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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to speak to so many of you at the Year 9 Options event on Wednesday evening. The Hewett Hall was packed. Many of you told me how much you valued the input of our staff in helping your daughter to make the important decisions about her GCSE option choices. Your support in researching post 16 pathways with your daughter is also vital. Please do not hesitate to contact staff at the school with any queries, also Ms Ray our Careers Coordinator is always happy to help. A tan and black scarf was left in one of the rooms-if it is yours, please contact the school.

Last month we heard the excellent news that we had been reaccruited with the *International Schools Award* for a further three years. This is in acknowledgement of the school's longstanding commitment to work with others in the international community.

The assessor commented:

Your application clearly indicates your school's commitment to embedding an international dimension to your curriculum and whole-school ethos. You have reflected on the wider reach and impact of your international activities. Your international activities cover a good range of curriculum areas, different members of staff and a range of age groups of students. The majority of students are involved (directly or indirectly) in international learning. Your impact evaluation is perceptive and detailed, showing the positive benefits of international work on your pupils, staff and wider community. Your ambassadorial work in supporting local schools in their international journeys is clearly highlighted.

Ms Philippou was given a specific mention:

Congratulations on working so hard to co-ordinate such an impressive range of work as an International Co-ordinator! You are a credit to the school and the wider community.

Best wishes,
Meryl Davies

Monday
30th January
2017 INSET
Day, School
closed to
students

Thursday
2nd
February
Year 11
Parent/Carers
Evening
4-7pm

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

Thursday
2nd March
Year 9
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08 December 2016

Dear Ms Meryl Davies

BRITISH COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD 2016

Thank you for submitting an Impact Evaluation on your school's international work. I am delighted to inform you that your school has been successful in gaining the International School Award and is accredited for three years from 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2019.

Please send our special congratulations to the international co-ordinator at the school who has worked so hard to co-ordinate such an impressive range of work. They are a credit to the school and the wider community.

The scheme kite mark, which is a key part of the Award, has been sent to the international co-ordinator by email. You are encouraged to use the kite mark on school literature, stationery and your website.

Thank you for taking part in the International School Award. Please convey our very best wishes and many congratulations to all staff and students both in the UK and overseas who have taken part in the scheme. Please also contact your local media to inform them about your successful international work - this is a great achievement and one that deserves celebrating and sharing widely!

I hope that the scope of your excellent international activities will continue to develop and benefit the school community; your support, commitment, creativity and innovative international work is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

The ISA Team

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD 2016–19

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Walthamstow School for Girls

HAS BEEN REACCREDITED FOR

**OUTSTANDING DEVELOPMENT OF
THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION IN
THE CURRICULUM**

Ciarán Devane

Sir Claran Devane
Chief Executive, British Council



SEVERE WEATHER/EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

In the event of severe weather, the school will remain open whenever possible.

In the event of an emergency school closure the decision on whether the school stays open will be taken by the Headteacher after carrying out a risk assessment.

**Information about any closure will be available
on the school's website:
www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk**

**by phone:
020 8509 9446
or via a text message**

We will also aim to send text messages to parents and carers, although there are sometimes delays in getting these messages through promptly, so please check the school's website for up to date information.

Please ensure that the School Office has on record up to date addresses and telephone numbers including a mobile number and the person to contact in the case of a student emergency.

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



Uniform Reminders.

Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

As the weather gets colder, I would like to remind students and Parents/Carers about WSFG uniform rules:

1. Tights must be black, green or flesh coloured and must be plain, with no pattern.
Students will be asked to remove and change if their tights are not correct.
2. Scarves must be plain black, green or white. Scarves in any other colour will be confiscated, to be collected by the students at the end of the day.
3. Outdoor wear such as gloves, hats, hoods etc. should not be worn inside the buildings and must be fully removed before entering classrooms.
4. Black low heeled sensible boots are allowed but if worn with trousers, the trousers must be worn over the boots and not tucked in.
5. During poor weather, your daughter does not need to wear trainers to school as all areas within school are frequently gritted to prevent ice. If you would like your daughter to wear trainers to and from school, she must change in to her school shoes during school hours.
6. If students wish to wear a clothing layer underneath their uniform, it should be white and should not be seen under the uniform. Polo necks are not allowed.
7. Leather or denim coats and jackets are not allowed in school under any circumstances.

