



# GREENSHEET



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Week 'B'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer Term 2017  
End:  
Wednesday  
19th July

Thursday  
11th May  
Year 7 Parent/  
Carers Evening  
4.30-7.30pm

Monday 15th  
May-Friday  
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  
Year 11  
Leavers' Day

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are celebrating the success of some of our youngest sports-women in the school-on Wednesday the Year 7 netball team secured their place as runners up in the borough netball league having beaten other schools in games over the course of the term, but finally losing out to the Chingford team. Congratulations and well done to the team and their coach!

Congratulations also to Year 11 student, *Tosin Ajayi* who has won a place on the competitive London School of Economics Summer School Programme in July. During the five day programme, she will participate in academic workshops covering a range of social science subject areas including Economics, Government and Politics, History and Law and also have the opportunity to meet current LSE students.

This week we have had a number of Performing Arts events; on Wednesday Year 10 GCSE students went to the Savoy Theatre to see the UK premiere of the musical *Dreamgirls*, which is loosely based on the story of the sixties female singing group, The Supremes. I am sure that was an uplifting trip with plenty of tunes to sing along with! GCSE students are now required to write about live theatre as an element of their written examination.

On Thursday, Year 8 students were busy devising an original piece of drama as part of the Barbican Box project and had a three hour session with their artist-mentor. The stimuli for this project are the contents of a box of items curated by the Dutch company, Toneelgroep Amsterdam.

Mr Gunzi's leadership team assembly theme this week was revision techniques. In each assembly (of 360 students) the girls applied revision techniques to memorising a piece of text in timed conditions. These skills will assist the girls in revising for their forthcoming end of year examinations (see inside for more details).

Best wishes,  
Meryl Davies

### **Year 7 Parents/ Carers Evening Thursday 11th May 2017**

Your daughter will have made appointments with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress **from 4.30 to 7.30pm.**

We encourage all Year 7 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 and an opportunity to discuss her chosen GCSE options with subject teachers.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Fearon  
Student Progress Leader, Year 7.

**Year 11 Summer 2017  
Written Examination timetable**

The Year 11 summer written examinations begin on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** and **finish on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

**KS3 Examinations Fortnight  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Please note that students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be sitting examinations in the following subjects:

English  
Mathematics  
Science  
Humanities  
Modern Foreign Languages

Students (and parents) were given an examination information booklet before the Easter holidays. Copies are also available to be downloaded from the examinations section of the website.

## WSFG Bank

Dear Parents / Carers,

Each year we run a school bank which provides our students to save money responsibly.

Any student who has been saving money this academic year can continue to save as usual. We look forward to welcoming them back to the bank. They will have the opportunity to withdraw their savings in July.

However, there are a number of students who saved some money over the last two academic years and have failed to withdraw it. If a student saved £3 or over, this money will be delivered to their form room for them.

All other students have the opportunity to collect their money from me up until half term. After this date, there will be no further opportunity to collect money.

Many thanks,  
Ms Philippou



## Sainsbury's Active school vouchers

Message to students:

WSFG are still collecting Sainsbury's Active school vouchers.

You can no longer collect Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's, but they can be donated to your chosen school or club until **30th June**.

Every voucher counts towards brand new cooking and sports equipment.

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

# Sainsbury's



## Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 netball team played incredibly well on Wednesday and finished in second place overall in the borough-wide league which involves twelve secondary schools. This a fantastic achievement in the team's first year of playing together.

### The Team

*Molly Clark 7G (captain)*

*Sylvie Small 7F*

*Grace Gambino 7G*

*Ornela Laci 7W*

*Rebeca Badau 7F*

*Jessica Song 7W*

*Sydney Smith 7H*

*Deja Gbeve 7H*

*Jessica McLellan 7F*

*Sophie Phelps 7S*

*Roya Bernard 7W*

*Bo Edwards 7F*

A huge thank you to Ms Askill for the time she has spent coaching the team, all the hard work and hours of training certainly paid off!

Ms Warren

Well done to the team and their coach!

The girls were thrilled to have got so far in the league and were very excited at the end of the game.

Our Year 7 sportswomen. have made a very promising start.  
Ms Davies



## Zanzibar Volunteering Project 2018

Ms Desbenoit, Ms Philippou and fifteen students are traveling to Zanzibar next summer on a volunteering experience to Kijito School. In a school of over 6000 students and very few teachers, help from volunteers in teaching, renovation and sports coaching is crucial. Here is a link to Kijito school

<https://www.african-adventures.co.uk/kijito-school/>.



This is the opportunity of a lifetime for all of us and we are dedicated to making it work. We have just over a year to fundraise for our trip, which will also help us to build our team ethos.

Please help us to fund our trip to Zanzibar by following this link when you shop online for anything from groceries to holidays (see the website for a full list).

All you need to do is:

1. Follow our school link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wsfgl8/>
2. Click on 'shop' (top left) to browse your retailer
3. Click on your retailer's link
4. Shop as usual

Thank you so much in advance for your support.

Please keep an eye out for any other fundraising events and opportunities that we will be advertising.

Ms Desbenoit and Ms Philippou

## WSFG International Month.

This May is our first ever International Month.

During this month we are looking to celebrate our diversity in many ways and to widen our experiences by working as much as possible with partner schools abroad. Although this is something to be celebrated all year round, we wanted to create a time when we can really focus on this.



