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Thursday 15th December
Carol concert:
details to follow

Spring Term Start: Wednesday 4th January 2017
End: Friday 31st March

Monday 30th January 2017 INSET Day
School closed to students

Thursday 2nd February
Year 11 Parent/Carers Evening

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the successful Year 10 Charity event to raise funds for the Bone Cancer Research Trust last week, we have now launched our fund raising appeal to everyone connected with our school community. We are already half way to reaching our target of £1000 towards the charity which supported our Year 10 student *Dilara Ozbek* and her family in her courageous fight against this awful disease. If you would like to support our charity fundraising, please donate via the JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Walthamstow-School-for-Girls>

Any donation, however small, would be welcome. We are also running our annual Christmas card design competition based on the work of famous artists. I have no doubt that the finalists will produce some excellent greeting cards which will have multi faith appeal. These cards will be available for purchase for the school this year, with all proceeds going to the Bone Cancer Charity Trust. Look out for more details in a future *Greensheet*.

Also a reminder following my message in last week's *Greensheet*, now that the other election is out of the way, you can focus on voting on our really important local one, that of our next Parent

Governor. You will shortly be receiving a ballot paper by post-if this has not arrived by the weekend, please contact the school early next week (0208 5099446 or info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk). You can vote for one of the three parent candidates, and your vote must be received in school by **Wednesday 23rd November**. Please do take the time to vote –the Governing Body has a crucial role in overseeing our focus and development at WSFG.

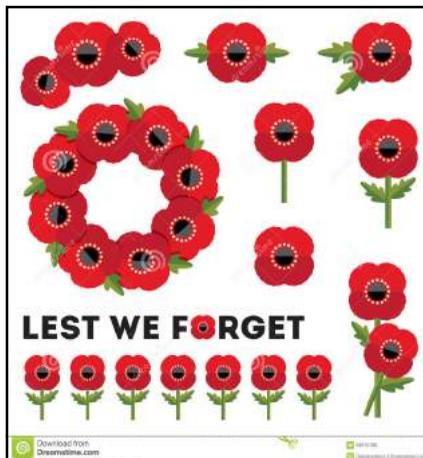
In this issue we have a full report of the excellent Mathematics event organised by Ms Robinson last week. I found Dr Steckles' presentation absolutely fascinating-but do read what our young students thought of it.

We had some real achievements this week too. Our Year 8/9 Basketball team had a brilliant first game of the season against an equally impressive team from Walthamstow Academy. It is no wonder that the girls are smiling in their picture-they won 25-4. Congratulations to the green and golds!

The Year 9 representatives who went to Excel for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in Aviation event last week also did us proud-the full report will be in the Bumper Greensheet. Also this week we were treated to some stunning public speaking with the Year 10 finalists of the Jack Petchey SpeakOut Challenge. Congratulations to *Ella Palmer*, *Eve Billington* and *Sultan Rifat* who were awarded the top three WSFG rankings. The winner will go on to compete in the final on November 30th at Willowfield School.

On Friday, we held our two minutes' Remembrance Day silence on the eleventh hour of the eleventh month to signify the signing of the armistice at the end of the First World War. We will reflect together on all the lives lost in conflict around the world.

Best wishes,
Meryl Davies



In Memory of Dilara Ozbek

Last Thursday the Year 10 charity reps held a cake sale to raise funds for the Bone Cancer Research Trust (BCRT) which supported Dilara through her illness. The fundraiser was a huge success and a big thank you goes out to all students, staff, parents and carers who provided cakes for the event.



We raised over £550 which is a fantastic amount but we don't want to stop there and as a school we have set ourselves a target of £1000 which we would like to donate to BCRT.

If any parents/carers wish to donate money to the BCRT, you have the following options:

1) Please come into school and drop off a donation at our front office.

2) We have set up a JustGiving page for Dilara for parents/carers to donate and here is the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Walthamstow-School-for-Girls>

3) You can donate directly on the BCRT website, selecting the option that you are making 'a company, organisation or school donation' and giving Walthamstow School for Girls as the company name:

<https://www.committedgiving.uk.net/bcrt/public/>

Thank you

Ms Warren
SPL Year 10



Year 11 Mock Examinations 2016

The Year 11 written Mock Examinations begin on **Monday 14th November** and finish on **Wednesday 30th November 2016**.

