



# Walthamstow School for Girls

Greensheet

10 December 2021

## Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

First of all, I want to **thank you for all of your support over the last term.** It has been challenging for the staff and our girls to continue to grapple with the challenges presented by COVID but they have shown great resilience. In addition to students becoming accustomed to a return to lessons in classes and not in bubbles, having freedom to move around the school, we have witnessed great enthusiasm for extra-curricular activities, fixtures, clubs and educational visits. In lessons and through student voice activities, our girls have been developing their critical thinking skills and broadening their horizons. I am delighted that many of our students have grasped these opportunities and in the Spring term I look forward to targeting our interventions and provision so that we ensure a wider range of students benefit.

It was with a heavy heart then that we had to cancel our visits for this week and next week as well as holding our carol concert as an online event, due to rising COVID cases. Our first priority is to keep students safe and to ensure that everyone is in a position to enjoy the holidays. Thank you to parents and carers for your vigilance in ensuring that students are testing regularly with the lateral flow tests and for keeping students at home when they have any COVID symptoms.

Thank you to parents, carers and students for contributing to the **'Eat or Heat' food drive.** We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of donations from students, parents, carers and members of staff, illustrating our school ethos of caring for everyone in the local community and sharing what we have.

## **Hello and Goodbye**

This term we say goodbye to Mr Walker from our maths department who has been at WSfG for 6 years and is leaving us to return to Australia. We also say goodbye to Ms Landon from our English department who is relocating to South London with her new baby and family after 5 years at the school. Thank you to both Mr Walker and Ms Landon for their dedicated service; I know that our staff and students will miss you.

We are pleased to welcome Mr O'Brien who will be joining us as a Deputy Headteacher in January. Mr O'Brien is an experienced Deputy Head in both mixed and single-sex schools. I know that he will quickly make an impact and settle into our wonderful school.

Here is a message from Mr O'Brien:

*I am delighted to be joining Walthamstow School for Girls in January as Deputy Headteacher and Director of the Teaching School Hub. Having been in education in schools across London for over 20 years, I am passionate about working with colleagues and families to provide an outstanding, local education for all. Throughout my career, I have had a keen interest in developing a positive and challenging classroom environment; where students are supported and encourages students to wrestle with new ideas and gain confidence with what they have learnt. I have worked in a Teaching School previously, working with many schools in the local area to help develop exciting and purposeful learning across this network of schools. Most recently, I have been a Deputy Headteacher in East London leading on the development of a whole school curriculum to help students become more independent in their*

*learning and gain a love of life long learning. I'm incredibly excited to be joining the school and the Teaching School Hub at this time and look forward to working with staff and students, not only in our school, but across North East London to support and develop an outstanding provision for all.*

As this will be our final Greensheet of 2021, I want to thank all parents, carers, students and staff for making me feel so welcome during my first year at WSfG. I want to wish you all well over the festive season: Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish families who celebrated over the last two weeks and Merry Christmas to our Christian families. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a healthy, happy and joyful New Year in 2022 and I look forward to working with you and your daughters in the Spring term.

Ms H Marriott

Headteacher



## Parent & Carer Information



## Autumn Term 2021

### End of Term Arrangements

**The last day of Autumn Term is Friday 17th December 2021**

- Lessons 1 – 3 are as normal
- Form classes will be dismissed between 12:30 and 12:35 by SPLs and SLT
- There will be a breaktime food service for students as usual
- There will be no lunch service (a packed lunch will be provided for those students receiving FSM - please request this via Ms K Pratt ASAP)
- **The last day of term (Friday 17th December) will be a non-uniform day** (festive jumpers encouraged) with proceeds going to charities selected by each year group (£1 donations will be collected on the gate in the morning)
- Lanyards **MUST** be worn
- Jewellery should not be worn for health and safety reasons.  
Please note that the school is not liable for any lost or missing items of jewellery





## Christmas Lunch



**The school Christmas lunch will take place on Tuesday 14th December**

- There will be **no breaktime service**
- The cost of the Christmas meal is the same cost of a meal deal
- A vegetarian option will be available as usual
- No sandwiches or other options will be served
- One cards **MUST** be loaded - no cash will be accepted

Christmas lunch timings:

Eat or Heat prize winning students: 11.50

Year 7: 12.10

Year 11: 12.30

Year 10: 12.50

Year 9: 1.10

Year 8: 1.25

## Start of the Spring Term

The first day of the Spring Term for all students is Tuesday 4th January 2022.

