



# GREENSHEET



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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Saturday, for the second time, WSFG was open to the public as part of the London Open House scheme. Over sixty visitors, including a number of former students, were enthralled by Ms Kelly's detailed knowledge about both the history of this Grade II listed school and a plethora of architectural details. For example, did you know that our main entrance door,

*'Is flagged by iconic columns and on the rounded pediment above the fanlight there is a plaque with the Essex County Council coat of arms. The red terracotta plaque beneath the roof is embellished with pomegranates, which the Egyptians regarded as a symbol of prosperity and ambition?'*



Some of these decorative elements have been incorporated in our new school badge and will be seen in our new prospectus. Also ex-students of the school used the occasion to hold their Annual General Meeting, as well as meet the visitors. The Greek Theatre Players also displayed photographs of past performance of Shakespeare plays in the Greek Theatre.

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On Thursday evening, Ms Jean-Baptiste was honoured to attend a grand celebration of Year 11 student achievement at Central Hall, Westminster. The event was attended by representatives from over five hundred schools and academies nationwide and the families of hundreds young people with presentations made by the guest speaker, Joanna Roswell Shand, the track and road cyclist and Olympic gold medal winner. Two of our former students, Haiqa Liaqat and Mariana Goaga-Matei were nominated for awards having made excellent progress and achieved strong outcomes in GCSEs. Congratulations to these young people and their families and carers; it was a shame we could not have taken along more students, parents/carers and staff. Our own Presentation Award Ceremony for former Year 11 students will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**An important reminder about forthcoming early closures this half term - please note:**

We have an **early closure for all students on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> and a school closure on Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>** due to our annual Open Evening which is followed by a training day.

**Year 7** leave school at **12.25 on Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>** due to the Year 7 Settling-in afternoon.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,  
Meryl Davies

**Information for Year 11 Parents and Carers  
Sixth Form and College Roadshow Wednesday 30th of November**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are holding a Sixth form and College Roadshow event at Walthamstow School for Girls on **Wednesday 30th of November**.

This event brings together representatives from surrounding Sixth Form Schools and colleges to present and answer any questions students may have.

**The event runs from 6pm to 8pm.**

Ms Ray  
Careers Guidance and Workplace Engagement Coordinator

**The Focus of the Fortnight  
19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
Noise and Movement in the School.**

Dear Parents / Carers,

All members of our school community are asked within the Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code to move around the school “calmly, safely and quietly”. We also always walk on the left in school corridors and staircases etc.

If students behave in a dangerous, noisy or inappropriate way in the school buildings or grounds, they will be spoken to by a member of staff and will have their conduct card signed. It is in the interest of all members of our community to move calmly, safely and quietly around the school at all times.

Thank you for your support in this and all school matters.

Ms K Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher

**The Focus.  
Noise and Movement in the school.**

- The Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code states that we move around the school “calmly, safely and quietly”.
- It also states that we walk on the left.
- Remember to use the correct up / down staircase.

**The Sanctions.**

- A student breaking these expectations will be spoken with by a member of staff.
- The students Conduct Card will be signed if this expectation is not met.



## Free School Meals

We would like to see that everybody entitled to free school meals is able to claim for it.

The school has recently noticed a reduction in the number of students applying for free school meals. This has meant that the resources given to the school may get reduced because the amount of funding given to schools is linked to the number of free school meals. If those meals are not claimed the school loses out.

You can apply for free school meals if you or your child receive any of the following:

Income Support,

income-based Jobseeker's Allowance,

income-related Employment and Support Allowance,

support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999,

the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit,

Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less, or

Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

I would therefore encourage you to claim, even if your daughter does not wish to eat a school meal.

I attach an application form at the end of this Greensheet, which should be completed and returned to:

Pupil Services,  
Leyton Municipal Offices,  
High Road, Leyton,  
E10 5QJ,

together with the appropriate documentation.

Thank you for your continuing support to the School.

Mrs Jolliffe  
Student Services

## Loading money on One Cards for Olive Dining

Please remind your daughter that she must press the reset button before and after loading money onto her One Card. There has been an increase in number of students not doing this, resulting in money not being credited to them, but to someone else.

Olive Dining can not take responsibility for money not being loaded correctly.



May we take this opportunity to remind you that cheques can be submitted, payable to "Olive Dining Ltd" with your daughter's name and form clearly written on the back. There is also an online payment method available via sQuid.

Thank you  
Olive Dining

## Create an account and register with sQuid

### Simple to set up, simple to use

You would have received a Welcome Letter from the school with your own unique sQuid registration number (16 digits long) and a 3 digit security code when your daughter started at the school.



You need to **Register with sQuid**, create an account and enter these numbers. You will then be able to top-up your account and view your balance and transactions.

This account will allow you to top up your daughter's lunch payment as well as paying for events and trips.

