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Week 'A'

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Summer Term 2017	Dear Parents and Carers,			
Start: Tuesday	We had our Year 8 Parents/Carers Subject Evening last night. It was very heartening to see so many of you there-and an endorsement of the 100% support you give to your daughter's education. This is so encouraging for our teachers. Plus your survey feedback to us following these evenings is always valued. We read some uplifting comments including ; 'brilliant school, very happy parent' 'our daughter loves being at this school', ' very happy with all the teachers' and 'a lovely atmosphere and excellent teaching level, well done to all the staff!' so thank you for those.			
18th April	However, in discussion with one of our Science teachers, it is clear that our staffing difficulties in certain areas have caused concern. As a parent myself, I understand those anxieties. This year we have supported a number of our teaching colleagues through some serious health issues. These are valued colleagues, and none of us can ever foresee when a serious illness can befall us. Over 85% of the school's income pays for our staff so we need to care for that investment whilst ensuring that the quality of the education to your daughter is protected. Examination classes have been our primary concern, as you will appreciate; however all of our staff covering for sick staff who are not permanently with us are subject specialists.			
End: Wednesday				
19th July				
May Day Bank Holiday:				
Monday 1st				
May				
Thursday 11th				
May				
Year 7				
Parent/Carers				
Evening				
4.30-7pm				
Monday 15th				
May-Thursday				
26th May				
KS3 Examination				
fortnight				
Monday 15th				
May-Monday				
26th June				
Year 11 GCSE				
Written				
examinations				

There have been, as usual, a range of student events organised this week. Congratulations to our Year 9 Mathematics team who took part in the maths challenge at Bancroft's School and came 13th out of 30 school finalists-and thank you to Ms Hafiz for accompanying them. Well done to:

Kate Lucas (9G), Emily Jeffery (9W), Aini Noorally (8W), Dorothy Kouame (8W).

We also celebrated the fascination of number on 'Happy World Pi Day' on Wednesday. Cakes were eaten, customised Pi earrings were bought, Pi was learned and recited-by large numbers of girls. Could you learn by rote then recite this sequence?

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Other student events this week included a Science in Action trip, a Maths Inspiration visit to the Institute of Education, a lunchtime enterprise event in school on Wednesday and on Friday, thirty Year 9 students were involved in an Old Vic Schools' Club workshop on the play "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead' by playwright Tom Stoppard, which they will be seeing at the Old Vic next week.

Also this week, we received a letter from Nick Gibb, which we have reproduced here.

Best wishes

Meryl Davies

Message for Year 11 Students

**Year 11 Science Support
Every Thursday lunch time in G02**

**Year Controlled Assessment catch-up 3.30-5.00:
Thursday 23rd March and
Thursday 30th March in Norris hall.**

Mr Kerr



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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Ms Meryl Davies
Headteacher
Walthamstow School for Girls
Church Hill
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9 March 2017

Dear Ms Davies,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for the high levels of progress your pupils are making.

Your school's results, as published on 19 January, show that you are amongst the top five per cent of schools in terms of the progress your pupils make between key stage 2 and the end of key stage 4, using the Progress 8 measure.

We want to ensure that every child progresses positively through their education, whatever their starting point, to broaden their future educational and employment opportunities.

Thank you for your work in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for your hard work and professionalism.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Gibb MP

SQUID Payment System Update

How to access the new SQUID online portal

Dear Parents, Carers

If you haven't already done so, you now need to access the SQuid Online services via their new Portal.



You can also download the sQuid App for iOS and Android devices by clicking the relevant links in the App store or Google Play button to download the App to your phone.

You must use this link now for Catering and School Trips & Offers payments. Please ensure that you bookmark this link.

There are 2 ways to access the new portal:

1. Via the "WSFG" website and click on the sQuid Icon located in the bottom left corner. Go to "sign in" at the top of the page and select, that will take you to the new "login" page.

Choose the first choice "New sQuid Online Portal" and continue as normal.

