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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a short week for the girls at WSFG.

Nevertheless, there have still been a great many activities going on. We are grateful to all of our volunteer guides and helpers who surpassed all expectations as they welcomed our many school visitors on

Thursday evening. We will also be launching our new WSFG school prospectus which will shortly be available to all via our new website.

The programme of post 16 provision visits to our school for our Year 11 students has continued; this week we hosted a well-attended visit by Forest School. Last year, one of our students took up the offer of a full scholarship there, whilst several other students made it their preferred choice.

On Thursday, thirty Year 8 students travelled to take part in the Guinness world record breaking largest Mental Health Lesson in the world-this was following a visit to the school by *Hussain Manawar*, a previous winner of the global competition who is now in training for his prize, a trip to space!



On Saturday, I am pleased to announce that we have secured places for senior students at the *Miranda Brawn Diversity Lecture* in the City of London. We are grateful to Ms Kallon, Ms Powell and Ms Yilmaz for volunteering to accompany the girls.

Also this week we have seen the launch of numerous opportunities for the girls to take part in. Below are just a selection:

- a competition to win a free visit to see an opera at the Royal Opera House
- a competition to design the WSFG International logo
- a trip to *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* (Year 10)
- a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) visit to an Aviation Challenge day (Year 9)
- Gardening Club-full programme of activities-every Friday
- a Year 11 workshop and theatre trip to see *Oil* at the Almeida Theatre
- an invitation to an Apprenticeship Event at Leyton Orient Match Room, E10 5NF
- an opportunity to be a representative of the Prayer and Contemplation room, a quiet space for staff and students to pray, contemplate, meditate and read
- a trip to see the all-female cast *The Tempest* at Kings' Cross
- a chance to get involved in lots of Black History events across the school, including *Tarun Tahiliani's* fashion show inspired by the *Singh* twins and *Madhubani's* painting colouring sheets
- a nationwide poetry competition, with a prize of £1000!
- a Year 7 trip to the Royal Veterinary College

On Wednesday, at the end of the day, girls were seen clutching piles of History and Geography related books which the Humanities Faculty had been selling at lunchtime to raise money for charity. We have also shared the appeal by our local MP, *Stella Creasy*, to donate luggage to support the unaccompanied refugees who are shortly to be re-located from the Calais refugee camp. See later in this issue for details.

Best wishes,

Meryl Davies

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

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



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6th October, 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Walthamstow School for Girls has a vacancy for a parent or carer to serve as a school governor and I hope you will consider putting yourself forward. The term of office is four years but you can step down earlier if you wish. The Governing Body's main tasks are to support the school, ensure that students receive high quality education and plan for future development and improvement.

If you would like to stand as a candidate please complete the reply slip attached and return it to the school no later than Friday 21st October, 2016.

If there is more than one candidate an election will need to be held but this is a straightforward process. All you need to do is write a short paragraph (no more than one hundred words) saying why you want to become a Parent Governor; this will be sent to all parents and carers with a voting paper.

Should there be only one candidate apply then this person will automatically become our Parent Governor.

The work of our governors is very important to the school in key areas such as oversight and development of the ethos and curriculum of the school; well-being of pupils; staff employment and use of resources as well as ensuring that the school maintains its high standards in all areas. You will be asked to attend an (evening) meeting of the Governing Body once (or twice) a term and invited to work on a committee of governors again once (or twice) a term. We hope you will also visit the school occasionally during the day and help in the oversight of an area of the curriculum. We are not looking for any particular expertise but rather common sense and willingness to give some of your time are the important requirements. However, if you have specialist knowledge or relevant experience, do please mention it in your statement. Training will be provided for new governors in the role.

As a school we are always mindful that the Governing Body should reflect the local community that the school serves and members of ethnic minority groups are therefore particularly welcomed on the Governing Body and are encouraged to stand for election as parent governors.

Governors will also be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check under the Police Act 1997, Part V and will be checked against the DFES List 99 of people who are not permitted to work with children.

Yours faithfully

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Please return this slip in an envelope marked for the attention of Ms Royds and return to the school office by Friday 21st October, 2016.

I wish to stand as a candidate for election as Parent Governor at Walthamstow School for Girls.

First name:

Family Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms etc.):

Signed:

Home Address:.....

These details will appear on the ballot paper sent to parents.

Remember to include your statement (no more than one hundred words) saying why you want to be a school governor.