Students received copies of their individual Mock Examination timetables via Form Tutors before half-term and there are details of these mocks on the school website:

<http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/exams-and-controlled-assessments/year-11-summer-examination->

Please ensure that students are in full school uniform and have all the equipment they need. Students should arrive at school in good time before the start of the examination.

Thank you.

Mrs Brickett
Examinations Officer

Attendance League for October 2016.



Well done to 7F, 8S, 9F, 10G & 11W for being October winners. Your winners postcards are in tutor pigeon holes. Headteacher's postcards are with your SPL.

100% certificates and pin badges have been given to the SPLs who have or will be handing them out shortly. Please let the students know that they are allowed to pin the badges onto their lanyards.

There will also be a raffle for each year group. The students that have 100% attendance for the whole year will go into the draw to win a prize.

Ms King

Focus of the Fortnight
7th – 18th Nov 2016.
Student Planner

Dear Parents / Carers,

At the start of the Year, all students are issued with a planner that has been carefully designed to support them with their school work, homework and general organisational skills.

Students are required to have their planner in school with them at all times and if they do not, they will have an automatic one hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team.

If a student loses her planner she should purchase another from Student Services for the cost of £2.00.

In order to support your daughter with this Focus, please ensure that she has her planner with her every day for school and sign the planner as required.

Ms Pratt
Assistant Headteacher



Student Planner

- A student is required to have her **PLANNER** with her in school at all times
- The **PLANNER** is an essential part of her school equipment. If a student does not have her **PLANNER**, she will receive an automatic one hour detention and will have her conduct card signed.

Win

a trip to the Royal Opera House



In January 2016, 30 lucky competition winners from WSFG won a trip to a performance of Tosca at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. We now have another opportunity for students to win tickets to the ROH, this time students have the chance to attend a matinée performance of Verdi's opera, **Il Trovatore**.

To enter,

- *Research the opera's plot, the setting and the characters.*
 - *Write the story in your own words.*
- *Write a few sentences saying why you want to visit the opera, (preferably typed - maximum 1 side of A4 paper).*
- *Remember to add your name and tutor group to your entry and return to Ms Davies via the front office.*

Extended Closing date Monday 14th November, 2016.

Entries are particularly welcome from students who have not visited the opera before and would like to find out more.



MyBnk Workshops – Year 7 and 8

Dear Year 7 and 8 Parents, Carers and Students,

On Monday **14th November**, MyBnk will be in school delivering some workshops to our Year 7 and 8 students as follows.

| | | |
|--------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Year 7 | 9:05-12:25 | My Money and My Choices |
| Year 8 | 1:30 – 3:30 | My Future |

Please see below an outline for what these sessions will cover:

1. My Money

- ◆ History and features of money
- ◆ Forms of payment
- ◆ Currency & exchange rates

2. My Choices

- ◆ Budgeting, Needs & Wants, Saving
- ◆ Youth employment and minimum wage

3. My Future

- ◆ Interest and the flow of money
- ◆ Types of accounts, including ethical banking
- ◆ Connecting the learning from previous sessions

The sessions will take place in school and students are expected in full school uniform at the usual time.

Students have found these sessions really valuable in the past and I'm sure your daughter will enjoy them.

Many thanks,
Ms Philippou

Afterschool ICT Club

As of Monday 7th November, we have re-opened our afterschool ICT facilities from 3:30pm until 4:30pm on Mondays through to Thursdays.

This is a supervised space which provides a calm environment for students to complete quiet study individually or in pairs and very small groups. The workroom is equipped with 30 computers as well as adequate desk space for students to use.

Our afterschool ICT club was well attended last year by students across the school and I'm sure that our students will make the most of this opportunity once again.

Please note that this is a quiet study area and mobile phones and music are not allowed in line with our usual school procedures.

Many thanks,

Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher



Challenge News

This week's Oxbridge Question

Discuss with your friends and family to help develop your HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills).



