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Week 'A'

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,

I am sure that our students appreciate how lucky they are to have a wide variety of opportunities available to them while they are at Walthamstow School for Girls to broaden their horizons.

This week we were privileged to welcome inspirational speaker Miranda Brawn to the school as she came to speak with our Year 10 students about her career and also her Diversity Leadership Foundation. This event was arranged through the Speakers for Schools charity who engage with leading personalities in business, sports and the Arts and arrange for them to visit schools, speak to students and share their expertise and life experiences with them. We are very grateful to Miranda for giving up her time to speak with our girls and for other opportunities she has given some of our students including mentoring contacts. Also speaking was our own student, *Savannah Odeyemi*, who last year won a personal mentoring scholarship with Miranda.

On Tuesday, a facilitator from the Donmar Warehouse came to run a workshop for a group of Year 9 and 10 Drama students in preparation for a production they will be seeing at the theatre later this month. My thanks go to Ms Cornford who has arranged this workshop for our students— see page 7.

Also on Tuesday a group of Year 9 Art students went to the Whitechapel Gallery to see an exhibition of the work of post war artist Eduardo Paolozzi.

On Wednesday Year 9 Humanities students intending to study GCSE RE next year were taken to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, the beautiful Hindu temple, at Neasden, as part of their study of different religions.

We are now in the second week of the first WSFG International Month and look forward to the 62nd Eurovision Song Contest final as it comes live from Kyiv in the Ukraine this weekend. WSFG will be running an activity based on the event. This is just one of many activities taking place in school with an international theme, which we will be reporting in the Greensheet as May progresses. Please support the fundraising efforts of our staff and students heading to work in a school in Zanzibar next year when you shop online (please see page 6).

Our school Attendance Officer, Ms King, has raised concerns about the attendance of some students. Her article this week highlights some cautionary information which I would draw to your attention. I cannot emphasise strongly enough how important regular attendance at school is for your daughter's education and her future.

Finally, as our written GCSE examinations start next week, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Year 11 students the success that they deserve.

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.

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 15th May** and finish on **Monday 26th June 2017** a copy of the timetable can be found on the school's website under the Exams section.

Please be aware that all examinations are set externally by the examination boards and the school cannot make any changes and is not accountable for any changes made by the examination boards.

It is also important to remember that these examinations **cannot be taken at another time** so attendance is vital to ensure grades are achieved.

Many thanks,

Mrs Brickett
Examinations and Assessment Manager

English Revision for Year 10

The English faculty will be holding revision sessions for targeted Year 10 students to help support them with their recent Jane Eyre checkpoint.

Please ask your daughter if she has been issued with an invitation letter for this after-school session on **Thursday 18th May**.

Thank you for your continuing support. English faculty.

Ms Wilkins
English faculty

**KS3 Examinations Fortnight
Monday 15th May-Friday 26th 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.

SCHOOL Attendance

Your child's education is very important, regular school attendance helps pupils fulfil their potential and gives 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 child by encouraging regular school attendance.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager

Lost Property

If you have lost a mobile phone in the school grounds which was found Tuesday lunchtime **please see Ms Janes in the Front Office.**



Students are reminded that you can collect lost property at 3.30pm every day. Parents and carers may also collect lost property any day after school.



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

Ms Jolliffe
Student Services



Medical or dental appointments during school time.

Information for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know the safety of the students is paramount at Walthamstow School for Girls. We have a concern about students signing out of school to attend medical or dental appointments during school time.

Our attendance policy states that unless unavoidable or in emergency circumstances, medical or dental appointments should be made out of school hours.

If your daughter has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment, the school requires that you send in the letter or appointment card as well as an accompanying letter from yourself requesting that your daughter be allowed to leave school.

The school needs to see evidence of the appointment before we allow the student to leave the premises. We will also be “spot checking” by telephoning parents of students who wish to leave the premises to ensure that the appointment is genuine.

I hope you understand that we require this further information to ensure the safety of your daughter at all times.

Thank you for your co-operation in this and all school matters.

Ms King

Student Attendance Manager

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

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 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.

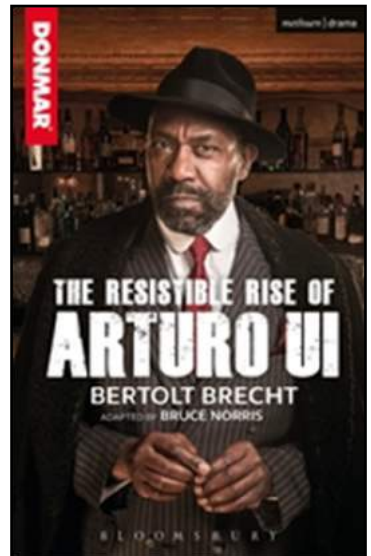
Many thanks,
Ms Philippou

Donmar Warehouse Workshop

On Tuesday, a facilitator from the Donmar Warehouse came to school to deliver a workshop to a group of Year 9 and 10 Drama students. The aim of this was to prepare participants for a production of *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* at the theatre on 24th May. This production stars Lenny Henry and the play is the work of Bertolt Brecht, one of our key practitioners at GCSE.

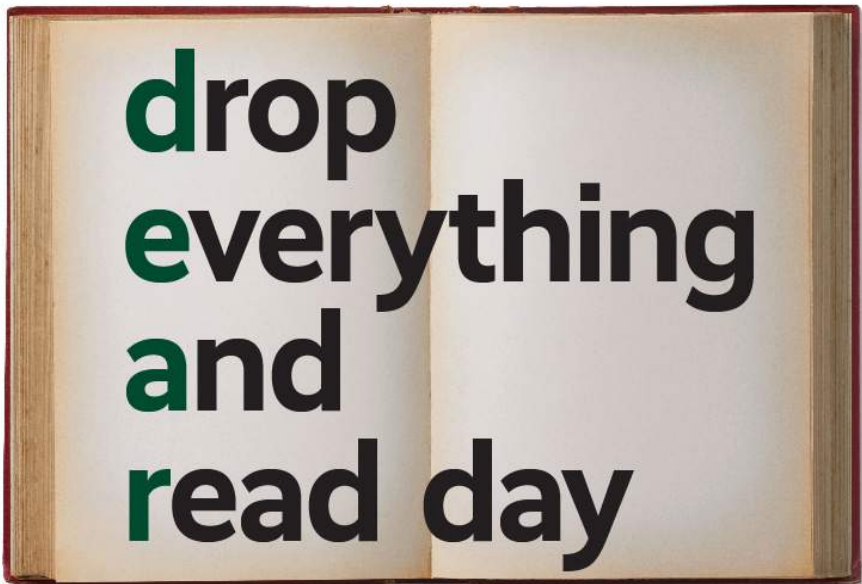
The students created some excellent and hilarious Brechtian pieces about a range of injustices, and Ms Jean-Baptiste and I are really looking forward to taking them to see this incredibly timely and relevant play. Watch this space for the students' response to the show.

Ms Cornford





Friday 26th May is



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.





Walthamstow School for Girls Allotment Spring Clean

Saturday 20th 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

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

Programme details

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

Date: Wednesday 26th April for 13 weeks

Time: 4-7pm

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

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



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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.



School Calendar for 2016-17

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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

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