Please contact the school office if you have not received your own unique sQuid registration number (16 digits long) and a 3 digit security code.

See the schools website for further details: [www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

## Opportunity for Year 10 and 11 Students

Dear students,

We have an opportunity for students from ethnic minorities to attend Miranda Brawn's annual diversity lecture this year.



link <http://bcaheritage.org.uk/black-cultural-archives-announces-the-miranda-brawn-diversity-leadership-scholarship/>

Miranda Brawn is a multi-award winning business and diversity leader. Named one of the Top 30 most inspirational women in the City by Brummel (Diversity Champion category), Miranda is on the CityAM Top 20 "Women in the City" powerlist (Business and Finance category) as one of the UK's most influential women, she is a "Future Tech Girl" role model and on the "FemTechLeader" Global List for influential women within technology.

Winner of the BE Mogul award for being one of the most influential and successful black business people in Britain. she has also been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts for enriching society through ideas and action. This is in recognition of her outstanding contribution to diversity, community and philanthropy work in Britain.

The trip takes place on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 1-5pm** and you will be travelling there by tube with members of school staff.

If you are interested in attending this very inspirational event, **please see Ms Philippou in F43 asap.**

Many thanks.  
Ms Philippou



*Shakespeare 2016*

**2016 marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare**

**To commemorate this important event the LRC will be selling commemorative key rings of our Greek Theatre for £1.**

All proceeds go towards the Walthamstow School for Girls Alumnae

## Challenge News

### Oxbridge Question

Each week there will be a question from an Oxbridge interview;



What would happen if you drilled through the earth all the way to the other side and then jumped into the hole?  
(Engineering, Cambridge)

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

Ms Robinson

## English News

### Nationwide Poetry Competition Young Writers Presents **BUSTA RHYME!**

Message for all Years 7-11

Write a poem about something you feel passionately about.

It could be about current affairs, identity, religion or good old fashioned LOVE!

This is your chance to voice your opinion, share a memory or dilemma, give advice or write about something you adore.

From ballads to odes, raps, free verse...whatever inspires you!

**Closing date: Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Prize for the best poet selected by Young Writers: **£1000.00**

Collect your entry forms from the **English office – G13** and hand your poems and completed entry forms to your English teachers

Ms Cato



**Performing Arts  
Autumn Term  
Extra Curricular Timetable**

DAY	<u>LUNCHTIME</u> 12:30pm-1:00pm	<u>AFTER SCHOOL</u> 3:30pm-4:30pm
Monday	YEAR 9 Netball (FCA) Muga	
Tuesday	Year 7-11 Handball (WFA) sports hall	Year 9 Netball fixtures FCA Year 7-10 Roller skating SH (starting 20 <sup>th</sup> September)
Wednesday	Year 7-11 Basketball (RWA) sports hall	Year 7-11 Basketball coaching SH Year 10/11 Netball fixtures LWO Year 7 Drama club CWA drama studio
Thursday	YEAR 10/11 Netball (LWO) Muga Wii fit club WFA F55	Year 7-10 Football training
Friday	Year 7-11 Badminton club Ms Black Sports hall	



## Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property since returning at the beginning of the term. Please make sure all P.E. kit is clearly labelled



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**.

A reminder to parents and carers that if your daughter's clothing has her name and form marked in it, it can be returned to you more easily. Please remind your daughter, if she has lost anything in school, to check the box regularly.



Ms Jolliffe  
Student Services

## Poetry Competition

Well done to Nabia Fatima, 8S, who won the School Poetry Competition. Nabia's winning entry is published here in the Greensheet for everyone to enjoy. In addition to her prize of £20 worth of W.H. Smith vouchers, she received a limited edition key ring depicting the Greek Theatre. The runners-up, Kaynat Kamran, and Kiran Tanveer, both from 8S also received a key ring.



We would like to thank our school Alumnae, who organised this competition and donated the prizes.

Ms O Kelly  
LRC Manager

### WSFG Poem

Walthamstow School for Girls is what it's called  
Green is the colour that unites us all  
Similarities and differences amongst us all  
Uniqueness is our call

A single gender girls school  
Makes us all feel cool  
An awesome school for only us awesome girls  
A school filled with us pearls

A strict rule for us all to obey  
Is wear our lanyards all day  
Obviously no one likes getting a detention  
Because it causes stress and tension

Our school motto and saying  
that gets us all paying  
'Neglect not the gift that is in thee'  
Role models we should be

Our headteacher Ms Davies  
Is a rather amazing lady  
Sets in place the effective rules  
Passionate towards her commitments for the school

Ending this poem with great pleasure  
Because all you can find in this school is treasure  
Similarities and differences amongst us all  
And uniqueness is our call

Nabia Fatima 8S

## Stonewall Conference

Last term we attended the Stonewall Education for All conference.