If you have any concerns about the correct uniform, please refer to the WSFG Student Planner, page 8.

Thank you for your continued support on this and all school matters.

Ms Pratt

Student leave during term time

A student's absence during term time can seriously disrupt the continuity of her learning. Not only does she miss the teaching provided on the days she is away, she is also less prepared for the lessons building on that after her return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement which we and you must seek to avoid. Therefore, the school **DOES NOT** authorise absence during term time for family holidays or trips abroad.

Parents or carers do not have the right to take their daughter(s) out of school for holidays and the school will only grant leave of absence in truly exceptional circumstances.

A student who is absent longer than ten days after an agreed return date, or without authorisation, can legally be removed from the school roll.

Parents or carers who take their daughters out of school without the authorisation of the Headteacher face court action and a fine.

In considering whether or not to authorise leave of absence, the school will look at each case individually, taking into account a student's overall attendance, her stage of education, (e.g. examinations), and the reason for the absence. It is very rare that any student is granted leave of absence.

Leave of Absence forms can be obtained from the school office and all requests should be submitted to our Attendance Manager **at least four weeks before the first day of requested absence.**

Arrangements for trips should **NEVER** be made before permission has been sought from the Headteacher.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager
Feb 2016



Attendance League for December 2016.

Attendance figures for December 2016 and total so far. Winners postcards for the month of December are in form tutor pigeon holes ready for tutors to share with their form groups.



Well done to 7C , 8S, 9H, 10W and 11W for being December winners.

Overall winners for the year to date for the Autumn term are 7C, 8S, 9F, 10W and 11W. 100% certificates and pin badges for the Autumn term will be given to the SPLs within the next couple of weeks.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager

Year 8

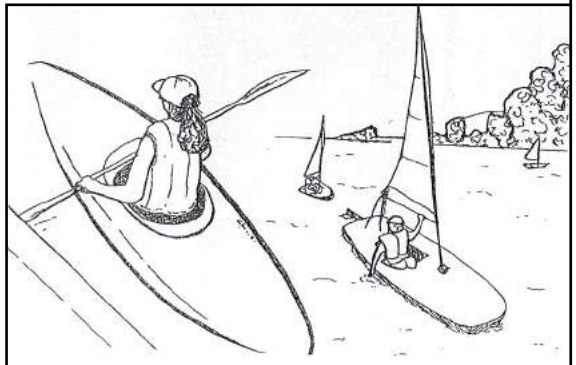
Outdoor Adventurous Activity Trip Herts Young Mariners Base July 2017

All reply slips should now have been returned and £10 deposits paid.

Please see Ms Famiglietti urgently if you have not returned your reply slip and require another letter.

Please also ensure that the £10 deposit is paid as soon as possible – cash, cheque or sQuid is acceptable.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.



Ms Famiglietti
Trip Organiser

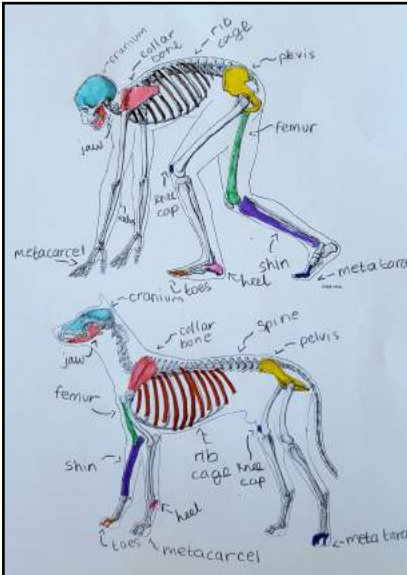
**Performing Arts
Spring Term
Extra Curricular Timetable**