**Students will be expected to participate in COVID testing on their return on either the 4th or 5th January.**

Students are expected in **FULL** school uniform and to be in school at the usual time

The first week back will be Week A

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Ms. K Pratt

Assistant Headteacher



## Eat or Heat

### Eat or Heat Food Drive

A reminder that our Eat or Heat Food Drive runs until **Monday, 13th December.**

The winning form in each year group will be first into lunch for a one week.

Please donate as generously as you can!

**Additional food items include:-pre-packed Christmas treats (sweets, biscuits, Christmas pudding, cakes, etc.)**

Ms Schaber

Associate Assistant Headteacher



Cereal or porridge	Canned soup	Canned spaghetti or baked beans	Canned fish or meat	Biscuits
Canned Kidney beans or Chick Peas	Canned potatoes/ Instant mash	Canned Vegetables/ tomatoes	Lentils/beans/Pulses	Canned Fruit/ dessert
Sugar	Long Life milk / Milk Powder	Teabags/ Instant Coffee	Pasta or Noodles or Pasta Sauce	Flour Self-raising and plain
Squash	Rice	Couscous	Baby food/nappies	Cooking Oil
Hand Soap (bars)	Shower Gel	Tooth Brush/ Tooth Paste	Women's Men's toiletries	Shampoo
Sanitary Towels /Tampons	Washing Powder/Tablets	Dog/cat food	-PRE-PACKED CHRISTMAS TREATS (SWEETS, BISCUITS, CHRISTMAS PUDDING, CAKES, ETC.)	



## Severe Weather and Emergency School Closures



*1 - Emergency School Closures or Severe Weather*

### Severe Weather and Emergency School Closures

In the event of severe weather, the school will remain open when possible. If however the school considers an emergency closure as a result of severe weather, the decision on whether the school stays open will be taken by the Headteacher after carrying out a risk assessment.

**Information on any school closure will be available on the school's website:**

[www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk).

**We also aim to send a text message to all parents/carers in the event of a school closure, however there are sometimes delays receiving these messages promptly.**

Please ensure that the School Office has up to date contact details, including addresses and telephone numbers (as well as the mobile number of the emergency contact).

It is essential that the school has at least **one** land line and a mobile number.

## Lost Property



**Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kits, are clearly labelled. Blazers should be named with labels or in indelible pen.**

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**.

**All** lost property will be **removed** from the box on the last day of term.

Ms Jolliffe

Student Services



## Faculty News



### P.E. - Year 9 Football

I am delighted to announce that the Year 9 football team are through to the borough semi-finals after winning all 9 of their games. The semi-finals and finals will take place next Thursday at the Peter May Centre. Here are the results so far and the students in the team:

*Aaliyah 9W (Captain) Alice 9W Breanna 9C Sarah 9G Miray 9F Samanta 9F Eliza 9W Chanelle 9G Nylah 9H Elena 9H*

1. WSFG VS SOUTH CHINGFORD: 5 - 0
2. WSFG VS WALTHAMSTOW ACADEMY: 3 - 0
3. WSFG VS WILLOWFIELD: 1 - 0
4. WSFG VS LAMMAS: 1 - 0
5. WSFG VS HIGHAMS PARK: 1 - 0
6. WSFG VS GEORGE MITCHELL: 7 - 0
7. WSFG VS CHINGFORD: 2 - 0

8. WSFG VS LEYTONSTONE: 1 - 0

9. WSFG VS HOLY FAMILY: 2 - 0

Congratulations and good luck to the team for the semi-final!

Ms Wood

PE Faculty

## Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Regional Finals 2021



### Waltham Forest Regional Final 25.11.21

I am delighted to announce that Year 10 Student *Cleo* 10F, came 3rd in the regional finals on Thursday 25th November at Frederick Bremmer School.

I am beyond proud of her!

It was such a fabulous event with 13 regional finalists who all delivered speeches on their chosen topics. The final 13 were selected out of the 422 students trained in Waltham Forest this year and all the finalists were amazing, but *Cleo* shone brighter!