Open Evening 2016



Polite Notice to Parents and Carers



There is no public vehicle access to the front of the school.

Please do not bring your vehicle onto the school premises as this endangers the lives of our students.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Gunzi
Deputy Headteacher

Year 10: English Checkpoint Test *An Inspector Calls*

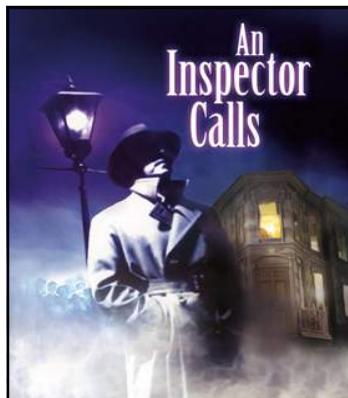
The first English checkpoint test for Year 10 will be on **Monday 17th October**.

10W, 10S and 10F will have their test period 2.
10G, 10C and 10H will have their test period 4.

It is vital that your daughter takes the checkpoint test as it gives her an opportunity to see how well she is doing and what she needs to work on to be exam-ready.

Please do not make any appointments during the time of your daughter's test.

The English Faculty.



Challenge News

This week's Oxbridge Question

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



Smith sees Jones walking towards a cliff. Smith knows Jones is blind but doesn't like him, so allows him to walk off the edge. Is this murder?
(Law, Cambridge)

Ms Robinson

Information for Year 7 Parents and Carers
“Settling-In Afternoon” Wednesday 19th October.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As your Year 7 daughter has now been with us over a month, we will be having a Year 7 “Settling-in Afternoon” on Wednesday 19th October.

Your daughter will be given an appointment by her tutor and she will have this put into her school planner. This appointment is for you to come into school with her and meet with her tutor.

The appointment will be between **1.30 and 4.30pm on Wednesday 19th October.**

The tutor may be able to accommodate you if you request a particular appointment, so please communicate this by using your daughter’s planner.

Her tutor will have a copy of her settling-in report for you and will be able to discuss the outcomes with you during the appointment. You will be given a copy of this settling-in report to take home with you.

Your daughter will be dismissed at **12.25pm on Wednesday 19th October** and will be expected to go home to return with you in her full school uniform to attend the appointment. I am afraid we do not have the capacity to look after your daughter after **12.25pm**, so you **MUST** make arrangements for her to leave school and only return with you at your appointment time.

We hope you will find this appointment useful and we look forward to meeting with you.

If you have any concerns or questions about the “Settling-in Afternoon”, please contact your daughter’s tutor or her Progress Leaders, Ms. Fearon / Mr. Morrow

Thank you for your continued support

Ms. K. H. Pratt,
Assistant Headteacher

Information for Year 11 Apprenticeship Event

London Borough of Waltham Forest are hosting an Apprenticeship Event on 20th October, 2016.

The event will run from 2pm - 6:30pm at **Leyton Orient Match Room, Brisbane Road, Leyton E10 5NF.**



The event includes workshops on apprenticeships, stall holders and information sessions.

Parent and carers are welcome.

To book your attendance please use the link to Event Brite <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/waltham-forest-promoting-apprenticeship-opportunities-tickets-27726248957>

The first 600 people to apply will receive a complimentary 4GB USB card that also include resources on apprenticeships

Kind regards,

Ms Ray

Shakespeare 2016



2016 marks the 400th 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.

A selection of greetings cards are also available.

All proceeds go towards the Walthamstow School for Girls Alumnae in order to maintain a community amongst students and staff, past and present, and celebrate Walthamstow School for Girls' achievements.

Uniform Reminders

Dear Parents / Carers and Students,

We are very pleased with the start of term and the standard of the student uniform this academic year. The students look smart and appropriate for school. We would like to remind you of a few uniform items that are not correct.



1. Coloured non-prescription contact lenses are not allowed to be worn in school. They are being worn for decorative purposes only and are not appropriate for school.
2. Coats worn to school should be dark coloured, plain and waterproof. Ponchos and wraps are not suitable for school and must not be brought onto the school premises.
3. Winter scarves worn to school must only be black, white or green, and must be removed during lessons and when moving about the school, as they are for outdoor wear only. Scarves in any other colours or patterned must not be worn.
4. Any non-uniform items that are brought to school or worn inappropriately will be confiscated for the day and then returned to the student at 3.30pm to take home. Other incorrect items of uniform will be confiscated and the student will be asked to change into spare uniform from Student Services to ensure that she is correctly dressed for school.
5. Cardigans and knitwear of any colour other than dark bottle green must not be worn for school.