2. Login from the internet directly typing in this link address:
<https://portal.squidcard.com/login>

Follow the on screen instructions. Your log in number and email address are the same.

Ms Barbier
Finance Manager

Focus of the Fortnight
13th – 24th March 2017
Litter in the School Environment

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight for 13th – 24th March 2017 is on **Litter** in the school environment.

All members of our school community deserve to learn and work in a clean, healthy, litter-free environment. We have litter bins all around the areas of the school buildings and grounds where students are allowed to eat and drink. There are also bins with lids in each classroom. We want to keep our school environment clean and litter free. We expect staff and students to model good litter management by picking up litter when it is seen. By working together, we can keep WSFG litter-free.

Ms. K.H.Pratt



Assistant Headteacher



We all have the right to learn and work in a clean, healthy, litter-free environment.



Staff and students are expected to pick up litter that is seen in order to model positive litter management.



During the Focus Fortnight, there will be rewards for picking up litter, so check any litter picked up **BEFORE** putting it in the bin as you may have won a prize which will be written onto the piece of litter!

**Let's all work together to keep WSFG
 a clean, healthy, litter-free environment.**

Message for Year 11 Students

Year 11 Religious Studies Revision Lectures

Lectures will be 1 hour and take place in Norris Hall.

Each lecture is open to all students but you must be punctual (lectures will begin promptly at 3.45pm), you must stay for the duration of the lecture and you must come prepared to listen and make notes in the revision booklet or revision cards provided in lessons.

Lecture 1 – Monday 20th March: Mr Caps / Ms Rowan
Community Cohesion

Lecture 2 – Monday 24th April: Mr Morrow / Ms Rowan
Matters of Life and Death

Ms Rowan

Year 11 Literature Revision - Poetry Lectures

Lectures will be **one hour** and take place in Norris Hall.

Each lecture is open to all students but you must be punctual (lectures will begin promptly at 3.45pm), you must stay for the duration of the lecture and you must come prepared to listen and make notes in the revision booklet or revision cards provided in lessons.

Our first lecture was well attended so don't miss out!

**Lecture 3 –
Wednesday 22nd March**
Living Space
London

**Lecture 4 –
Wednesday 29th March**
The Manhunt
A Wife in London

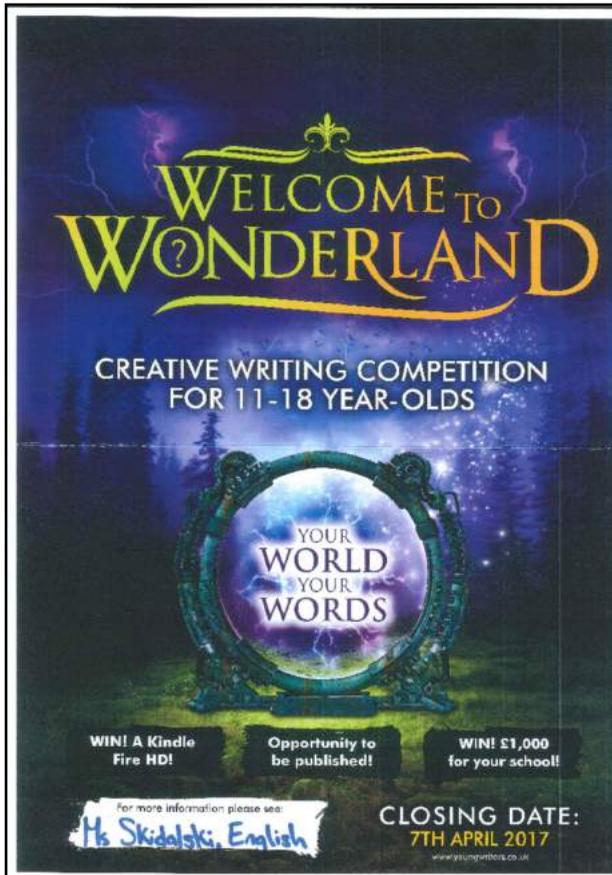
**Lecture 5 -
Wednesday 19th April**
Mametz Wood
The Soldier
Dulce et Decorum Est

**Lecture 6 –
Wednesday 26th April**
Hawk Roosting
Ozymandias

Ms Baldwin
Head of English

**Welcome to Wonderland
100-word story competition**

Calling all budding creative writers from Years 7 and 8!