Here is her speech on YouTube:

[Cleo Bador, Romance or Toxic Masculinity, JPSpeakOut](#)

I also want to congratulate *Leigh* 10G who came to support on the night with us as a reserve candidate and was such a good sport throughout the competition.

We know that effective public speaking is a life skill and that good communication skills promote self-confidence and increase employability. It is crucial our students learn how powerful their voices are to bring positive social change in our society.

Ms Desbenoit

Year 10 Senior Progress Leader

## Christmas Wreath



*Anna* from 8H created this beautiful wreath yesterday from materials foraged from the school grounds (apart from the holly which she brought from home). Anna used lime twigs for the frame and ivy, Conifer, holly and dogwood for the decorations, all tied together with red wool and ribbon.

Ms Ebblewhite

LLD Faculty

## Year 7 Origami for Mindfulness

### Origami for Mindfulness

A keen group of Year 7 students have been meeting on Friday Week B to develop their origami skills and to support their mindfulness.

So far we have focused on the interlocking sonobe cube, flapping birds and stars. Below are a selection of photos from the sessions.

If you want to have a go at the stars, here is a helpful video. It is a challenging model, however it can be achievable with perseverance and attention to detail:

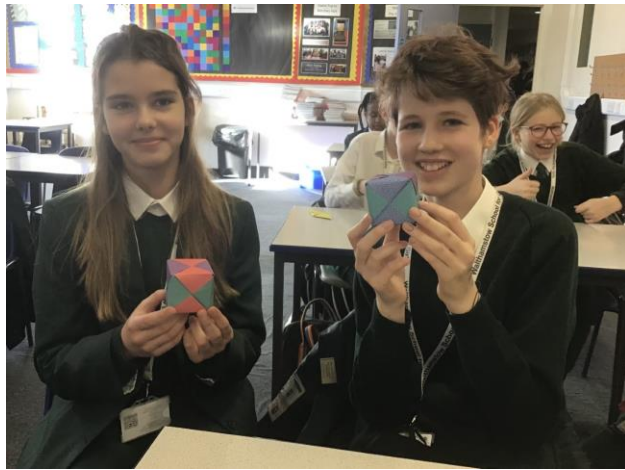
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=A2TzGWgChl8>