How would you describe an apple?
(Social and Political sciences, Cambridge)

Ms Robinson

Morgan Stanley Trip

Last week Ms Ray, Mr Salmon and Ms Choudury went with twenty five Year 9 students to Morgan Stanley in Canary Wharf. The visit focused on the role of women in the workplace and how the young women can make the most of their futures. Senior members of the Sales and Audit Departments spoke about their own experiences and how they were inspired to work for Morgan Stanley.



The trip was very illuminating about the efforts City businesses are making towards meritocratic leadership. The girls had a chance to network with the twelve business associates, discussing their own future aspirations.

Walthamstow School for Girls is grateful to Morgan Stanley for hosting us and looks forward to utilising the advice offered to our students.

Ms Ray
Careers Guidance and Workplace
Engagement Coordinator



Shapes and Smoke Rings

Last week, Dr Katie Steckles (From Think-maths.co.uk) visited WSFG and delivered some engaging mathematical talks to students from Henry Maynard Primary School, Chingford Foundation School, Greenleaf Primary School and all of our Year 7 students. She spoke about and illustrated her favourite mathematical shapes, in reverse order – the **Sphere**, **Möbius strip** and **Torus**. Here is some feedback from the girls:

Katie Steckles came to our school and spoke about her three favourite shapes and how maths can be fun. Katie did a degree in maths, some more research to become a doctor of mathematics and now goes to schools and science festivals to talk about it. She shows children how maths can be amusing and fun which is just about right!

Her third favourite shape is the sphere. The reason she likes it is because if you do three 90 degree turns, you get back to where you started. This is really cool as on paper, the angles in a triangle add up to 180 degrees but if the triangle is drawn on a sphere they don't. She showed us a trick with our hands that works because the elbow is at the centre of a sphere. In my opinion she is awesome and I agree that the sphere is cool!

Julia Szczytkowska 7H

Her second favourite shape is a Möbius strip. It was named after a man called August Möbius. He discovered it by twisting a bit of paper and taping the ends together. If you were to draw a line across the strip you will come back to your starting point having drawn a line all around it. There are all kinds of things you can make using a Möbius strip, like a square and interlocking hearts. Katie Steckles has her own YouTube channel where she does other cool maths experiments.

Ornela Laci 7C

During the last few moments of the maths talk with Katie Steckles, she was talking about her final, favourite shape, the Torus. The Torus is the official name for a doughnut shape. Why is this her favourite shape?

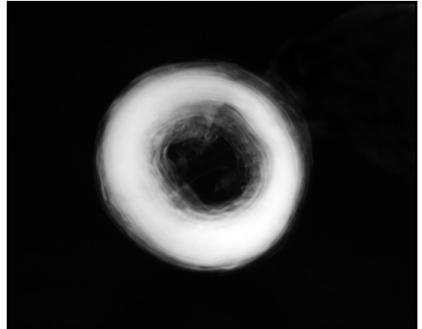
Katie showed us an exciting performance to explain why. To illustrate the Torus she made smoke rings. How? Well, she brought a garden bin-like thing with her which had a black plastic bin bag attached to it. However the bin bag was



... tied at the back therefore making a handle type thing. Katie also brought along her smoke machine. To make the smoke rings she 'stuffed' the bin bag\garden bin thing with the smoke from the smoke machine. After she would fiercely push in the bin bag at the end causing the smoke to come out. Amazingly, the smoke ball would change into a smoke ring! Flabbergasted, we all exclaimed: "HOW ON EARTH DID YOU DO THAT!?" Some of us also said "WOW!"

Katie explained how and why it turned into a ring
 "The smoke ring is produced due to the difference in pressure on the outside and inside of the ring. That also causes the smoke that makes up the ring to rotate."

After her explanation we begged her for more smoke rings. Thankfully she did so. Sadly the workshop came to an end and we said our goodbyes to Katie, her many shapes and her smoke machine!



Afterwards we were allowed a quick photo shoot with Katie and now I promise you it's ... goodbye!

Siwan Jackson 7H

Here is a link to Katie's YouTube channel which is well worth a visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/st3cks>

Ms Robinson



Waltham Forest Borough League. Basketball

The Year 8/9 basketball team had a great start to their season this week beating Walthamstow Academy 25-4!