Submit your own 100-word story about a dystopian/science-fiction/apocalyptic world and have a chance of winning a Kindle Fire HD!

All stories must create an interesting world and have a beginning, middle and end.

Deadline: 28th March.

For more details, see Ms Skidalski (English office)

International Women's Day

What's My Line

Last Friday we held our popular "What's My Line" activity for Year 9 students to celebrate International Women's Day. We invited female guests from various working backgrounds to help inspire our students in realising that anything is possible. The aim of the activity is for students to ask the guests questions in an attempt to guess their job title.



Our guests this year included a firefighter, writer for children's animation films, radio presenter, project manager for the BBC News website, Cancer Researcher and a lawyer to name but a few.

Both visitors and students had a very enjoyable morning and many of our guests said that they would be delighted to join us again next year.



Ms Janes
Administrative Manager



**Performing Arts
Extra Curricular Timetable**

DAY	LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-4:30pm
Monday	Year 7-11 Trampoline club (LWO) (Year 11 and 10 GCSE students must attend)	
Tuesday	Year 8 Netball training (LRA)	Roller skating club – sports hall Year 7/8 Netball fixtures
Wednesday	GCSE Year 11 theory (RWA)	Year 7-11 Basketball club Year 7/8 netball fixtures
Thursday	Year 7 Netball training (YAS)	Year 7-11 Football club
Friday	Year 7 -11 Badminton club (CBL)	





Shapeshifter Productions has devised a cultural exchange project, East Winds, a collaboration with Shetland Arts, Dhruv Arts and Waltham Forest Music Services.

This is an exciting and unique opportunity for six young violinists from North East & East London to be part of a cultural exchange programme with six young fiddlers from The Shetland Islands, exploring Indian and contemporary classical and traditional music, supported by Arts Council England and Creative Scotland.

Over the space of ten months, two groups, each of six young musicians, aged 12-14 years, from different social backgrounds and environments will swap roles, spend time in each other's habitats, share experiences, music, lifestyles. Guided by professional musicians and project leaders, it will culminate in developing a short repertoire and devising a piece of original music inspired through this experience, performed North East & South East of the U.K. two being on Shetland, two in London.

Started in February this year, the participants are encouraged to keep in regular contact with each other through webcast, blog, Instagram, Skype, Facebook and other social media and will be documented through film and photography.

The project consists of two, one week residencies:

Congratulations to *Nuriya Qureshi* 9S who has been selected to take part in this exchange. Here is her review so far;

I have been selected by East winds, a music organisation which specializes in giving opportunities to all talented musicians in the borough, to participate in an exchange program with a music center in the Shetland Islands, Scotland. As part of the exchange I will be spending a week in Shetland with five other musicians from London and six violinists from up North. A few months after we come back, the musicians will come down to spend a week in London. Throughout the week we will be rehearsing and performing, we will also be completing the Bronze Arts Award. As part of that we have to show that we have performed, collected ideas and compose some music.

I will be going up to Shetland the first week of Easter, which is a two hour flight to Aberdeen, then board the 5:30pm ferry to Shetland, it takes eleven hours and I'll arrive at 7 o'clock in the morning.

School History

With Crufts this year creating a controversy over what a Spaniel should look like, I thought it would be appropriate for me to share two items from the *Iris* magazines of 1948 and 1946.

Ms Kelly
LRC Manager

Dogs have always been welcome at W.H.S. because so many from Miss Hewett, downwards have been lovers of dogs. Especially we take a vicarious pride in the glories of the spaniel kind, because of Miss Hooper's famous Ranscombe Kennels, many handsome specimens of which have enlivened teaching routine.

