicate better

SFSC runs for three hours a week for 12 weeks. Some groups provide free childcare and refreshments. There is also an introductory session where you can find out more. Just come along, bring a friend or partner if you prefer, and see if it's for you!

I feel calmer about dealing with my children on a day-to-day basis. I don't get angry as quickly.



The course will help you to

- **Build** positive family relationships
- **Manage** anger and stress
- **Implement** effective discipline strategies
- **Gain** confidence and communication skills
- **Understand** your child's development
- **Recognise** and value your family and cultural traditions
- **Meet** others and share ideas



All groups end with a celebration.
You will receive a certificate and a parent manual.



The Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Parenting Programme is a 13 week evidence based and accredited course, delivered in 3 hour sessions, for parents of children aged 0-18 years old. In addition to positive discipline techniques, the programme helps parents build a special relationship with their children based on unconditional love, giving their children the key skills they will need as they grow to make 'healthy and safe choices'.

The programme acknowledges the importance of each family's ethnic, cultural, historical and cultural **roots**. It encourages parents to examine their values and explore how to parent in a fast changing world by connecting to local resources, with an understanding that, "It takes a village to raise a child".

The programme has been shown to be particularly useful in the parenting of secondary school aged children as they transition into adulthood: parents are shown through a series of 'rites of passage' how to support their children's mental, physical, social, cultural, historical, political and economic growth. The programme is delivered in groups of approximately 20 parents by two trained facilitators, using a variety of fun and thought provoking techniques.

At the end of the programme, parents' achievements are celebrated with a graduation ceremony and the presentation of certificates. The programme has already been delivered to parents in the borough.

Here are some of their comments:

Dad: Thanks so much for inviting me to the programme. Learned a lot and enjoyed it just as much.

Mum: I know I have a really quick temper, but I like it here and I am relaxed because it's interesting and not like school.

Mum and Dad: We like that this is real. This programme acknowledges the bad stuff that can happen to kids and works with that

The programme starts with an introductory session on Wednesday 26th April from 4pm until 7pm. At Walthamstow School for Girls. Materials, refreshments and food will be provided. Come and see if this is something for you.

For more information, to ask about childcare or to book a place, **please contact Eleni Bloy: 07872 926873**

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Choir



JS BACH
St Matthew Passion

Saturday 8 April 2017

5.30pm (Supper interval 7.00–8.30pm)

Chingford Parish Church, The Green, E4 7EN
London Forest Choir

Jonathan Rathbone conductor

Matthew Minter Evangelist
Omar Ebrahim Christus

Jenny Morris soprano
Frances Jellard alto
Andrew Busher tenor
Nicholas Garrett bass

Southend Boys and Girls Choir

Sylvan Ensemble

Tickets £15 on the door or
£13 in advance; students and
benefit recipients £7.50. Call
020 8281 6090, or
buy online at
www.londonforestchoir.org.

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2017
Season

A
Midsummer
Night's
Dream

The
Greek
Theatre
Players

Based at the Greek Theatre, Walthamstow School for Girls,
Walthamstow, London,

*The Greek Theatre Players have been producing Open Air Shakespeare
since 1958.*

The 2017 production will be:

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Wednesday 21st - Saturday 24th June at 7.30pm

plus a Saturday Matinee at 3.00pm

£9, £7 (Concessions), £3 (Students - ID)

Buy tickets on the door.

Tickets are not sold in advance.

There is disabled access.

Gates open 40 minutes early.

School Calendar for 2016-17

Spring Term 2017

Start: End: Friday 31st March

Easter Holiday

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April 2017-Monday 17th April

Good Friday Bank Holiday: Friday 14th April

Easter Monday Bank Holiday: Monday 17th April

Summer Term 2017

Start: Tuesday 18th April End: Wednesday 19th July

Holidays

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

Thursday 11th May Year 7 Parent/Carers Evening 4.30-7pm

Monday 15th May-

Thursday 26th May KS3 Examination fortnight

Monday 15th May-

Monday 26th June Year 11 GCSE Written examinations

Half Term: Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June

Friday 23rd June Leavers' Day

YEAR 11 2017 Summer

Written Examination timetable

The Year 11 Summer written examinations begin on **Monday 15th May and finish on Monday 26th June 2017** a copy of the timetable can be found on the school's website under the Exams section.

Please be aware that all examinations are set externally by the examination boards and the school cannot make any changes and is not accountable for any changes made by the examination boards. It is also important to remember that these examinations **cannot be taken at another time** so attendance is vital to ensure grades are achieved.

Many thanks,

Mrs Brickett

Examinations and Assessment Manager