DAY	LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-4:30pm
Monday	Year 7-11 Fitness club – sports hall Ms Famiglietti	
Tuesday	Year 10/9 Volleyball – sports hall Ms Wood Year 8 - Netball training- start date 31 st Jan -sports hall Ms Wood	Year 7-10 Roller skating club-start date 17 th Jan – sports hall Year 9/8 football fixtures- Salisbury Hall
Wednesday	Year 7 Netball training – sports hall Ms Warren	Year 7-11 Basketball club – sports hall Year 9/10 basketball fixtures
Thursday	Year 7-11 Badminton club- Ms Black– sports hall	Year 7-11 Tottenham football coaching – sports hall Year 7 football fixtures – Salisbury Hall
Friday	Year 7-9 KTROO Club- sports hall	



The Royal Veterinary College visits WSFG

Last week, we were visited by Grace Sim and Emily Harrison from the Royal Veterinary College to continue with the collection of data for a research project. Here is some feedback and photos from the session:



After our trip to the RVC, we waited a while and then we finally got to complete our part of the experiment! We had to give more saliva samples so that Emily could compare our cortisol levels with the last time when we met the animals. After that we did some comparative anatomy and coloured in similar bones of a horse and a human. Finally we saw some real x rays and had to work out which animal they came from. This bit was awesome! The whole session was lots of fun and I hope one day that I can be a student at that college.

Zahrah Awan 7G



It was a wonderful experience being in the second part of Emily's research project. We did more saliva samples, comparative anatomy and then looked at x rays and scans. The hour flew past really quickly as the session was so much fun and we learnt so much. I am really happy that I was included in Emily's research project!

Maliha Riaz 7S



Once Emily has completed her research, she will let us know her findings.

Ms Robinson

Great Website to stretch and challenge in Mathematics, Science and ICT



Brilliant.org is a site which sparks curiosity, emphasises the joy of problem solving and thinking outside the box.

"Brilliant's problems are created by people all over the world. Members learn how to solve problems by engaging in a vibrant community of students, educators, and enthusiasts. Through the Brilliant network, people discover the resources they need to succeed, the dream that they can, and the allies to help them."

Students will need to join the Brilliant Community via Facebook, Google or by email.

Have a look and let me know what you think!

<https://brilliant.org/>

Ms Robinson

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

THURSDAY 12th JANUARY : SOHO YOUNG THEATRE MAKERS-NEW TERM, Walthamstow School for Girls, Church Hill, E17 9RZ, 6-8pm, termly fee (with discount for WSFG students). This popular youth theatre workshop for 11-16 year olds returns; contact: holly@sohotheatre.com or ring: 0207 478 0153 for more information.

SATURDAY 14th JANUARY: RESEARCH YOUR WARNER HOME WORKSHOP, Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, E17 9NH, 2-4.30pm, free but booking essential. Research the history of your Warner home (house or flat) with Karen Averby; part of WE: The EX Warner Estate in Waltham Forest exhibition. Contact: exwarnerproject.co.uk to book a place, and supply the address of the property you want to research.

UNTIL SUNDAY 15th JANUARY: A WORLD TO WIN: POSTERS OF POWER AND REVOLUTION, William Morris Gallery, Forest Road, E17 4PP, 10am-5pm Wednesday to Sunday, free. This powerful exhibition of protest graphics is on tour from the Victoria and Albert Museum. The Discovery Lounge has a related exhibition: Think!- original artwork by 16-22 year olds inspired by the main exhibition, curated by the Gallery's Young Curators' Group. See: <http://www.wmgallery.org.uk> for more information.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 13th AND SATURDAY 14th JANUARY: THE WOODHOUSE PLAYERS PRESENT: JACK AND THE BEANSTALK, Welsh Church Hall, 881 High Road, Leytonstone, E11 1HR, Friday 8pm, Saturday 2.30 and 7.30pm, £5- £9. A hilarious new version of the traditional pantomime, featuring custard allergies and malfunctioning sets! See: <http://www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk> or ring 0208 504 3872 to book. Nearest tube: Leytonstone.