Ms Robinson

Maths Faculty







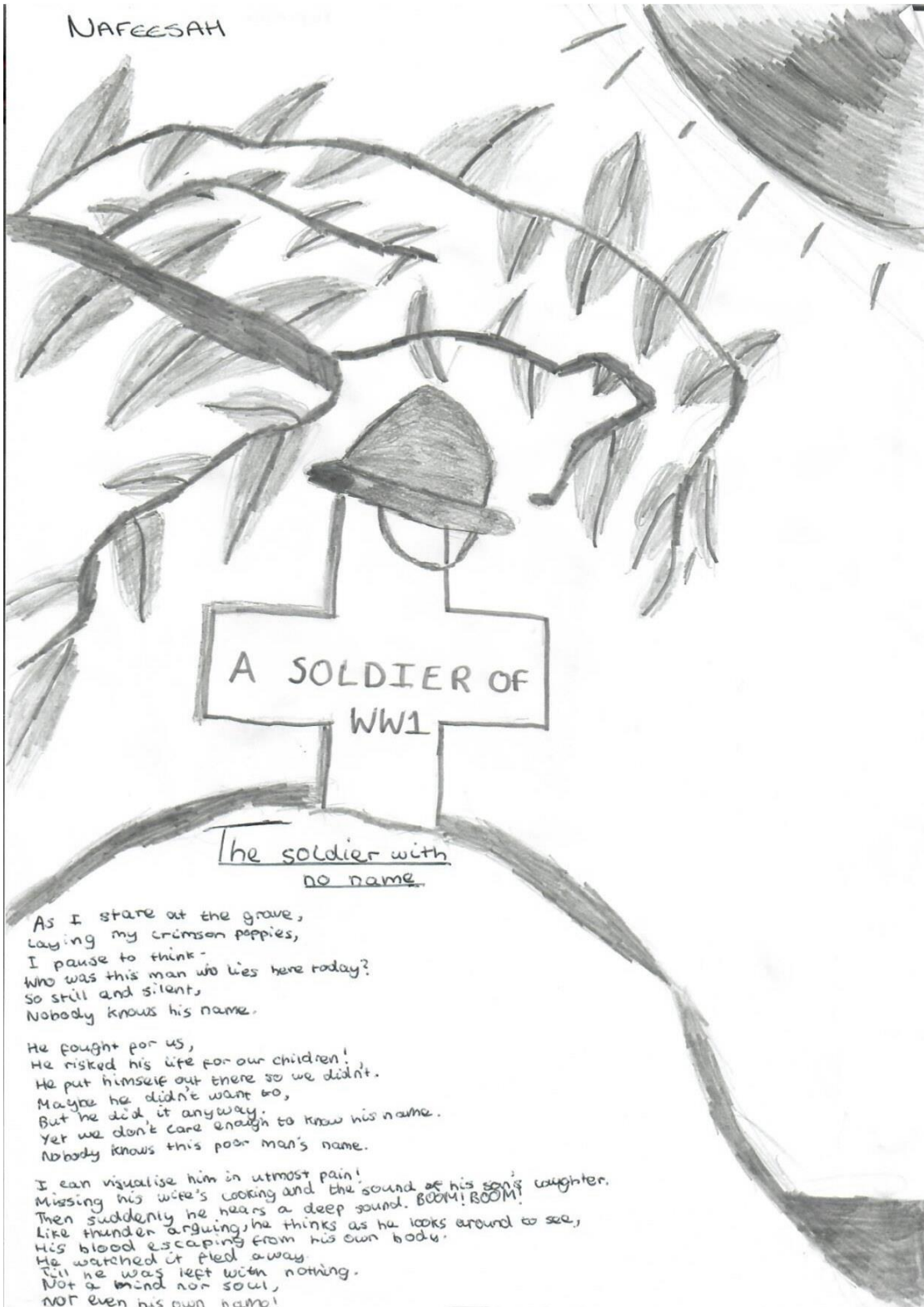
## Year 8 English

Students in Year 8 have been looking at WW1 poetry, features, authors and the impact these have had over the years on readers. Students have also looked at WW1 art and how this can also relay powerful messages. I hope you will enjoy some of the work students have prepared in this respect.

Mrs R Jolliffe

English Faculty

NAFEESAH



A SOLDIER OF  
WW1

The soldier with  
no name.

As I stare at the grave,  
Laying my crimson poppies,  
I pause to think -  
Who was this man who lies here today?  
So still and silent,  
Nobody knows his name.

He fought for us,  
He risked his life for our children!  
He put himself out there so we didn't.  
Maybe he didn't want to,  
But he did it anyway.  
Yet we don't care enough to know his name.  
Nobody knows this poor man's name.

I can visualise him in utmost pain!  
Missing his wife's cooking and the sound of his son's laughter.  
Then suddenly he hears a deep sound. BOOM! BOOM!  
Like thunder arguing, he thinks as he looks around to see,  
His blood escaping from his own body.  
He watched it fled away.  
Till he was left with nothing.  
Not a mind nor soul,  
NOT even his own name!

SOPHIE



All the lies

Children blinded by all the lies;  
heading towards their own demise.  
Treading within the tunnel of light,  
The one enemy you just can't fight  
Trudging through the death-infested gloom  
Sent crashing into their own doom  
Treking straight into the lions den  
In their heads, gunshots echo again and again  
And yet they pose for the camera with smiles on their faces,  
Terror and panic this mask replaces  
Because dying for your country is 'a sacrifice worth making'  
But patriotism with pointless deaths you're mistaking...

As I look onto the many graves  
I know it wasn't worth it  
The endless fighting has come to an end  
and I am left hopelessly alone.

I went and fought for you, our country, our home  
but still I wasn't there when you needed me the most  
My tears are dried, my wounds are healed

but the scars you left  
could only grow.

I have seen horrors,  
victory and death -  
but nothing  
prepared me for  
when you left.



Alessandra



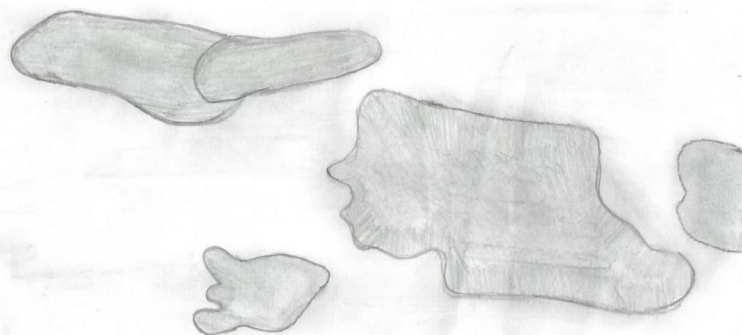


March, march, march,  
Here come the marching men.  
They shall keep marching,  
Until the very end.

