



4 March 2022

Walthamstow School for Girls Greensheet

Headteacher's Message



Dear parents, carers and students,

This has been a busy week in school as we finished celebrating **LGBTQ+ History month** this week and **World Book Day** on Thursday. As you will read later in the Greensheet, students have been learning about the life of Alan Turing in maths. There were some fantastic staff costumes for World Book Day, student quizzes, including 'Guess the Shelfie' where students matched members of staff with their bookshelves.

This week also saw some of our **student ambassadors** presenting their vision for learning for our school in Wednesday's staff training meeting. Students from years 7, 8 and 9 presented us with

objects which represent their views of what our **school curriculum** should be like. Here is a little flavour of what they told us:

- Packed lunch – if we look after ourselves and make sure we are well, both physically and mentally, we know we are in the a really strong position to focus on our learning
- Volcano – to erupt with ideas. We want to be encouraged to be really active in sharing our ideas and thoughts in lessons
- A heart – it is important to be kind to others and look out for each other.
- Shoes – We should have empathy for each other and the people and communities we work with and learn about. We should be able to think about what it is like to walk a day in their shoes so that we can take into consideration their thoughts, feelings and experiences.
- The students were fantastic! Well done to everyone who took part. As we develop our curriculum in school, led by Mr O'Brien, we are really looking forward to sharing this with parents through focus group meetings.

Sister Act

I have really enjoyed being serenaded by the cast of Sister Act every Friday evening for the past few months as I work in my office – the singing has been wonderful!

Thank you to all those involved in this year's musical production, Sister Act, especially Ms Cornford, Ms Bradshaw, Ms Wallace and Mr Hitchman. Thank you to parents for being such an enthusiastic audience last night. I am really looking forward to the show tonight.

Covid and uniform- PE kits and masks

As you will be aware, face coverings will no longer be mandatory in corridors from next Monday. I wanted to remind parents and students that they should not come to school in their PE kit as changing rooms can be used. The usual sanctions will apply if students do not come to school in the correct uniform.

INSET Day on 23rd of May

We have been granted an additional INSET day on Monday, 23rd of May this year. We will be using it to embed curriculum changes in departments, as well as for all staff to receive training in the new Go For Schools data system.

Help for Ukranian Refugees

We have all been deeply moved by scenes from the war in Ukraine over the last week: families who, only two weeks ago, lived lives exactly like our own. Now they are separated from loved ones and are in fear of their lives. Those who have escaped, now face further challenges as they make their way through Europe, without familiar support networks and structures.

We made a huge difference with our collection for the food bank before Christmas. As a school which values and celebrates empathy and social justice, it would be wonderful if we could do the same for Ukranian refugees. We will be asking students to collect food and toiletries in tutor groups to be taken to the collection point in Stratford from where it will be distributed to Ukranian

refugees. In particular, students are asked to bring in dried or tinned foods, sanitary items, nappies, tooth paste etc.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Helen Marriott

Parent & Carer Information



Focus of the Fortnight - 7th to 18th March

Mobile Phones



- New rules and sanctions on mobile phones started in the Autumn Term 2021 (please see school website, Greensheet, poster in tutor rooms)
- Mobile phones **MUST** be handed into the school office before the start of the school day from 8.15am
- Phones will be kept locked away in the office and can be collected at the end of the school day after 3.30pm. You will need your lanyard / smart card to prove your identity to collect your phone

- If a phone that has not been handed in and is seen or heard during the school day, it will be confiscated by staff.
- The phone will be kept for 48 hours and parents / carers will be contacted to come into school to collect it.
- The phone will not be given directly back to students so please do not ask staff

International Women's Day - Tuesday 8th March



On Tuesday 8th March we celebrate the achievements and contributions of women through International Women's Day.

This year, the theme for IWD is 'Break the Bias'. As always, we will be supporting and celebrating IWD here at WSfG and will have an activity for each year group to mark IWD and we will be doing this on **Friday 11th March**.