One day in June this year an army of glamorous canines marched, confidently upon the educational citadel in Church Hill. Their password was, Miss Hooper and the "School Benevolent Fund," whereupon the gates and the mere humans fell flat before them. Shepherded by Miss Hooper's skilful hands into their appropriate class and expertly judged by Dr. Rickards, they demonstrated that surest of all charms, "The certainty to please." They did this to the tune of £30. We are indeed grateful to both Miss Hooper and to Dr. Rickards for all their kindness and trouble.



Miss Hooper with her Spaniel in 1946, far left.

A former pupil remembered the school dogs sitting in the classrooms and following their teacher owners around the school.

Can you spot the Dachsund in this photograph?

Stop Press:

St Mary's Church, Church End, E17, Saturday 18th March, 10am- 1pm - special celebratory peal of the recently restored church bells.

WSFG's heritage board will be on display in the church porch, plus a display by pupils of St Mary's Church of England Primary School.

WSFG PRESENTS... A NIGHT OF STEEL PANS

30 MARCH 2017

19:00 HEWETT HALL

TICKETS:

ADULTS £4

CONG. £2

Tickets available from
Student Services



Sunken Garden in Attlee Terrace, Prospect Hill

Spring is in the air and what better way to celebrate than a bit of gardening!

This Saturday in the Sunken Garden in Attlee Terrace, **11am - 3pm**, we will have a gardening session and also ask you to share your ideas on the design of the garden.

What does your dream garden look like? What would you like plant there? What will make the garden a warm and welcoming place for everyone to enjoy? Please come with lots of ideas and be ready to share them!

We will be providing refreshments and tools, but please wrap up warm and wear suitable footwear. If you

haven't visited the 'Sunken Garden' yet, it is located in front of Attlee Terrace estate, overlooking Prospect Hill. You can find a map to the location [here](#).



If you haven't done so already, please like us on Facebook - so we can also share updates on Sunken Garden activities with you on there.

Please see the upcoming workshop dates below and also look out for posters in the estates announcing these:

Saturday 18th March 11am-3pm

Friday 7th April 1-5pm

Friday 14th April 1-5pm

Friday 21st April 1-5pm

Saturday 3rd June 11am-3pm

Friday 9th June 1-5pm*

Friday 16th June 1-5pm*

Friday 23rd June 1-5pm*

Friday 30th June 1-5pm*

Friday 7th July 1-5pm*

Friday 14th July 1-5pm*

Clare Moloney

Community Development Coordinator, **the drawing shed**

07970 224495

thedrawingshed.org

Please note: I work for the drawing shed part-time - mainly on Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter @WORDintheHAND

Saturday 29th April 11am-3pm

Friday 5th May 1-5pm*

Friday 12th May 1-5pm*

Friday 19th May 1-5pm*

Friday 26th May 1-5pm*

*As the weather gets warmer and the evenings lighter, we may start these sessions later and continue into the evening so those residents working during the day can also participate.

FREE
ENTRY

CHARITY WALK for PEACE

E: info@charitywalkforpeace.org
W: charitywalkforpeace.org

SUNDAY 26th March 2017

Frederick Bremer School
Siddeley Road
Walthamstow
London E17 4EY

A 5K walk
in pursuit of
Service to Humanity

 @charitywalk_uk

Every Penny Raised Goes To Charity

IN AID OF



**Mayor of Waltham Forest
Charity Appeal 2016-2017**
Supporting Bowel Cancer Treatment
at Whipps Cross Hospital.

PROGRAMME

9.00am Welcome & Registration
10:45am Opening Ceremony
11:00am Start of Walk
1pm Lunch



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Arif Khan Regional Coordinator - Charity Walk for Peace
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A walk organised by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association
Charity Walk for Peace - Registered Charity No. 1161567

School Calendar for 2016-17

Spring Term 2017

Start: End: Friday 31st March

Thursday 16th March

Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening 4.30-7pm

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 4.30-7pm

Monday 15th May-

Thursday 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

Leavers' Day

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