



# GREENSHEET



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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer Term 2017

End: Wednesday 19th July

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,

On Wednesday evening this week I was privileged to be invited, together with our Chair of Governors, to attend the SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards presentation ceremony in West London. Walthamstow School for Girls received two awards for exceptional performance in 2016; one for attainment and the other for progress made.



These awards are presented to schools in the top 10% of schools nationally and WSFG was in fact in the top 3% nationally for progress.

In addition to this, Walthamstow School for Girls became one of the first schools in the country to be given accreditation for transforming practice under SSAT's Framework for Exceptional Education with a focus on 'leadership through moral purpose'. This recognition has made me extremely proud of the work we do at WSFG to improve the life chances of our students.

As our current Year 11 students have now started their written GCSE examinations, I hope that they are inspired by the achievements of those who have gone before them and will welcome the opportunity to show the progress that they too have made in the five years they have been at WSFG.

Our KS3 students are also taking part in internal examinations this week and next. These examinations are an opportunity for them to show just how much they have learned, to gain experience and practice in revising for and sitting examinations which is now how they will be assessed in their GCSE examinations.

There were other activities taking place this week. Our Year 10 Art students visited the Tate Britain to research ideas for their GCSE projects on identity. The trip included entry to the Hockney exhibition. On Wednesday, visitors from the Smallpiece Trust ran a workshop for some of our Year 9 students who were able to learn more about engineering through problem solving and practical tasks, which looked both educational and fun (more information to follow).

I would urge parents and carers to read my letter in this edition of Greensheet regarding the vacancies we have on our Governing Body. Although it is a serious commitment to make, I know that our Parent Governors have found serving on the Governing Body to be both rewarding and insightful and I hope you will consider putting your name forward for the role. It is vital to the school to enjoy the support of our governors and we are truly grateful to those governors whose term of office is due to expire for the truly invaluable contribution they have made in so many ways during the past four years. If it would be easier for you to receive a printed copy of my letter, this can be provided on request. Please contact my PA, Ms Royds, for a paper copy or if you would like any further information and she will be happy to help.

Best wishes,  
Meryl Davies

**Dear Parents / Carers and Students,**

**What is the latest craze? Fidget Spinners are!**

Fidget spinners are allowed to be brought into school as they are not considered to be dangerous items.



They **MUST** be put away and **NOT** used during lessons or they will be confiscated and treated as any other confiscated item, with Parents / Carers being asked to collect them from the school office at the end of a half term.

Thank you

Ms. Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead



NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

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18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Walthamstow School for Girls has two vacancies for parents or carers to serve as school governors and I hope you will consider putting yourself forward. The term of office is four years but you can step down earlier if you wish. The Governing Body's main tasks are to support the school, ensure that students receive high quality education and plan for future development and improvement.

If you would like to stand as a candidate please complete the reply slip attached and return it to the school no later than Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

If there are more candidates than vacancies an election will need to be held but this is a straightforward process. All you need to do is write a short paragraph (no more than one hundred words) saying why you want to become a Parent Governor; this will be sent to all parents and carers with a voting paper.

Should there be only two candidates apply then they will automatically become our Parent Governors.

The work of our governors is very important to the school in key areas such as oversight and development of the ethos and curriculum of the school; well-being of pupils; staff employment and use of resources as well as ensuring that the school maintains its high standards in all areas. You will be asked to attend an (evening) meeting of the Governing Body once or twice a term and invited to work on a committee of governors again once (or twice) a term. We hope you will also visit the school occasionally during the day and help in the oversight of an area of the curriculum. We are not looking for any particular expertise but rather common sense and willingness to give some of your time are the important requirements. However, if you have specialist knowledge or relevant experience, do please mention this in your statement. Training will be provided for new governors in the role.

As a school we are always mindful that the Governing Body should reflect the local community that the school serves and members of ethnic minority groups are therefore particularly welcomed on the Governing Body and are encouraged to stand for election as parent governors.

Governors will also be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check under the Police Act 1997, Part V and will be checked against the DfES List 99 of people who are not permitted to work with children.

Yours faithfully

Meryl Davies  
 Headteacher



**Please return this slip in an envelope marked for the attention of Ms Royds and return to the school office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.**

I wish to stand as a candidate for election as Parent Governor at Walthamstow School for Girls.

First name: .....

Family Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms etc.): .....

Signed: .....

Home Address: .....

These details will appear on the ballot paper sent to parents.

**Remember to include your statement (no more than one hundred words) saying why you want to be a school governor.**

**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**. 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

**Year 11 English GCSE Breakfast Sessions**

The English Faculty will be holding final examination revision sessions in Norris Hall before each English exam.



In the sessions, we will go through exam layout and questions, timings for each section of the examinations and final tips for ensuring your success. **Please be in Norris Hall for 8.10am for prompt 8.15am start on the morning of each examination:**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

Thank you.  
Ms Baldwin  
English Faculty.