SHH!! - don't wake them,  
They're in their prime,  
They're ripe - their plump skin glistens,  
As they march to the gun's crime.

ALICJA

Watch as they march,  
Through the rocky sea of grey.  
Their reflections staring helplessly,  
At the white eyes of the bodies that lay.  
Here come the marching men.

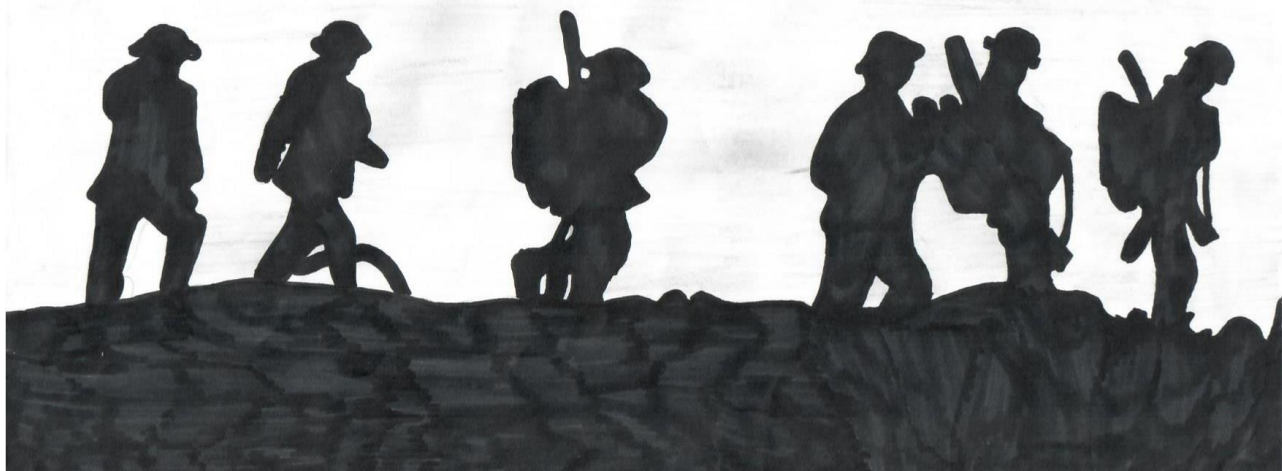


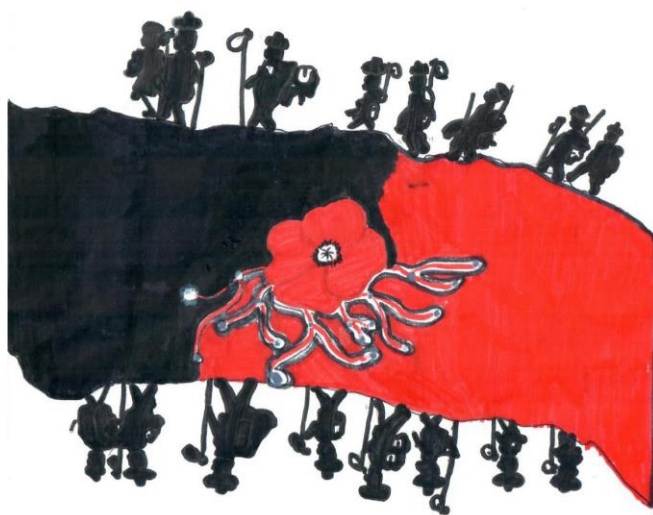
We walked... and walked... and walked...  
Not knowing that death was waiting for us  
on the other side of the Bridge  
or did we? Is that why we are here? to prove that  
"we'll die for our country"  
or that we truly wanted to see victory.

our spirited hearts left the rest of our life behind  
From that point we all knew was war... death...  
our innocent eyes scarred with our mates deaths  
Puddles of blood, filled our eyes like rivers

As shell bombs infected our lungs,  
DONT STEP THERE! we cried for thats where  
our mates lie...