- **Year 7** will have the opportunity to come to school dressed as an inspirational woman of their choice. They will need to bring some information on their chosen woman and will make a display from this information.
- **Year 8** will be researching an inspirational woman of their choice during a lesson this week or next. On Friday 11th March, they will turn this research into a WSfG calendar design.
- **Years 9 and 10** will be taking part in a WSfG IWD quiz, hosted by their SPL.
- **Year 11** will have a talk by Dr Ciaran Jones, a historian and historical consultant who has a PhD on Scottish Witches. He will be talking about this topic to our students with the opportunity for questions at the end. This talk looks to be fascinating as he will speak about why so many women were accused and what a pardon would mean for equality today.

Thank you for all of your support.

Ms Philippou

Acting Deputy Headteacher/Assistant Headteacher

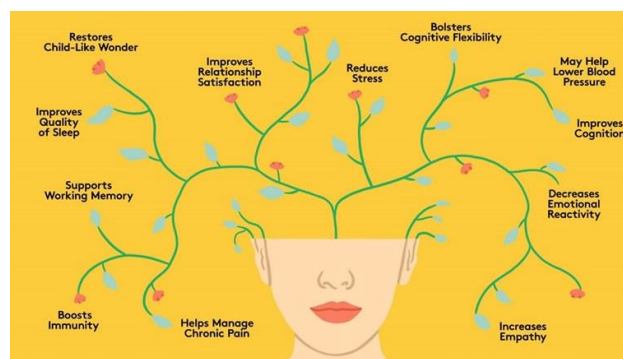
Yoga and Mindfulness

What is mindfulness?

Mindfulness means paying full attention to the present moment. It allows people to slow down and take notice.

Why do it?

Our lives are busy and so often we are thinking about the future or focusing on the past. Mindfulness allows us to be in the present moment and research shows that this promotes good mental health. Mindfulness has been proven to lower stress and anxiety. What's more it helps young people to focus and research suggests it leads to better academic performance.



How are we embedding mindfulness into our school programme?

Every term all students attend 3 Health and Wellbeing lessons. Each of these lessons begins with a different mindful activity for example:

- Breathing exercises
- Visualisations
- Body scans

These lessons then explore topics related to wellbeing to support our students to be happy and healthy.

In addition, a group of year 11 students are attending a weekly yoga & meditation session to support these students ahead of their exams. The students are receiving a yoga workbook to help them learn more about this holistic practice.

We also have a staff yoga class!

What can I try at home?

Yoga and mindfulness are freely available for everyone. Try the links below and see if you notice the benefits:

Mindful breathing: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bF_1ZiFta-E

Visualisation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QS2yDmWk0vs>

Yoga: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLy2rYHwUqY>

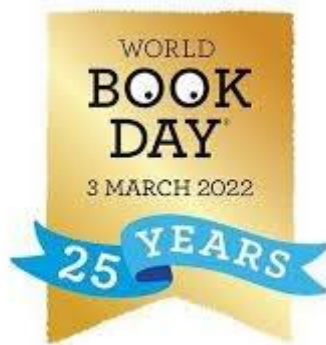
Ms Lamprell

Assistant Headteacher

Faculty News



World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March 2022



https://literacytrust.org.uk/about-us/world-book-day-national-literacy-trust/?mc_cid=a1651e5a6d&mc_eid=bcebe5908e

All of our students will receive a £1 World Book Day token which be can be used from **17th February until 27th March 2002**.

To find out about activities that you can enjoy at home, have a look on the website above.

Ms Kelly

LRC



Your **March Book Club** has arrived!

Browse our **reading highlights**, great value **book packs** and more – every order over £10 earns free books for our school.

Your March Book Club is here!

You can order through the LRC, pay via sQuid or go direct to the Scholastic website.

You can also use your £1 World Book Day Voucher.

Ms Kelly

LRC

Faculties Celebrate World Book Day

Staff members from different faculties selected a genre or book and then dressed up as characters or wore symbols to represent what they had chosen.