The winning team members are;

*Hannah Coley
Amie Burgess
Maria H'Maidi
Melissa Monsheju
Folashade Ogungbemi
Shula Carter
Mariam Boota
Olivia Hamm
Roseline Adusei*

Their next game is at home on Tuesday 29th November against Lammas, all students are welcome to support the girls if you can.

Ms Warren



Performing Arts Extra – Curricular Timetable

| DAY | LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm | AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-4:30pm |
|------------------|--|--|
| Monday | Year 9 and 10/11 Football training (FCA) | Year 7-11 Basketball coaching SH |
| Tuesday | Year 7 and Year 8 Football training (LWO) | Year 9 and 10/11 football fixtures (LWO&FCA) Roller skating club SH |
| Wednesday | Year 7-11 Basketball (RWA) sports hall | Year 7 Drama club CWA drama studio Basketball fixtures (RWA) |
| Thursday | Wii fit club WFA F55 Badminton Ms Black Sports hall | Year 7 and year 8 Football fixtures (FCA & LWO) Year 7-11 Tottenham football coaching |
| Friday | Year 7-11 KTROO Club Please sign up at performing arts office | |



DRAMA



**Walthamstow School for Girls
Community Christmas Party.
Tuesday 13th December.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year at WSFG we host a community Christmas party.

This is a very special event as the whole school comes together to organise a celebration with food, gifts and entertainment for the elderly members of our community.

We like to show them how much we appreciate and value them and to make sure they have a good time with some great company.



This year, our community party will take place on the afternoon of **Tuesday 13th December**. We are starting to organise the event and to send out invitations to our elderly guests. If you have any elderly relatives, neighbours, friends or contacts who you would like to invite, please could provide us with their full name(s) and address(es) so that we can contact them. This could be via phone (020 8509 9446), email (info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) or via your daughter(s).

Additionally, if you have any unwanted (brand new) gifts that we could offer our guests, please send them to Miss Eveleigh in the Humanities office via your daughter(s). Last year was one of our best ever community parties and, with your support, we'd like to make sure this year is even more memorable.

Thank you,

Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher



Label your uniform



Please make sure your daughter's clothing has her name and form clearly marked in it, so that it can be returned to her if lost.



Ms King
Student Attendance Manager

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property since returning after half term.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled so that it can be easily returned

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**.

Ms Jolliffe
Student Services



Parent Governor Election

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TREK THE NIGHT

South Downs Way

15 July 2017



It's midnight. Most people are asleep. But not you.

South Downs Way Trek The Night - 15th July 2017

An Invitation for **ALL**
 Earlybird Registration fee - £99 per Team
 Normally £150 (offer ends 31st December)

It's midnight. Most people are asleep. But not you....

At the stroke of midnight you'll begin your challenge at the ancient site of Devil's Dyke, just north of Brighton. You'll trek through some of the most challenging and breathtaking landscapes the South Downs has to offer, past beautiful Lewes Castle, through the picturesque village of Alfriston and over the famous Seven Sisters cliffs.

After watching the sun rise, you will push on through the next day, to the finish line at Beachy Head, Eastbourne, to complete an adventure you will never forget.

We are hosting a team challenge event along the South Downs Way next summer. Please follow this link [South Downs Way](#) for more information on the Trek The Night taking place on the 15th July 2017.

Trek The Night is a 40 mile team fundraising endurance challenge for teams of 5 (4 walkers and 1 support driver). If the full Trek is not for you then why not take on the Trek Nite Lite - just 20 miles but still starting at midnight.

All fundraising is for our charity Action Medical Research for Children. We are a leading national charity dedicated to the health of babies and children, and we have been researching across the UK for over 60 years. We continue to find and fund the best medical research to stop suffering of babies and children. Please see the following link for our Successes; [Action Medical successes](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

With Kind Regards,

Gill Rivers

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER: NCT NEARLY NEW SALE, Hewett Hall, WSFG, E17 9RZ, 10.30am-12pm, £1.50 / £1 NCT members. Pre loved babies' and children's clothes, toys and equipment at bargain prices, plus refreshments. See: www.nct.org/branches/waltham-forest for details.