**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.

## Science revision workshop for Year 10

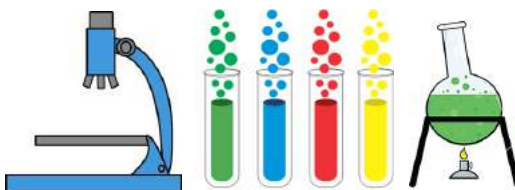
The Year 10 Science mock examinations revision workshop will take place on.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
**3.30-4.45pm**  
**with Mr Kerr in G02**

### Looking at:

- **Revision techniques**
- **Brief overview of key topics in upcoming Year 10 Science exam**

**Those wishing to attend please sign up outside Mr Kerr's room.**



The examination will be one paper made up of three sections, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The paper itself will be 1 hour 30 minutes long.

The chapters to be covered in the examination are the following:

### **Biology:**

Chapters 1, 2 and 3

### **Chemistry :**

Chapters 1, 2 and 3

### **Physics:**

Chapters 1 and 2

In each of the sections there will also be questions which assess your skills in analysis and interpreting data, e.g. calculating mean/drawing graphs etc.

Mr Kerr  
Head of Science Faculty

## 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  
May 2017



### Visit /trip payment information

Dear Parents / Carers

During the year many faculties organise day visits to various places of interest relating to their subject which incur a small charge.



To ensure that contributions for the visits are recorded against the correct trip and student, any money paid in for trips **MUST** be in a sealed envelope with the name and date of the trip, faculty, student's name, form and amount being paid on the front, please. Cheques should have this information recorded on the reverse, and include the parental reply slip. Students should place envelopes in the box in Student Services. A receipt will then be issued to the student.

Alternatively, you could pay by our sQuid system for catering, school trips and other payments. Please contact Student Services if you require any assistance.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Jolliffe  
Student Services



Your child's education is very important, regular school attendance helps pupils fulfil her potential and gives her the chance of a better future.

#### **DON'T FORGET THAT:**

- Every day absent from school is an opportunity missed.
- Each day of absence from school, means that 5 lessons have been missed.
- One week of absence means 25 lessons missed and a two week absence, is over 50 lessons missed, this means your child will fall behind with their work.

You can help us to help your daughter by encouraging regular school attendance.

Ms King  
Student Attendance Manager



**The Focus of the Fortnight**  
**15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
**Student use of toilets during lessons.**

Dear Parents / Carers,

All student toilets are open for use before school, at break, lunchtime and after school. During lessons there will be two sets of toilets open for student use in the centre of the school. The remainder of the student toilets will not be in use during lessons.

The expectation is that students do not leave a lesson to go to the toilet unless in an emergency. In such cases the member of staff will sign the student planner to give permission for the student to use the nearest open set of toilets. Students will not be allowed out of lessons to fill water bottles as they need to do this at break or lunchtime. If a student is found to be using an access toilet without permission, a leadership detention of one hour will be applied.

Lessons are for learning and we wish to minimise the disruption to this for all students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Pratt

Assistant Headteacher

**The Sanctions**

- **Remember** – lessons are for learning.
- You will be allowed out of a lesson to go to the toilet in emergency circumstances only, at the discretion of your teacher.
- Your planner must be signed to give you permission to leave the classroom.
- Do NOT ask to leave the lesson to get a drink of water or fill your water bottle as this will not be allowed.
- Do not use an access toilet unless you have written permission to do so.



Friday 26th May is

# drop everything and read day

All students in Years 7 to 9 read a book.  
Teachers and students reading together.  
10-15 mins reading in periods 1, 2 and 3.



## School History

Gifts to the school by Miss Cunynghame from the *Iris* 1944.

*Now, finally, we owe a debt of gratitude, in a different category, to Miss Cunynghame, by whose generosity we have become possessors of two special Jacobean chairs for the Library. As we use them, we shall always be reminded of one who was such a true friend of the School, and whose scholarly tastes have made the History section of the Library such a valuable portion of the whole. To our friends, one and all, we say thank you.*

Ms Kelly  
LRC Manager



We are in the process of cataloguing our archives with the view to having 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.

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](mailto:lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

or Ms Kelly

Tel: 202 8509 9432 or email: [okelly@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:okelly@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)



# 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

**SPECIAL SUMMER OFFER:**  
 Parents and Carers Yoga  
**First 6 weeks free!**



Our beginners-level Yoga and Relaxation for Parents and Carers will take place every

**Thursday at WSFG from 8 June until 13 July 2017, 4 – 5pm.**

**Some of the many benefits of yoga include:**

- Managing stress through breathing, meditation and movement
- Increasing confidence and positive self-image
- Physical fitness
- Improved sleep

Ms Wilkinson, who is certified by Yoga Alliance UK, said: 'Yoga is a wonderful way to escape the pressures of busy modern life. For an hour each week we take time out to stretch out and simply to relax. One student even called our sessions her *'weekly sanity spot'*!