1 - Maths - Life Of Pi



2 - Humanities - Wizard of Oz



3 - English - The Victorians

Students spent the day trying to identify the genre of each faculty which hopefully generated some conversations and excitement around books and [reading!](#)

The best dressed faculty and the winning faculty chosen by the students will receive prizes next Friday when we celebrate International Women's Day.

Ms Durham

English Faculty

Year 11 English Language Bootcamp - 7th March to 1st April

From 7th March through 1st April, all year 11 students will be participating in the English Language Bootcamp to help them prepare for their GCSE English Language exams.

The bootcamp will run during their regular English lessons. Sessions are designed to target specific strengths and areas of development to ensure all students can achieve their target grade. Students

will be grouped according to target grade and achievement to date; as such, their sessions may be taught by a member of the English faculty rather than their regular English teacher.

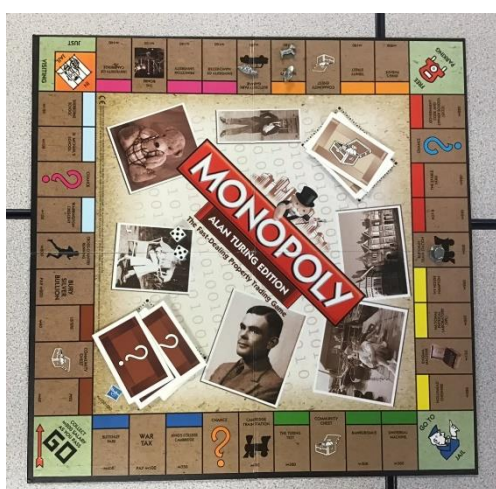
Students will return to their regular English teacher after 1st April for continued Literature revision ahead of their GCSE exams.

Ms Schaber

Head of English

LGBTQ+ History Month - Celebrating in the Maths Faculty

In maths lessons during LGBTQ+ History Month, we have been celebrating the life of the great mathematician, Alan Turing.



Year 9 students played the Alan Turing version of the game Monopoly, which tells the story of Alan Turing's life.

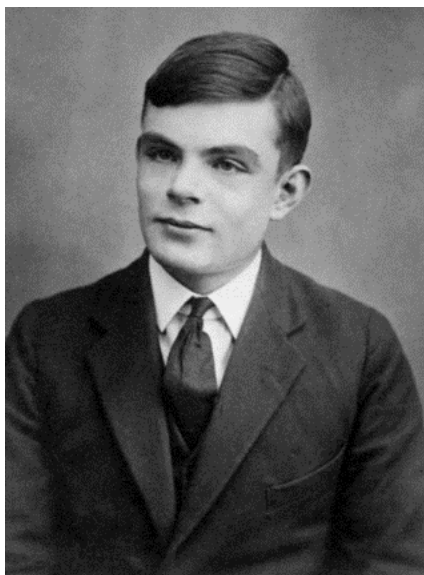
Year 8 students researched Alan Turing's life - here is a report by *Alicja* 8H:

Alan Mathison Turing was a computer scientist who was crucially involved in cracking German ciphers, intercepted coded messages and most importantly, the Enigma Cipher Machine during WWII. He was born on the 23rd of June 1912 in Maida Vale, London, England. Turing was prosecuted in 1952 for 'homosexual acts'. However, he accepted hormone treatment with DES (chemical castration) as an alternative to prison. He then unfortunately took his life 16 days before his 42nd birthday, using cyanide poison.



From September 1938, Turing worked part-time with the Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS), the British codebreaking organisation. He concentrated on cryptanalysis of the Enigma Cipher Machine used by Nazi Germany, together with Dilly Knox, a senior GC&CS codebreaker. In December 1939, he conceived of the idea of Banburismus, a sequential statistical technique (what Abraham Wald later called sequential analysis) to assist in breaking the naval Enigma.