SATURDAY 14th and SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY: OPENING WEEK-END OF THE NORDIC MATTERS FESTIVAL, Southbank Centre, SE1, many free events. This new festival features concerts, workshops, exhibitions, talks, dance and food from the Nordic countries across all the Southbank Centre venues eg free Hygge Zone from 11am on Sunday, with crafts, storytelling and refreshments for all ages. See : <http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk> for full listings. Nearest tube: Waterloo .

SUNDAY 15th JANUARY : THE HOUSEMAID'S TOUR, Charles Dickens Museum, 48 Doughty Street, WC1N 2LX, 10.15 and 11.45am, tickets from £8 (16s and under). Step back in time to 1839 and enjoy a special tour of Dickens' only surviving London home, led by one of his housemaids, who knows all the family's secrets! See: <http://www.dickensmuseum.com> or ring 0207 405 127 to book (limited places). Nearest tube: Russell Square.

UNTIL SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY: BEAUTY AND THE HULK, Millfield Theatre, Silver Street, Edmonton, N18 1PJ, tickets from £14. This panto mash-up features winners of the UK Street Dance championships in an urban fairytale! Ring 0208 807 6680 to book, or visit <https://www.milfieldtheatre.co.uk/> Off the A406- no tube.

UNTIL APRIL 2017: I.C.E. BRIDGE ENGINEERING EXHIBITION FEATURING A LEGO SEVERN BRIDGE, Institute of Civil Engineers, One Great George Street, SW1P 3AA, 10am-5pm, free. Explore 3 centuries of British bridge building achievements, with a 34 metre long replica of the Severn Bridge, Lego workshops, working models of famous bridges and virtual reality tours. Ring to check variations in opening hours: 0207 222 7722. See: <http://www.ice.org.uk/events/> Nearest tubes: Westminster or St James' Park.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore

Lego bridge



CHRISTMAS RECYCLING PROJECTS

Don't waste unwanted presents or old Christmas cards- local projects can use them for good causes!

A local refuge for victims of domestic violence needs your unwanted toiletries for residents. If you have any unused toiletries eg Christmas gift sets, please drop them off at:

Stella Creasy's
Labour Party Office,
23 Orford Road
E17

between 9.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday,
and 3-5pm on Saturday 14th January.

Donations of dry food (eg tins/bottles/packets) are also welcome, to help re stock Eat or Heat's foodbank.

The Woodland Trust and Marks and Spencer need your Christmas and New Year cards; for every 1000 cards collected, M&S will donate a tree to be planted by a community group eg Village Residents' Association, E17.

Please bag up your cards and take to a branch of M&S, or leave outside 6 Beulah Road E17 (in a waterproof bag) by 20th January.

Mrs Finamore
Community Liaison Co-ordinator



GCSE Textiles

Due to the lack of storage space the textiles department are in the process of disposing of past GCSE examination garments. These items date back to 2010 or earlier.



If you know of anyone who may have left garments at the end of their time at the school please contact Ms Powell on the normal school contact numbers.

Thank you.

Ms Powell



Digital Parenting

Would you like to find out more about digital parenting?

- ◆ Online peer pressure and cyber bullying
- ◆ Setting family technology rules
- ◆ Online controls for children of all ages
- ◆ Is your family cyber secure?
- ◆ Jobs for girls: a future in technology
- ◆ How to report inappropriate content



Use this web link to find out more:
<http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/>

Mr Bryant
 Director of ICT

The logo for Conductive Music features the text "Conductive Music" in white on a dark blue rectangular background. To the left of the text is a stylized graphic of a musical staff with a red and yellow diagonal stripe.

conductivemusic.uk



CREATE

At Create, you will learn incredible new skills, over 15 fantastic days during the school holidays. Creative coding, songwriting, interaction design, performance -- all through music! We will work together to create a fantastic collection of songs and videos, which will help you achieve the Bronze Art Award. The project is free and breakfast will be provided. No previous experience required.

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School Calendar for 2016-17

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
4-7pm

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

Thursday 2nd March

Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening 4-7pm

Thursday 16th March

Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening 4-7pm

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 4-7pm

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

YEAR 11 2017 Summer 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