Thank you.

If you have any questions or queries about uniform, please make contact with school for clarification.

Ms. Pratt
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 at the beginning of the term.

Any items not claimed by Friday 21st October will be disposed of.

Please make sure all clothing including 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.**

Ms Jolliffe
Student Services



International Links



Paddington has gone travelling and has not returned.

If you took him away with you over the summer please return him to Ms Philippou.
Thank you.

Win

a trip to the Royal Opera House



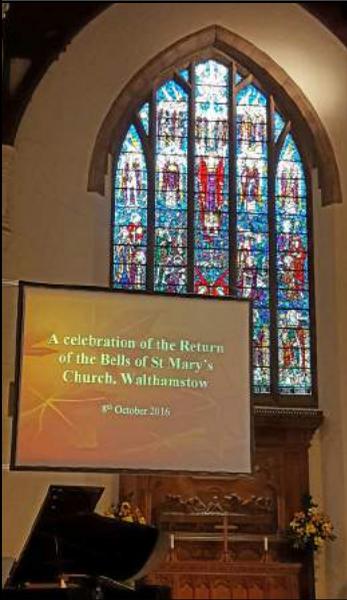
In January 2016, 30 lucky competition winners from WSFG won a trip to a performance of Tosca at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. We now have another opportunity for students to win tickets to the ROH, this time students have the chance to attend a matinée performance of Verdi's opera, **Il Trovatore**.

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.*
- Closing date Tuesday 1st November, 2016.***

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

St Mary's Church Re-dedication of the Bells Service



On Saturday 8th October I attended a fantastic concert at St Mary's Church to celebrate the return of the bells.

The concert opened with four soprano solos by ex-WSFG student, *Elizabeth Marshall*. It was wonderful to see how *Elizabeth* has developed since leaving us in 2005. Following a degree in music at York University she has specialised in singing, studying in Den Haag and Munich. She sang pieces by Gibbs, Respighi, Debussy and Delibes and is clearly going to go far as a professional singer. Current Year 10 student, *Kalilah Hambloch* then sang a couple of pieces whilst accompanying herself at the piano. She gave two very confident and enjoyable performances, the second being particularly impressive as she had composed and written it herself.

There was also a group of handbell ringers from Ipswich. The church has a set of handbells and are keen for someone to organise a group of Walthamstow handbell ringers, if anyone is interested. As well as being keen to attract more church bell ringers, especially now the bells have been refurbished.



If anyone is looking for the opportunity to learn a new skill and to contribute to the local community, St Mary's is actively looking for new bell ringers. To try out the newly restored bells, please contact Katherine Marshall on; marshall.e17@gmail.com for more information

Ms Robinson



Black History Month October 2016

Celebrating Women in Indian Art

Thursday lunchtimes in the LRC

Thursday 6th October

Singh Twins' Indian Miniatures



Thursday 13th October

**Tarun Tahillan's Fashion
Show**

Inspired by the Singh Twins

Thursday 20th October

Madhubani Painting Colouring Sheets





Competition for all Years

Design a poster
for a
Halloween lunch
on
Monday 31st October

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Closing date Monday 17th October



URGENT HELP NEEDED FOR THE UNACCOMPANIED CHILD REFUGEES IN CALAIS

Stella Creasy MP is co-ordinating an URGENT collection of luggage for the unaccompanied children at the Calais refugee camp, which is going to be dismantled this weekend. Most of these children have nowhere to go, and nothing in which to carry their belongings, so they are particularly vulnerable. Stella is trying to organise accommodation for them, but also needs luggage in good condition to help them move.

Do you or your family have any of the following items:

**Wheelie suitcases (with working wheels and zips)
Wheelie shopping trolleys
Rucksacks with working zips and straps- any size
Bags for life- large**

They also need working mobile phones and chargers to help the children stay in touch with charity workers, friends and family while they are on the move.

Please discuss this with your families. If you have anything on this list, please take it to:

**The Labour Party Office, 23 Orford Road, E17
before Friday 14th October
Or**

**Walthamstow Town Hall on Saturday 15th October
(Election Hub) between 9am and 5pm.**

Food items are also required- eg tea, coffee, dried fruit, nuts, honey (in plastic jars), lentils, spices (in plastic jars or strong bags), so please consider donating some food if you haven't got any luggage to spare at the moment.

