



# GREENSHEET



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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring term is now in full swing - alas with certainly no sign yet of spring flowers!

However our Year 11s are attending targeted revision sessions following their mock examinations towards the end of last term and are now in preparation for their professional interview day next week to support them in their applications to 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges and schools of their choice.

Our cast of *Annie* continue to rehearse daily for the big event. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the public performances of this year's musical on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Please note that tickets will need to be purchased in advance for this. Keep an eye out for more information about their purchase (and see p4 of this Greensheet).

A group of Year 9s took part in a Discover Your Voice workshop with two other CENLIG schools at Willowfield this week.

Congratulations to the following students who made us all proud:

<i>Iris Fishlock 9W</i>	<i>Kaiya Alfred 9F</i>
<i>Zamzam Abeid 9W</i>	<i>Firdaous Athoui 9F</i>
<i>Oliwia Konicz 9W</i>	<i>Maddy Hilton 9G</i>
<i>Lulu Fletcher 9S</i>	<i>Emily Roberts 9C</i>

and reserves, Nuriya Qureshi 9S, Amal El-Bahry 9W.

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

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

**Thursday**  
**9th-Friday**  
**10th**  
**February**  
Annie  
7.30pm  
Ticket details on page 4

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

**Thursday**  
**2nd March**

Another group of Hospitality students organised a juice bar at lunchtime on Thursday-and managed to raise £125 in a short space of time. They are now taking orders for next week's repeat venture.

Students and staff went to the Almeida Theatre to see a stunning performance of *Mary Stuart*, in which the main female protagonists swap the roles of Elisabeth I or Mary Stuart each evening, depending on the toss of a coin!

And we have met with many of you over the past two weeks at the Year 9 options evening, the ski trip evening (the night it conveniently snowed) and the Latin trip to Rome trip evening.

You may have also noticed that the Department for Education published the validated GCSE examination results from summer 2016. So far we have just looked at the performance tables for progress, not attainment (results). We are pleased to note that London schools, including WSFG, have done particularly well:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/>

Best wishes,  
Meryl Davies



**Focus of the Fortnight  
23rd January-3rd February 2017.  
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 with 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.H.Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher



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.

The student breaking these expectations will be spoken to by a member of staff

The students' Conduct Card will be signed if this expectation is not met by a student.



Walthamstow School for Girls Presents

# Annie



9th-10th  
February  
2017

7:30<sub>pm</sub>

£7 Adults

£4 Concessions

Tickets available from:

Student Services: 020 8509 9430

The School Office: 020 8509 9446

"it's the  
hard  
Knock  
life"



## Mathé , the Pop Up Maths Café

The Pop Up Café will next be open in **F38 from 12.30 – 1pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Our mascot, FRED, will be there!

Remember that FRED represents what you can do/have at the Café:

**FUN, RELAX, EAT and DREAM**

Come along to enjoy recreational maths activities, with cake.



The Year 8 Mathé Team

## WSFG International – Logo Competition

Thank you to all of you who entered our WSFG logo competition and well done to the final three successful students whose entries we have been voting on.

They are: *Abida Khatun* 10W, *Katrin Ahven* 10W and *Lobetha Perinpanathan* 9G.

A huge congratulations to *Abida Khatun* 10W whose entry scored 61% of votes.

Here is her work and our new WSFG International Logo.



Ms Philippou  
Assistant Headteacher

## Review of Discover Your Voice event



Eight successful applicants went to the 'Discover Your Voice' workshop last week at Willowfield Humanities College.

The workshop was designed to support progress, improve confidence, collaboration and debating skills in structuring work. It was an exciting, interactive and supportive day. Here is what some of the girls thought of the day:

*I felt that not only were our debating skills were worked on but also our stage presence and our voices. We thought in clear stages and I found it really helpful for both my confidence and debating skills and I thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.*

*Iris Fishlock 9W.*

*I really enjoyed the workshop as it helped me to become more comfortable with public speaking especially in front of people I don't know. It helped to build collaboration and teamwork skills and it was good to work with people I didn't know. It was a great experience and I am glad I was a part of it!*

*Firdaous Attoui 9F.*

*I found the day really enjoyable and I wish it lasted longer! I think the person leading it was good at what he was doing, very friendly and funny. It was good that I got to interact with other schools and work with people I'm not comfortable with.*

*Oliwia Konicz 9W.*

*This workshop was a big eye opener for me. I was able to work with people I had never met before and it gave me a chance to make new friends and to build on our teamwork skills. It also helped me to build my confidence as I'm not that comfortable speaking in front of people I don't know. As I worked with my team it was a lot of fun and we allowed each other to put forward our ideas. It was a great experience and I am glad I was a part of it, thank you Ms Desbenoit*

*Kaiya Alfred 9F.*

Ms Desbenoit (SPL Year 9 / Diversity Coordinator) and  
Ms Philippou (Assistant Headteacher).

## Our School History

With spring in the air I thought you might like to know that school trips to Kew Gardens London have been running since 1916.

No wonder those staff accompanying the trip feel so tired today!

It is also sad to think of the demise of local businesses mentioned in this article.



Ms Kelly

LRC Manager

Iris Magazine 1920

## The Science Society.

*The Science Society was the first Society to be formed in the School. It originated in 1916 at the request of several girls in L.IV.A. Miss Hewett is President, and a Committee is formed which consists of several mistresses and one member from each form from L.IV.B to VI. During the present year the Sixth Form has two committee members as well as two secretaries.*

*The aim of the Society is to make each member do something practical and original. A competition is held annually to encourage enterprise. The competitors are given a choice of subjects, such as collections of flowers, leaves or insects; daily observations on weather; collections of fungi; or comments upon the lives of eminent scientists. This year we have had some very original collections of fossils, barks of different trees, and shells. Prizes are given for the best collections.*

*Every term we try to have at least four meetings, two of which are in the form of expeditions, and two in the form of papers by the girls. At least one meeting deals with the life and work of some eminent scientist. Every spring we have a primrose expedition to Epping to which we invite the rest of the Upper School. During the summer a party goes to Kew, and later in the year we have a Fungus Foray. During the winter the expeditions are to Museums or some kind of works. Parties at different times have visited the Gas Works in Lea Bridge Road, the Electrical Works in Sylvan Road, the Duroglass Works in Forest Road, the Royal Mint and various museums.*

*We have now about ninety members, most of whom are really keen on this part of our work. So far we have not asked for any subscriptions, but it has been suggested that a small sum should be charged to cover the expenses of the prizes. The Society would welcome Old Girls to the expeditions as honorary members.*

*Mary Jupp and Emily Smith – Secretaries*

## 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

**Thursday 9th-Friday 10th February**

Annie 7.30pm  
Ticket details on page 4

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> May and finish on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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