ESHA





## STILL

in shock.

Still, in shock  
Strong but still in shock  
ready to kill

marching through blood  
in the red mud.  
Still, in shock.

No more affection  
Just following their direction  
But Still in Shock!

Ayat



Within the trenches you men hide  
To shield themselves from the other side.  
Gas! Gas! the young men plead  
They grab their masks that they need indeed.  
Quick, run, shield yourself  
We must protect our lungs and health;  
So move, move, out of my way  
I need to live for another day.  
Run, run, run for your life  
You have to leave the others behind.

By Aiza

Anna

### **Leaving For War**

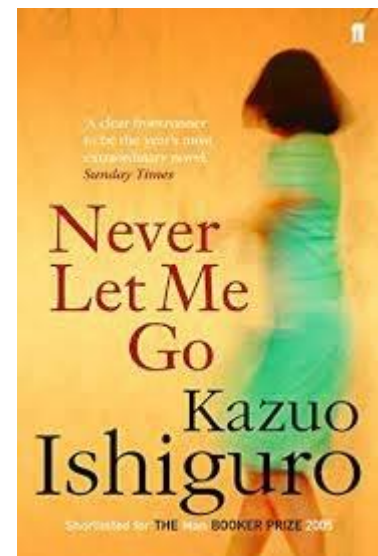
Leaving for war - my comrades beside me,  
Eager, excited proud.  
Mother cried when I signed up  
Said it shouldn't be allowed.

Leaving for war to bring glory  
To my family and friends;  
Cheering, laughing together  
On us England depends.

### **Returning From War**

Returning from war - injured,  
Many of my friends dead.  
Free from the threat of guns  
We always lived in dread.

I feel like a coward  
Abandoning my mates,  
We were all in it together  
What will be their fate?





## 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:

[info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

### WSfG Friends Group Merchandise

Please contact Ms Kelly or Ms Winter via the school's email address (below) if you wish to make a purchase.

All proceeds go towards the WSfG Friends Group so that they can organise and support events for the school.

- Cards (various designs): 50p each or 4 for £1.50
- Tote bags (various designs): £3
- Key rings: £2
- Mugs: £5
- Pen: £1
- Bookmark: 10p

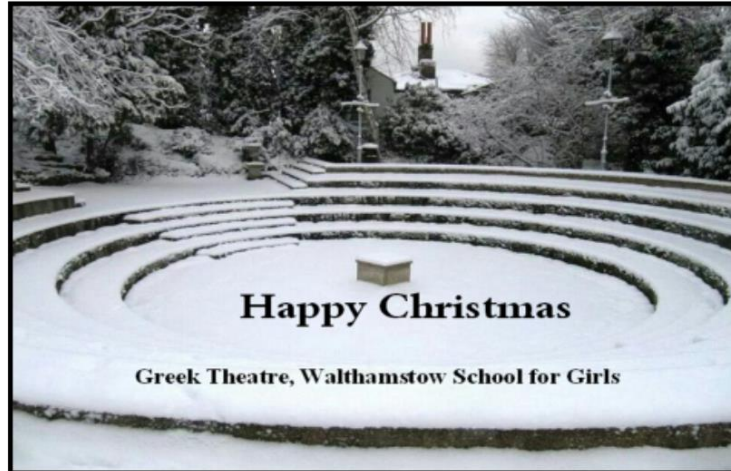
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## Community Events

### London Forest Choir Christmas Concert

*London  
forest  
Choir*


Our famous Christmas concert with orchestra returns for 2021, with seasonal music from around the world plus carols old and new.