On June 23rd (Alan Turing's birthday) 2021, the new polymer £50 note was introduced, printed countrywide with Turing's profile. The decision came to be when the Banknote Character Advisory Committee held a six-week public nomination period, receiving a total vote of 227, 299 votes in accepting Alan Turing to be the new character of the £50 note. Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England, commented: "Alan Turing was an outstanding mathematician whose work has had an enormous impact on how we live today. As the father of computer science and artificial intelligence, as well as war hero, Alan Turing's contributions were far ranging and path breaking. Turing is a giant on whose shoulders so many now stand."



Here is another addition about Alan Turing from *Matilda* 8H:

Alan Mathison Turing was born on the 23rd of June 1912 and cracked the code from the German Enigma which was a machine used to transmit German messages. Although he saved lives and helped Britain win the war many people did not approve of his sexuality. Being a gay man in the early 20th century was seen as being illegal and unacceptable. In 1952 Turing was arrested for having a relationship with a 19-year-old Arnold Murray, as alternative for prison Alan underwent Chemical castration to reduce testosterone. This caused Alan to later commit suicide, and he will be remembered as one of the greatest computer scientists to have ever lived. The 50-pound note featuring his face was released on the 23rd of June 2021 which would be his birthday to commemorate his achievements and spread diversity on a commonly seen and used form of money.

Ms Robinson

Challenge Coordinator

Year 7 & Year 8 Borough Netball Rally

The year 7 and 8 netball teams played in the borough netball rally at Redbridge last week and made the borough final.

Both teams played Forest School in the final and it was a close game with WSfG coming 2nd in the end.

Well done to all players in both teams - you were great sports!



Year 7 Team: Starr 7F, Emma 7S, Makayla 7G, Maryam 7S, Farrah 7C, Emma 7F, Phoebe 7F & Alex 7S



Year 8 Team: *Itohan 8G, Nuwayla 8S, Alicja 8H, Flo 8G, Lucia 8G, Elaaya 8H, Inaaya 8C & Mariam 8S*

Ms Wood

PE Faculty

Year 10 Trip to St Peter's College, University of Oxford



It was wonderful to go on our first extracurricular Challenge Trip since January 2020 on Tuesday 22nd February!

Ten students from Walthamstow School for Girls and ten students from Kelmscott School travelled to St Peter's College, University of Oxford by coach. We were hosted by the Schools Access and Outreach Officer, Anna McMurtie who organised an inspirational day of activities.



There was a Q&A with two Student Ambassadors, a

tour of St Peter's College and a fantastic talk by Brigit Goebelbecker, co-founder of Second Day and now studying at Oxford for a Joint Masters in Public Policy/Business Administration (MPP/MPA) As well as the academic content, our students were very impressed with the gourmet fish finger lunch.

Here is some feedback from some of the participants:

Going on the trip was a great opportunity to explore more about university life and to learn more about Oxford. My favourite part of the trip was the Student Ambassador Talk as it gave the opinions of Oxford students which was really nice. The trip also inspired me to look into considering Oxford as one of the future universities I go to. Overall, it was a great opportunity!

Hira 10W



My favourite part of the day was listening to Brigit talk about her company because it really inspired me and educated me on things that I would not have known. I also enjoyed the lunch VERY MUCH. It was nice to sit in the hall and experience what it would be like to eat lunch in Oxford.

I learned that it is achievable to get into Oxford even though you may not be able to afford it, and there is much support for you when you do get there.

It has definitely inspired me to apply to Oxford, now that I am more educated about it.

Isra 10S



Before going on the trip, studying at Oxford University was simply a distant dream that I knew would not come true, but after hearing from two Student Ambassadors, they helped me understand that doubting yourself is the only thing that stands between you and great achievements.

Matylda 10S

My favourite part of the day was probably the Q&A that the first-year students did. It was beneficial to find out that it wasn't just amazing genius students that got in, but regular, passionate students.

The Q&A consisted of questions that visitors themselves asked, so regular year 10 concerns.