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER: E17 DESIGNERS' FAIR, Mirth, Marvel and Maud, 186 Hoe Street, E17 4QH, 12-5pm, free entry. Stalls include fashion, jewellery, pottery, prints and textiles, plus refreshments and music. Don't miss this opportunity to see inside the transformed former EMD/Granada cinema! Email: contact@e17designers.co.uk for list of stalls.

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER: POEM-A THON, Ye Olde Rose and Crown Theatre Pub, 53 Hoe Street, E17 4SA, 2-10pm, free entry. Non stop poetry event to raise money for Médecins Sans Frontières, who provide free medical treatment for the injured in war torn areas of the world. Contact Paul McGrane on 07964 878315; donate via: www.justgiving.com/teams/PoemAThon Drop in and out all day- all welcome.

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER: STOW FILM LOUNGE PRESENTS: A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH (PG, 1946), lower cinema, Mirth, Marvel and Maud, 186 Hoe Street. E17 4QH, 2pm, £6, £4 concessions. This classic film, starring David Niven as a World War II airman, is presented to mark Remembrance Sunday. Tickets available on the door, or from www.stowfilmlounge.com See inside Walthamstow's old cinema!

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER: SOMME TO SYRIA- REMEMBERING THOSE KILLED IN WAR 1916-2016, St Barnabas Church, St Barnabas Road, E17 8JZ, 4pm, entry by donation. Waltham Forest Faith Communities Forum present an afternoon of music, song and spoken word with Forest Community Choir, Fardous Bahboub, Rihab Azar and other local artists. Funds raised will be sent to those affected by the war in Syria.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER: THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW, City of London, 11am-2.30pm approx, free. This spectacular annual event will commence with an RAF flypast at 11am, followed by a parade of over 6,000 people behind the new Lord Mayor's gilded coach through the streets of the City of London, from Bank to the Aldwych. Fireworks at 5.15pm between Blackfriars and Waterloo Bridges will round off the day's events. Nearest tubes: Bank, Cannon Street and Monument. Be prepared for all weathers!

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER UNTIL MARCH 2017: HAIR BY SAM MCKNIGHT, Somerset House, The Strand, WC2R 1LA, £12.50, £10 concessions. Open 10am-6pm Saturday and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and 11am-8pm Wednesday to Friday. Sam McKnight has been a leading fashion hairstylist since the 1970s, designing hairstyles for Princess Diana, Naomi Campbell and Kate Moss, influencing the public's hairstyles in the process. Exhibits include photographs, film and video footage, wigs and hair pieces. See www.somersethouse.org.uk Nearest tubes: Temple/Charing Cross.