*'Sessions are very inclusive – everyone is welcome, regardless of experience or fitness level. It's a small, friendly beginner level class, and a pleasure to teach. Of course, I am also delighted the students have reported very real benefits since they began practicing.'*

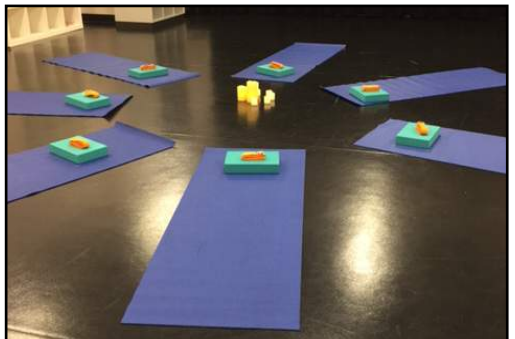
**Testimonials include:**

*'I feel energised after class and I positively bounce home'*

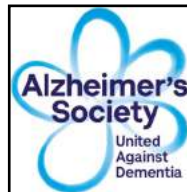
*'I feel that my posture is better and I'm more aware of how I walk and move generally'*

*'The gentle stretches and relaxation were a treat after a stressful day!'*

Contact Ms Wilkinson on  
[swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)  
 to sign up now for your place.



**LET'S UNITE FOR DEMENTIA  
AWARENESS WEEK**  
14-20 MAY 2017



This **Dementia Awareness Week, 14-20 May**, Alzheimer's Society is asking everyone across England, Wales and Northern Ireland to unite against dementia.

Dementia is set to be the 21st century's biggest killer. But awareness and understanding remains low and many families are facing it alone.

You can find out more about dementia by:

- Visiting the Alzheimer's society Website - <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/> or contact the National Dementia Helpline - **0300 222 11 22**
- Organising a Dementia Friends Session for a club or organisation you are linked with - <https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/>.
- Picking up information at information stalls being held at Whipps Cross Hospital during dementia Awareness Week (on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11am-3pm in the Restaurant off the main corridor).
- Dementia Information & Advice Drop In - South Chingford Community Library Chingford Mount Road Chingford, E4 - 1.30 – 3.30pm – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Afternoon Tea & Dementia Information & Advice Session - South Chingford Community Library Chingford Mount Road, E4 - 2.00- 3.30pm – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

- Dementia Friends Awareness Session - 10am – 11am, Coffee & Singalong - 11am – 12noon St Edmund's Church, Larkwood Road, Chingford E4 9DS - Thursday 18th May 2017.
- Dementia Advice Drop in session - Larkwood Leisure Centre New Road, Chingford, E4 - 3.30- 4.30pm - Thursday 18th May.

For all of the above contact Alison Gordon on 07190 362 715 or [alison.gordon@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:alison.gordon@walthamforest.gov.uk).

If you know of family members affected by dementia who live in Waltham Forest you can always contact the Local Alzheimer's Office in Waltham Forest by telephoning; **020 8556 8171** for information and advice.





# Calling All “Young Artists”

Under 25s

We are accepting applications from local young people to exhibit their work at WFCH's Creative People event (part of E17 Art Trail) on Sunday 4th June 2017.

Come and showcase your skills & talent!

Our building will be open with an array of creativity, exhibiting many forms of art.

**Where:** Waltham Forest Community Hub

18A Orford Road London E17 9LN

**Time:** 3PM—7PM

All queries to: [info@wfchub.org](mailto:info@wfchub.org) or  
**02082230707**



Parents, school staff,  
governors and students are  
invited to



# Waltham Forest Education Question Time

What can we do to protect school budgets? Is Ofsted fit for purpose? Is a selective system really fair for the majority of students? How do we stop our schools becoming exam factories?

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
7.30 – 9pm

**Venue:** Quaker Meeting House  
Jewel Road  
Walthamstow E17 4QU

Speakers to be confirmed  
Candidates from all parties have been invited

Please send any enquiries or questions to [secretary@wfnut.org](mailto:secretary@wfnut.org) (please state your name and if you have a connection to a WF school)



# School Assembly

Friday 26 May 2017



**FAIR FUNDING  
FOR ALL SCHOOLS**

## Calling all parents, carers, grandparents and friends

**Please join in the School Assembly – the national day of action organised by the Fair Funding for All Schools campaign.**

We are calling on school communities – parents, pupils, teachers, governors – to come together on the afternoon of Friday 26 May and hold local events to raise awareness of the impact of funding cuts on their schools.

You might want to do something at your school or something in your local community – perhaps a picnic at your local park or gathering in your local town centre – bringing a range of schools together.

Bring home made banners, get creative, let people know the size of the cuts in your local area – check out [www.schoolcuts.org.uk](http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk) for information for your school and local authority.

Take pictures and post them on Twitter and Facebook. Involve your local press. Get your local election candidates to come along and hear you talk about cuts to schools.

Use the hashtag **#schoolsjustwannahavefunds**

If you are planning an event, do let us know so that we can make sure everyone knows about it.

Contact us at [info@fairfundingforallschools.org](mailto:info@fairfundingforallschools.org)

[www.fairfundingforallschools.org](http://www.fairfundingforallschools.org)



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## 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>



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 spend more time with my mum and we communicate better*

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

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**

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 details to follow

Friday 13th October

Staff Inset Day

### Half Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

### Spring Term 2018

**Start: 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