London Forest Choir  
Sylvan Ensemble  
Jonathan Rathbone *conductor*  
Leo Nicholson *piano*

7.30pm, Thursday 16 December 2021  
St Michael and All Angels Church,  
Northcote Road, Walthamstow E17 7DT

Tickets £12 in advance/£14 on the door or £5 for students/benefit recipients/children, available from [www.londonforestchoir.org](http://www.londonforestchoir.org)

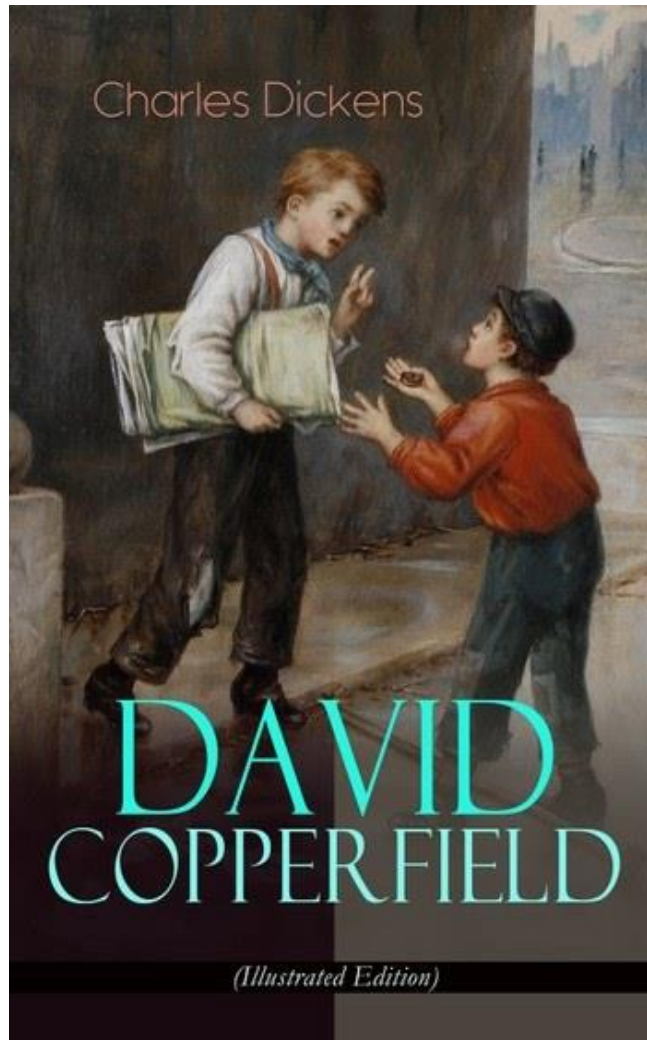
*Christmas  
concert*



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

Wadham Players Presents

David Copperfield



**Friday 10th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th December 2021**

Performances: 7.30pm

Booking: 0786 071 6295 or [www.wadhamplayers.co.uk](http://www.wadhamplayers.co.uk)

Forest Community Centre

Guildford Road, Walthamstow

London E17 4EA

[amateur community theatre group - Wadham Players](http://www.wadhamplayers.co.uk)

Wadham Players presents David Copperfield. Adaptation by Alastair Cording. Based on the novel by Charles Dickens. David Copperfield is, at its core, about the exploration of couples and marriages, about the effects on adult life of childhood experience, and Dickens's consideration of the model for the perfect woman.

## Waltham Forest Young Advisors are Recruiting



**YOUNG ADVISORS**

We are now recruiting!  
Scan the QR code to apply...

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
15TH DECEMBER**

**WHO ARE WE?**

Young Advisors is a national charity which aims to get young people actively involved in their local community. Waltham Forest Young Advisors are looking for individuals **aged 14-19**, who are committed to the role and will attend monthly meetings at the Town Hall.

**Features:**

- Paid flexible role
- Have your say: attend council meetings, work on projects & events
- Streetbase patrols
- Opportunities for development & networking

And much more!

**Contact information**  
07807 035680  
Jane.Brueseke@walthamforest.gov.uk

## National Online Safety -TikTok

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text.

Please find below a poster of tips and advice from National Online Safety regarding Tik Tok, an increasingly popular app used by children. The age limit for this is 13, but as with many social media apps we find children below this age use them. This guide might answer any questions you may have about the app.







## Spring Term 2022

- Tuesday 4 January 2022 to Friday 1 April 2022
- Thursday 6th January -Friday 21st January 2022: Year 11 Non-Core Mock Examinations
- Thursday 17 January: Year 9 Options Evening
- Thursday 10 February: Year 9 Parents and Carers' Evening
- **Half Term: Monday 14 February 2022 to Friday 18 February 2022**
- Spring Holiday: Monday 4 April 2022 to Monday 18 April 2022

## Summer Term 2022

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

**PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Contact Us



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Student Absence Line: 020 8509 9444