We got an insight into a student's every-day life in Oxford and

what learning there is like.

An interesting fact that I found out is that Oxford uses a 'tutorial' system where there are daily (or more than once a week) one-to-one sessions with tutors about how you are doing with your workload and if you need any help, which is quite a unique thing that few universities have.

I enjoyed the trip a lot and found it beneficial to know that there is so much more of a chance of regular students getting into Oxford.



I definitely think this is an opportunity that you should take if you have the chance

Kei 10W

The trip to Oxford was helpful as I learnt about some of the degree courses such as the maths, geography, and the languages courses from the two ambassadors. They also explained the workload and told us about their life at university. I also really enjoyed the talk by Bridget,

who was a founder of the company 'Second Day', as she explains how she started a business and the process to do so. The introductory talk about Oxford with Anna helped me to understand how to get into Oxford and the basic information. The food was also really good!

Laylaa B 10W

Trips to the Royal Veterinary College and to the University of Cambridge are coming up in March and students have already been selected.

For future trips it is important to listen to notices, keep checking adverts in Teams and to apply if interested.

Ms Robinson

Challenge Coordinator

Cambridge University Opportunity for Year 9 and 10 Students



Deadline: Friday 1 April 2022

The program will consist of a series of after-school sessions via Zoom where the students will receive guidance and ideas on how to explore subject interests and an introduction to studying at University. Students will also have the chance to talk to current Cambridge students and attend an online lecture.

Session 1, Thursday 21 April, 4:30-5:30pm: Introduction to studying at university

Session 2, Thursday 5 May, 4:30-5:30pm: Critical thinking and exploring subject interests

Session 3, Thursday 19 May, 4:30-5:30pm: Taster Lectures

Session 4, Thursday 9 June, 4:30-5:30pm: Student Life Q&A (focus on life at university, clubs and societies)

Students should register their interest by completing this short survey form:

https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3lrMYKJc281bFdk

[Online Survey Software | Qualtrics Survey Solutions](#)

Qualtrics makes sophisticated research simple and empowers users to capture customer, product, brand & employee experience insights in one place. cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com

The deadline for signing up is Friday 1 April 2022 and students will be notified by Tuesday 19 April 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)

Ms Robinson

Challenge Coordinator



School History



Women's History Month - March 2022



As we are celebrating Women's History Month in March 2022, it is worth celebrating the women who have attended our school. You will find some of them on the school website if you follow the link below.

This year, we will be celebrating the work of Shirley Kingdon, b. 11.3.22, award winning costume designer for film and theatre. She met her future husband, Ken Russell whilst studying at Walthamstow School of Art and collaborated in many of his films.

The 1953 *Iris* magazine mentions that she designed the costumes for Shakespeare's "The Tempest".

We cannot presume to know what our current students will go on to achieve but our school motto holds true for all of them, 'Neglect not the gift that is in thee'.