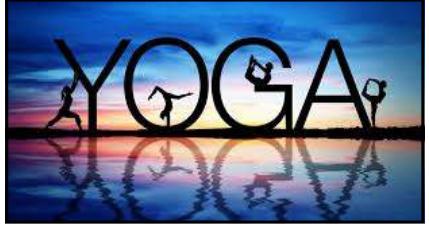
Stella Creasy and the refugee organisations will make sure that all donations are taken to Calais as soon as possible.

Thank you.
Mrs Finamore

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

Free Yoga Classes for Parents and Carers

Are you looking for a way to get fit and manage your stress? Why not try yoga!



WSFG is offering **free 5-week beginners yoga and relaxation course to parents and carers**, beginning in November 2016.

Sessions will take place on Thursdays at WSFG, from 4 – 5pm, from **10th** November.

Some of the many benefits of yoga include:

- Managing stress through breathing, meditation and movement
- Increasing confidence and positive self-image

Contact Ms Wilkinson on swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk to sign up, but please do hurry as places are strictly limited!

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SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER: COLLECTION FOR CALAIS CHILD REFUGEES, TOWN HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17, 9am- 5pm.

Local MP Stella Creasy is co-ordinating a collection of luggage and mobile phones in good working order to send to the unaccompanied child refugees in Calais, who are due to be evicted from The Jungle camp next week. Please see the main article for details of what items are needed.

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER: GIRLS CAN DRUM ! TALK BY LOCAL DRUMMER, GNOME HOUSE,7 BLACKHORSE LANE, E17 6DS, 5.30pm, FREE, ALL WELCOME.

Amie McBye will discuss the issue of why there are so few female drummers, and how girls can be encouraged to take up drumming.

Contact: spiderwebs15@hotmail.com or ring Amie on 07751717120.

SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER : SIMPLE GIFTS HARVEST CONCERT, ST BARNABAS CHURCH, ST BARNABAS ROAD, E17 8JZ, 4pm, FREE, BUT DONATIONS TO EAT OR HEAT WELCOME. Songs, duets and arias with local opera singers Gillian Keith and Tom Radcliffe, joined by Welsh star Fflur Wynn. Contact: gilliankeithsoprano@yahoo.co.uk

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER: E17 DESIGNERS' AUTUMN FAIR, COMMUNITY HUB, 18A ORFORD ROAD, E17 9LN, 2.30-6pm, under 16s free, £2 16+. Huge range of stalls, plus live music, activities for children, raffle and refreshments. Email: contact@e17designers.co.uk

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER: MARKHOUSE AND LEA BRIDGE JUMBLE TRAIL, LOCATIONS AROUND E17/E10 BORDERS, 12-5pm, FREE. Bargain hunters can find the trail map on: jumbletrail.com/event/E107LD2016 , and it's not too late to add a stall to the trail either!

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER: DIWALI FESTIVAL, TRAFALGAR SQUARE, WC2N 5DN, 1-7pm, FREE. Londoners are invited to join in the celebrations of the Hindu festival, and to enjoy live performances from amateur and professional dancers and singers, dance workshops, stalls and refreshments. Nearest tube: Leicester Square or Charing Cross. Visit: <http://www.diwaliinlondon.com> for full programme of events.

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER: MWALIMU EXPRESS, RICH MIX, 35- 47 Bethnal Green Road, E1 6LA, 2-4pm, FREE. Part of the Family Arts Festival, which celebrates African culture with live music, film screenings followed by Q and A sessions, dance and oware (African board game) sessions, plus stalls and refreshments. Ring 0207 613 7498 . Nearest tube@ Bethnal Green.

WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER: BLACK BRITISH CIVIL RIGHTS HEROES 1596-2006, CHINGFORD ASSEMBLY HALL, STATION ROAD E4, 6.30-9pm, FREE, BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Interactive presentation on 400 years of anti racism for Black History Month. Book tickets on: wfculture.eventbrite.com or call in at any local library.

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore

The logo for the London Forest Choir, featuring a large, stylized lowercase 'f' followed by the words 'London forest Choir' in a serif font.

London
forest
Choir

A photograph of many lit candles in a row, with the flames glowing against a dark background. The candles are of varying heights and are arranged in a slightly curved line.