The conference is Britain's leading event on preventing and tackling homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying among young people.

It brings together hundreds of education professionals through a series of panel discussions and interactive workshops, as well as a dedicated youth stream for 150 young people.



Two lucky members of our Student Equal Opportunities group came and attended sessions on promoting positive mental health and well-being for LGBT young people and being part of a role model panel: Not just LGBT.

They found the day and the experience extremely valuable and will take back many ideas to our community to ensure our school is truly inclusive.

Here is Lily's wonderful review of the day:

*In July, I attended the Stonewall Conference at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in Westminster. In the shadow of Parliament, people from schools, local councils and places of work gathered to discuss equality in this country for the LGBT+ community.*

*The opening session featured the Chief Executive of Stonewall Ruth Hunt, who has led Stonewall's campaign for transgender equality. She spoke about the challenges facing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals. With her, clinical psychologist and campaigner to raise awareness of the negative impact austerity and inequality have on mental health, Dr Masuma Rahim, who spoke of the mental health issues that many members of the LGBT community deal with; and Yvette Cooper MP.*

*Together with Alice Evans, a current Year 10 student, I took part in multiple workshops. The first was Promoting Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing for LGBT Young People. The speakers spoke about intersectionality, and how LGBT people are not defined by being LGBT, but that many people think they are, and the mental health issues that can stem from or be amplified by being a part of this community. 56% of lesbian, gay and bisexual teenagers self-harm; 23% of lesbian, gay and bisexual people and 27% of transgender people attempt suicide. There are very real problems that come with being queer and having a mental health problem, but there are also very real solutions, and the speakers talked about making these solutions known and available to those who need it most.*

The next session was a role model panel entitled Not Just LGBT. Having LGBT role models is very important as a young person, whether one is a part of the community or not. This panel talked about how sexual identity is not the only aspect of their personalities, and how their gender and sexuality fit in with and affect their lives. The three speakers were Ayla Holdom, a former RAF helicopter pilot and now a policewoman who came out and transitioned while serving with the RAF and now advises the RAF on trans issues;

Maria Munir, a politics graduate of the University of York widely known as ‘the student who came out to Obama’ who greeted the room by saying “Eid Mubarak”; and Asif Quraishi, Britain’s first out Muslim drag queen as Asifa Lahore, who was famously censored from talking about being Muslim and gay on BBC Free Speech. While Ayla Holdom discussed the systems in place that made it easier for her to transition from male to female in the armed forces, Maria Munir talked about the issues surrounding being a non-binary person when the identity is not recognised under the Equality Act and that being non-binary is a valid identity, and Asif Quraishi talked about the difficulty of coming out to his Muslim family and the challenges of combining his faith and his sexuality. This was an incredibly interesting and eye-opening workshop.

Alice and I separated for the last workshop of the day – while she went to learn about campaigning as a young person, I went to a session called So What About the “B” in LGBT?

The speakers, Stonewall’s own Alex Gwynne and two Stonewall Alumnae, Liam Bale and Leanne Smith. All of the speakers were bisexual, and talked about the difficulties and prejudices facing specifically the bisexual community. Bisexual is an umbrella term, describing someone who is attracted to more than one gender. As bisexual identity is fluid and thus, by nature, changeable, this includes being queer, pansexual, flexible and simply bi-curious. They spoke of the misconceptions about being bisexual – misconceptions that have always angered me, and so made me pleased to hear about – such as it being about greed, the relationships bisexual people have not counting, and it simply being a stepping stone on the way to coming out as a more “valid” identity, such as being gay or lesbian. As out and proud bisexual adults, the speakers could offer very useful information: coming out in the workplace, the difficulties in explaining one’s identity to heterosexual or homosexual partners, and the need for bisexual role models. Liam Bale wrote an article about bisexual role models, and had to google the subject, because he couldn’t think of any – a statement which is frankly abysmal and should not be true. I left the workshop feeling like I had learned a great deal about biphobia, how to navigate life as a bisexual individual, and knowing that my mind should always be open to new identities and to new people.

The closing session featured a role model panel of four people, including TV presenter Gok Wan, mental health campaigner Jonny Benjamin, author Juno Dawson, and the star of BBC's *I Am Leo*, Leo Waddell. They talked about the difficulties of mental health problems, from the binge eating Gok Wan was prone to as a young adult, to schizoaffective disorder Jonny Benjamin was diagnosed with at age twenty, which led to him nearly committing suicide. Leo Waddell and Juno Dawson, as transgender individuals, also talked about the difficulties of transitioning and how their loved ones could help. Juno Dawson realised she was transgender later in life after spending around thirty years as a gay man, while Leo Waddell realised at a very young age that while he was assigned female at birth, his body did not match who he truly was. Seeing these people, who have been through so much due to being LGBT and due to other problems in their lives, gave the whole room hope that while life has been difficult, it can always get better.