Ms O Kelly

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Iris 1953

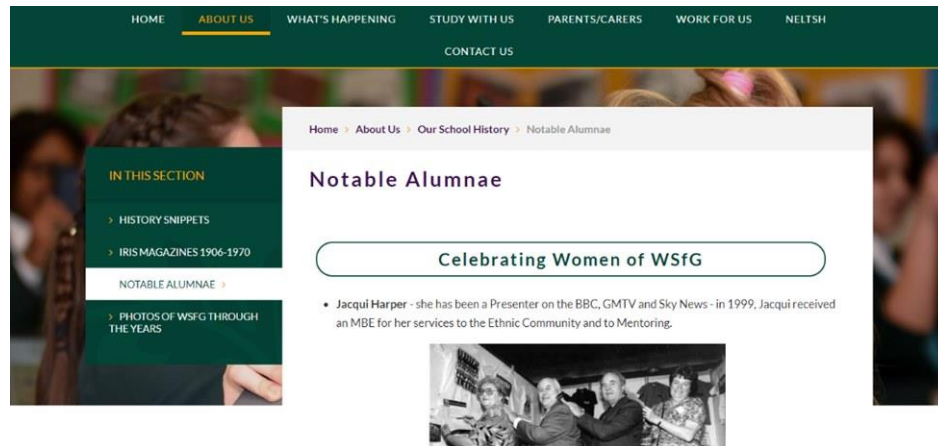
Old Girls' Dramatic Society

We were fortunate once more in having the support of the Old Monovians in our summer production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest." We feel sure the author would not have been displeased in any way with the excellent direction of Brian Brockman. I am certain, too, that we had much sympathy from Shakespeare on Saturday, 11th July, when the play was performed for the last time, for rain was probably his most dreaded enemy. Despite the Greek Theatre, beset with a steady downpour, taking

on the appearance of a swimming pool, the production was a success. There were three performances, the Thursday one being given for children and old age pensioners.

The music for Ariel's song was specially composed by Edward Smith. Shirley Kingdon designed the costumes for Prospero, Caliban and Ariel, while the remainder of the cast were admirably decorated by Doreen Goodwin and Daphne Slade.

<https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/page/?title=Notable+Alumnae&pid=2349>



Action for Happiness Calendar



Parents' Evening Reminders

Forthcoming parents' evenings which are online, using SchoolCloud:

- Year 10: 17th March 2022
- Year 7: 31st March 2022
- Year 8: 28th April 2022

Friends of Walthamstow School for Girls



Calling All Parents, Carers, Former Students and Staff

Would you like to get involved in the WSfG Friends Group to meet other parents/carers, former students and staff, support school events, activities and help raise funds for school projects? We are all very keen to begin planning future events!

We hope that parents/carers and other members of the school community (teaching and support staff, governors and school leaders, former students and staff) will get involved as our plans progress to bring projects to life for the benefit of the school and wider community.

We need people who enjoy organising events, publicity (including social media) experts, local business people with useful contacts for sponsorship, and anyone with good ideas to raise money for special school projects.

If you would like to find out more, please register your interest at the address below and put 'Friends of WSfG' in the subject heading:

If you would like to be involved in planning a Platinum Jubilee event please contact the Friends of Walthamstow School for Girls group: info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Contact Us



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Student Absence Line: 020 8509 9444



School Calendar



Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 1st April 2022

- Thursday 17 March: Year 10 Parent Carers' Evening
- Thursday 31 March: Year 7 Parent Carers' Evening

- **Spring Holiday: Monday 4 April 2022 to Monday 18 April 2022**

Summer Term 2022

- **Tuesday 19 April 2022 to Tuesday 19 July 2022**
- Thursday 28 April: Year 8 Parent Carers' Evening
- 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

Community Events

Netball Netball Netball Netball Netball Netball

PHOENIX FLAMES NC



Learn to play netball with a friendly local team

Junior Netball Training

<p>Years 2-6</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>4.30-6pm</p>	<p>Years 7-9</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>4.30-6pm</p>	<p>Years 10-13</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>6-7.30pm</p>
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Frederick Bremer School, Siddeley Road, Walthamstow, E17 4EY

Matches (Essex Met League) take place at Redbridge Sports Centre on Saturday Mornings

Adult training also available, please use the contact information below to find out more

Important Information



£20pcm (includes matches)/£6payg



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William Morris Gallery



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Book a Tea & Chat event at the William Morris Gallery

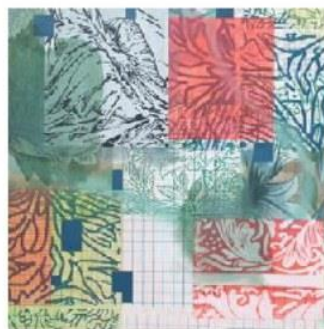
Mondays from 2 April 2022 to 26 June 2022

Are you part of a community group or charity working with older people in Waltham Forest or one of our neighbouring boroughs?