JOHN RUTTER
Requiem

CHRISTOPHER WOOD
Requiem

Saturday 22 October 2016
7.30pm

Waltham Abbey Church, EN9 1XQ

London Forest Choir
Sylvan Ensemble

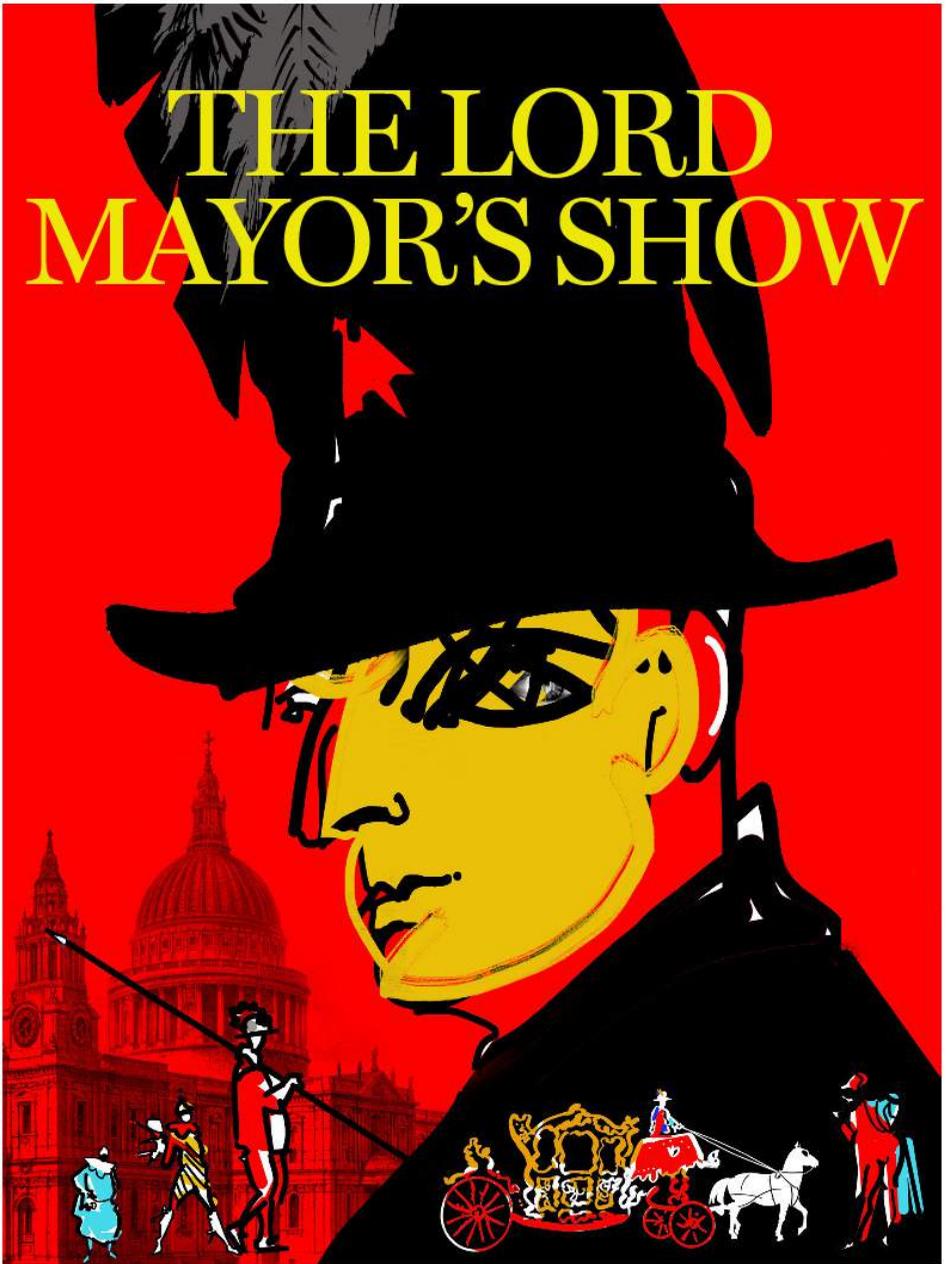
Jonathan Rathbone conductor

Cheryl Enever soprano
Cari Searle alto
Peter Smith tenor
Nicholas Garrett bass

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£10 in advance from
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THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW



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020 7332 3456



School Calendar for 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016

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

Wednesday 19th October

Year 7 Settling in afternoon students
leave school at **12.25pm.**

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