I had an overall incredible day, and learned things I would never have found out if I had not attended. I found new role models in every session, and adored every minute of the day (including the lunch). On July 8th, I found at the Stonewall Conference that their motto is true – we can live in a world of acceptance without exception.

Ms Desbenoit  
Diversity Coordinator.



## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW



*Dream  
Smart*  
TUTORS



Presents...

### Success in Applying to Medical School

**\*Special Offer\***

A course designed to help students understand more about medicine as a *career* and *applying* to medical school.

During this one day course we will cover:

- What medicine is all about and the career path of a doctor
- The academic and non-academic requirements for getting into medical school and how YOU can increase your chances of getting in
- Work experience: the various settings that can be beneficial to YOU and how to go about securing a worthwhile place
- Personal statement advice with worked examples
- Interview advice and practice with common topics explored in the medical school interview
- The various entry routes into medicine and what you can do if you're not successful the first time.

**Date:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Venue:** [Holy Family Catholic School](#)

1 Shernhall Street London E17 3EA

**Time:** 9am until 5pm

**Price:** £20 (including lunch and refreshments)

**Who will you meet?**

*Dr. Baptiste:*

- Holy Family Alumna
- UCL graduate in Medicine 2013
- General Practice (GP) ST1 medical doctor
- An experienced mentor and tutor who is also a [School Speaker](#), [STEMNET ambassador](#), Founder of [DreamSmartTutors](#), Director Appointee of two years and Foundation Governor at Holy Family Catholic School



*Medical students:*

- Students who have recently been through the medical school application process
- A plethora of experience teaching students at different levels including prospective medical students

We also offer bespoke packages and private tuition for prospective medical school applicants. Find out more here: [www.dreamsmarttutors.com](http://www.dreamsmarttutors.com)

**Success in applying to Medical School, one day course.  
Spaces are limited.**

**If you are unable to gain a place, please see Ms Philippou a.s.a.p.**

## School Calendar for 2016-17

### Autumn Term 2016

**Start: Thursday 1st September End: Wednesday 21st December 2016**

Friday 14th October

INSET Day School closed to students

Wednesday 19th October

Year 7 Settling in afternoon

### Half Term: Monday 24-Friday 28 October 2016

Thursday 3rd November

Year 10 Parent/Carers Evening

Monday 21st November

INSET Day School closed to students

Thursday 15th December

Carol Concert details to follow

### Spring Term 2017

**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

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

Thursday 2nd March

Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening

Thursday 16th March

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**

## APPLICATION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you would like your child to receive free school meals, please fill in this form (using CAPITAL letters) and drop it off at Walthamstow Customer Service Centre, Leyton Library or return it to:

The Benefits Service  
London Borough of Waltham Forest  
PO Box 856  
London. E17 9PN

For office use only

### Your details

Your first name  Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms)

Your last name  Date of birth

Your National insurance / NASS Reference number

### Your partner's details (if applicable)

Your partner's first name  Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms)

Your partner's last name  Date of birth

Your partner's National insurance / NASS Reference number

### Your/ your partner's address

Postcode

### Contact details

Telephone number  Mobile

Email

### Please tick the income you/your partner receive

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Support from the local authority Social Services Asylum Team (SSAT)
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that is £16,190 or less - this figure changes each year
- Working Tax Credit for four weeks after your employment finishes

**Child / Children's details**

1. Child's first name  Child's last name  Child's date of birth

Child's sex Male  Female  Relationship to you

Do you get child benefit for this child? Yes  No

Name of school

Is this nursery, primary or secondary?  Is this full time or part time?

2. Child's first name  Child's last name  Child's date of birth

Child's sex Male  Female  Relationship to you

Do you get child benefit for this child? Yes  No

Name of school

Is this nursery, primary or secondary?  Is this full time or part time?

3. Child's first name  Child's last name  Child's date of birth

Child's sex Male  Female  Relationship to you

Do you get child benefit for this child? Yes  No

Name of school

Is this nursery, primary or secondary?  Is this full time or part time?

4. Child's first name  Child's last name  Child's date of birth

Child's sex Male  Female  Relationship to you

Do you get child benefit for this child? Yes  No

Name of school

Is this nursery, primary or secondary?  Is this full time or part time?

**Declaration – please read this declaration carefully before you sign and date it****I understand that:**

I declare the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.

I agree that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for free school meals and will contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial, and ongoing, entitlement.

I agree that you can inform the school / schools attended by my child / children of their initial and ongoing entitlement to free school meals.

You may give some information to other government organisations if the law allows or requires this.

I will tell the benefits service about any change in my circumstances, which might affect my entitlement to free school meals.

Signature of person claiming

Date