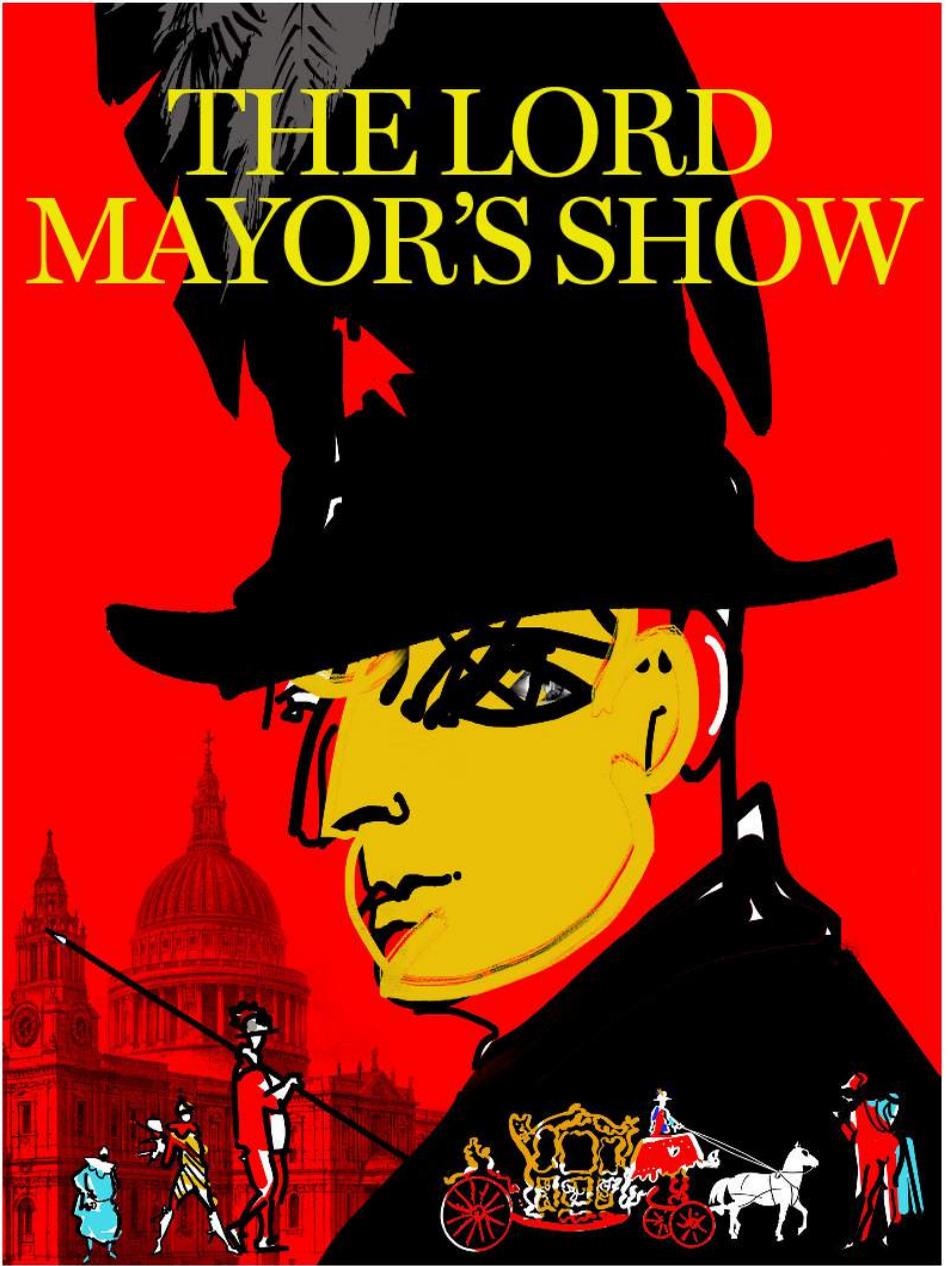
UNTIL 21ST NOVEMBER: WORLD PRESS PHOTO OF THE YEAR EXHIBITION, LEVEL 2, South Bank Centre, Belvedere Road SE1 8XX, free, 10am-11pm. This new exhibition features the best photographs submitted in the annual international press photograph competition, with images covering news, sport, the arts and current affairs. See: www.worldpressphoto.org/collection/photo/2015 Nearest tube: Waterloo

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT THE CENOTAPH, WHITEHALL, SW1 2BX, from 9am, free. The Royal Family, British and international politicians will join veterans of recent and current conflicts to remember the war dead of the UK and Commonwealth, in this annual service of remembrance. Nearest tube: Charing Cross.

WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER: TIDAL THAMES AND FOLKLORE, Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, E10 6EQ, 7.45pm, £2. Leyton Historical Society talk about the history and folklore of the River Thames. Doors open 7.15pm for light refreshments and tickets. See: www.leytonhistoricalsociety.org.uk

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW



12 NOVEMBER 2016

www.lordmayorsshow.london

020 7332 3456



School Calendar for 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016

End: Wednesday 21st December 2016

Monday 21st November
Thursday 15th December

INSET Day School closed to students
Carol concert details to follow

Spring Term 2017

Start: Wednesday 4th January 2017 End: Friday 31st March

Monday 30th January 2017
Thursday 2nd February

INSET Day School closed to students
Year 11 Parent/Carers Evening

Half Term: Monday 13th-Friday 17th February 2017

Thursday 2nd March
Thursday 16th March

Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening
Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening

Easter Holiday

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April 2017-Monday 17th April

Good Friday Bank Holiday:

Friday 14th April

Easter Monday Bank Holiday:

Monday 17th April

Summer Term 2017

Start: Tuesday 18th April

End: Wednesday 19th July

Holidays

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

Thursday 11th May

Year 7 Parent/Carers Evening

Half Term: Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June