We hope for this to grow each year and get better and better. This year, we are focusing on work in lessons. Each faculty has been asked to do one project with a group of students that will link with a partner school abroad.

We will also be re-running the WSFG International Eurovision Song Contest Activity with years 7-10 – information will be coming out later this week.

We hope that you enjoy the activities your teachers have been preparing and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Many thanks,  
Ms Philippou

## Attendance League for April 2017

Please see attendance figures for April 2017 and year so far. Winners postcards for the month of April are in form tutor pigeon holes ready for you to share with your form groups.



Well done to 7W & 7F, 8C ( 99.63%, wow), 9W, 10W & 11C for being April winners.

Year to date figures are 7G, 8S, 9F, 10C and 11W.

100% certificates and pin badges have been given to the SPLs so please ask if you have not been given them. Do let the students know that they are allowed to pin the badges onto their lanyards. Our Headteacher will also be sending postcards to the successful forms.

Ms King  
Student Attendance Manager

**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**Lunchtime Behaviour**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

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 room as arranged by her Student Progress Leader. The conduct card will be signed.

**Remember**

- 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 risk being locked out of the room by the SPL.



# WSFG Diversity Calendar for the month of May



**MAY INTERNATIONAL DAY  
17 AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA  
& TRANSPHOBIA**



May 2017

FREEDOM OF PRESS



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1	1	2	3 <sup>o</sup>	4	5	6	7
Week 2	8	9	10 <sup>o</sup>	11	12	13	14
Week 3	15	16	17	18	19 <sup>o</sup>	20	21
Week 4	22	23	24	25 <sup>•</sup>	26	27	28
Week 5	29	30	31				

May is Action on Dementia Month | Mental Health Awareness Month | Cystic Fibrosis Month | Hepatitis Awareness Month | Hughes Syndrome Awareness Month | National Walking Month | Foster Care Month

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

### Special Days

- 1st Beltane – Samhain – Wicca/Pagan, Northern and Southern hemispheres  
Bann Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI  
17th Day of Robam – Baha'i  
Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day) – Judaism
- 2nd Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) – Judaism  
Holiday of Our Ance Dece – Sikh
- 3rd World Press Freedom Day
- 8th World Ocean Cancer Day  
World Red Cross Red Crescent Day
- 9th Sange Day
- 10th Vesak – Buddha Day – Buddhist
- 11th Lailat al-Buraah – Islam
- 13th Our Lady of Fatima – Catholic, Christian
- 14th Lag B'Omer – Judaism
- 15th International Day of Families
- 17th International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- 21st World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- 22nd International Day for Biological Diversity
- 23rd Holiday of Our Ance Dece – Sikh  
Devotion of the Sikh – Baha'i
- 24th Yom Tenuchatayim (Jerusalem Day) – Judaism
- 25th Ascension of the Lord – Orthodox Christian  
Ascension Day – Christian
- 27th Ramadan begins – Islam
- 28th Ascension of Baba'v'uth – Baha'i
- 29th International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
- Spring Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- 31st World No Tobacco Day  
Yom Kippur – Judaism

All Jewish holidays begin on sundown on the evening before.

## Our School History

Spot the difference

Can you spot the difference between these two staff photographs?



The one above was taken post 1986 and the one below in 1997

How many staff do you recognise and how many are still at the school now ?





## Walthamstow School for Girls Allotment Spring Clean

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 12pm.**

Bring and share  
lunch.

Have fun with  
friends in the great  
outdoors.



For health and  
safety reasons  
please let me or  
student services  
know if you plan  
to attend.

Mrs Dominique



East London Branch Western Front Association, Vestry House Museum and St. Mary's Church  
 Find us on  Western Front Association – East London Branch or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/711297599045495/>

**Saturday 6th May 10 am - 5pm** **Free Admission**

# A First World War Open Day



Come and meet me and hear about my experience of the Great War.



Come and see us at Vestry House Museum. You can hear about local people's experiences, search for your Ancestors on line, explore the local Roll of Honour and loads of other interesting things to do and see.



Learn about 2 forgotten local heroes, JB McDowell, one of the men who filmed "The Battle of the Somme" and Haydn Mackey, the War Artist whose work hangs in the Imperial War Museum.



Have your medals valued by Antiques Roadshow expert, Mark Smith.

Meet local Authors and historians.



Come and visit St Mary's Church and see the war memorials, have some refreshments and find out about local history.



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.

## 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](mailto:eleni@racefound.org.uk)  
**Or**  
Register online at <http://bit.ly/SFSC-WF>



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families  
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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 is running on Wednesdays 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. Feel free to come along on any Wednesday.**

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

**07872 926873**

[eleni@racefound.org.uk](mailto:eleni@racefound.org.uk)

## School Calendar for 2016-17

### Summer Term 2017

**End: Wednesday 19th July**

Thursday 11th May	Year 7 Parent/Carers Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Monday 15th May-	
Friday 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

## School Calendar for 2017-18

### Autumn Term 2017

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

Monday 4th September	Staff Inset Day
Tuesday 5th September	Student return at the normal time of 8.40am
Friday 13th October	Staff Inset Day

### Half Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

### Spring Term 2018

**Star: Thursday 4th January              End: Thursday 29th March**

Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -  
Easter Monday Bank holiday 2nd April

### Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

### Summer Term

Start: Monday 16th April              End: Friday 20th July

### May Bank holiday

Monday 7th May

### Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June