To celebrate *Althea McNish: Colour is Mine* we're organising 'Tea & Chat' events every Monday for the duration of the exhibition. They're an opportunity to visit the Gallery at a quieter time and enjoy the exhibition at a different pace. The events will include a tour of the exhibition with one of our curators, followed by tea, coffee and refreshments, all FREE of charge. There will be an opportunity to chat about the exhibition and Althea McNish's life and work.

If you would like to attend with a group, please email: wmg.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk and we'll be in touch about availability and to help with any access needs that you might have.

[Find out more](#)



Diana Taylor: A Ghost for Today

Visit the new Diana Taylor exhibition at the William Morris Gallery until 19 March 2022. This exhibition brings together work by artist Diana Taylor, created as the result of her practice-based PhD and in collaboration with the William Morris Gallery. Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm.

We're also pleased to announce an Artist's Talk with Diana on Saturday 5 March at 2pm. Free event. Drop in.

[Find out more](#)



New at the William Morris Gallery Shop

Thinking of Mother's Day? We have some beautiful new arrivals for March 2022 from the 'William Morris at Home' lifestyle collection. They make fantastic gifts or perhaps just a nice treat for yourself!

Every purchase from our online shop supports the work of the Gallery, including our education, conservation and exhibitions programmes.

[Find out more](#)

Essex Young Musician of the Year

A poster for the Essex Young Musician of the Year Competition. It features a red background with abstract musical notes in blue, green, and yellow. The text is white and yellow. At the top right, it says 'Ongar Music Club'. The main title is 'The John Lill Awards for the ESSEX YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR'. Below this, it states: 'Entry is open to singers and instrumentalists * aged 25 or under on the 3rd July 2022 who were born in Essex (including the old Essex towns of Ilford, Wanstead and Woodford), whose home address is in Essex, or who attend school or college in Essex'. A table lists prizes and rounds. At the bottom, it provides background information about the competition's history and contact details.

Ongar Music Club

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1st Prize <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £1,000• Recital engagementsOther generous cash prizes	First Round Sunday 26th June <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semifinal and Final Rounds Sunday 3rd July
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The Essex Young Musician of the Year Competition was established in 1984 through the enthusiasm of key members of Ongar Music Club. It aims to support and encourage young Essex musicians of talent and potential, who will enjoy competing and performing in a welcoming, pleasant environment. Past prize winners have gone on to enjoy successful professional careers.

John Lill CBE, the distinguished Essex-born pianist and president of Ongar Music Club, has generously supported the competition and has consented to the awards being in his name.

Full details are in the competition prospectus which is available online at www.ongarmusicclub.org.uk
Enquiries: administrator@ongarmusicclub.org.uk
Closing date for entries: 31st May 2022

*not organists, unfortunately, due to the lack of a suitable instrument

We are delighted to launch the 2022 Essex Young Musician of the Year Competition.

The competition aims to support and encourage young Essex musicians of talent and potential – this year marks the 37th competition.

The Essex Young Musician of the Year competition is open to instrumentalists (not organists due to the lack of a suitable instrument) and singers, aged 25 or under on the 3rd July 2022, who were either born in Essex (including the old Essex towns of Ilford, Wanstead and Woodford), whose home address is in Essex, or who attend or have attended school or college in Essex.

- **FIRST PRIZE £1,000, The Essex Young Musician of the Year cup to hold for one year and the offer of recital engagements.**

- **ADDITIONAL CASH PRIZES** will also be awarded to other prize winners.

- **TWO PRIZES** will also awarded to the two candidates under 19, not already prize winners in the 2022 competition,

who have given the most outstanding performances in their age group.

Full details are in the prospectus which can also be downloaded from the club's website: www.ongarmusicclub.org.uk. Applications are made online through the website.

The closing date for entries is the 31st May 2022.

Thank you so much for any help you can offer in promoting this competition.

Best wishes,

Jane Webster FRAM (Shinn)Chairman, Ongar Music Club

Web: www.ongarmusicclub.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/OngarMusicClub

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