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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please note we have one vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in standing as a school governor, **nominations close this Friday, October 21st**. See inside this issue for further details. Governors have a very important role to play in supporting the continuous development of the school so I would urge you to consider standing if you feel that you are able to make a contribution.

This remainder of this week's message consists of very sad news. We learned on Monday of the death that day of one of our students, **Dilara Ozbek**, Year 10, following a long illness. She fought her disease with great courage, and even chatted to several of her school friends in hospital just days before she died. She will be remembered by her friends and teachers for her friendliness and her sense of humour. Dilara will be much missed by IOF in particular but also by all members of the school, students and staff alike who will wish to keep her memory alive in school. In recent weeks, she and her friends from her tutor group had been planning a fundraising event for the charity of her choice, the **Bone Cancer Research Trust**. So, in conjunction with her family, the school will be organising a number of events to raise funds for this trust which supported her and her family through her illness. There will be opportunities for you as parents and carers to donate to this charity via your daughters in the coming weeks when our fundraising event

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
Start:
Wednesday
4th January
2017
End: Friday
31st March

takes shape, so please keep an eye out for messages in the *Greensheet*.

We do have a school counsellor and learning mentors in school; if at any time you feel your daughter would benefit from having someone to talk to in school, please contact your daughter's SPL via the school switchboard.

On behalf of all of our staff, I wish you a peaceful, healthy and safe half term break,

Best wishes,
Meryl Davies

Some useful websites:

<http://www.childbereavementuk.org/about/>

<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/help/bereaved-family-friends/supporting-grieving-child>

<http://childdeathhelpline.org.uk/>

http://www.youngminds.org.uk/?gclid=CL_BrJ6b6c8CFYcW0wod8rMJJw

<http://www.bcr.org.uk/?gclid=CP6W896b6c8CFfMV0wodPQIAxA>

<http://www.bcr.org.uk/>





Walthamstow School for Girls

A Mathematics and Computing Specialist School
with a Second Specialism in Applied Learning

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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.

Focus of the Fortnight
17th October– 4th November 2016
The Focus
Punctuality to School



The Sanctions

- If you are late to school (without a good reason such as an appointment – traffic is NOT a good reason) you will be given a 10 minute detention at the end of each day of lateness with your Tutor.
- If you are late twice in a week, you will be given a half hour detention with your SPL the following week.
- If you are late three or more times in a week, you will be given an hour's detention with Ms. Pratt the following week.
- If you reach eight lates, you will be placed on a two week punctuality report by Ms. King. Your punctuality will be closely monitored and your Parents / Carers will be informed of any improvements. You will also be rewarded if you improve your punctuality.
- **Remember** - being on time is a good habit to form!

Year 11 Mock Examinations 2016

The Year 11 Mock Examinations begin **on Monday 14th November and finish on Wednesday 30th November 2016**. The MFL speaking controlled assessments begin on Monday 7th November and finish on Friday 11th November 2016.

Students will receive copies of their individual Mock Examination timetables via Form Tutors before half-term and there are details of these mocks on the school website:

<http://www.wsfq.waltham.sch.uk/exams-and-controlled-assessments/year-11-summer-examination->

Please ensure that students are in full school uniform and have all the equipment they need for these exams.

Many thanks.

Mrs Brickett
Examinations Officer

Year 11 Science mock revision

Resources are now available on the MLE:

Criteria for units 3, 4, (plus 5 and 6 for Triple Science)

Unit 3 past papers and mark schemes for Higher and Foundation papers.

Ms Gocool

Challenge News

This week's Oxbridge Question

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

How would you measure the weight of your own head?
(Medicine, Cambridge)



Ms Robinson

Information for Year 11 Apprenticeship Event

Waltham Council 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. Parents 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

Ms Ray

EAL Morning Homework club

**HOMEWORK
club**

Every day

08:00am-

08:40am

in SO3



Come and join! Learning is fun!

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 unnamed items not claimed by Friday 21st October may 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.

Readers' Award 2016 - Vote for your favourite book of the year.

Every year readers discover brilliant new books on the shelves of their local bookshop and library. Below is the list for the **Children's Award**.

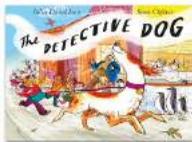
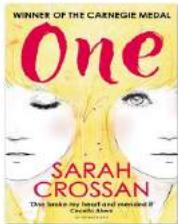
You can also vote for the book **you** loved the most from the past 12 months - it may have been published this year or be a classic that you only discovered this year.

Pick your favourite book of the year and enter into a prize draw to win one of ten **£100 National Book Tokens** to spend in your favourite bookshop. You can vote in any of the six categories - or all of them if you are truly book savvy!

Voting closes on **14th November 2016**, with the winners announced on **24th November 2016**.

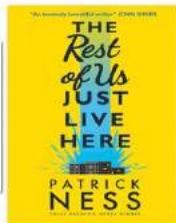
Read more at <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/vote/#5PYgA7ZPViXLQbhQ.99>

Ms Kelly LRC



One by Sarah Crossan - *explores the unbreakable bond and love between sisters*

The Rest of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness - *bold and irreverent novel reminding us that there are many different types of remarkable*



Beetle Boy by M.G. Leonard - *a darkly hilarious adventure full of exotic beetles, daring schemes, and true friendship*

The Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers - *hilarious story and joyful illustrations combine to show that crayons have feelings too*

The Bear and the Piano by David Litchfield - *a moving tale of exploration and belonging*

The Detective Dog by Julia Donaldson and Sara Ogilvie - *a fast-paced celebration of books and the relationship between a little boy and his rather special dog*

Celebrating Black History Month

You can celebrate with your family by finding out more through the internet. The BookTrust has produced a booklist for adults and Black History Month 365 has lots of interviews, articles and events which will be of interest to everyone.

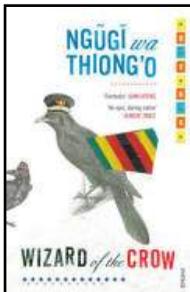
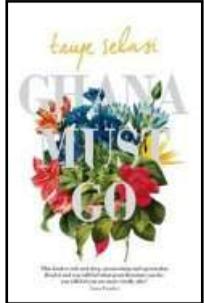
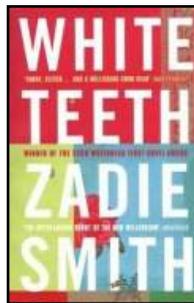
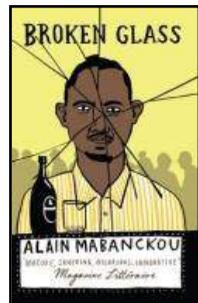
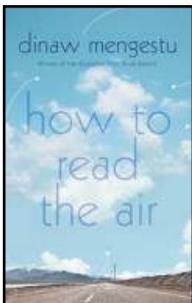
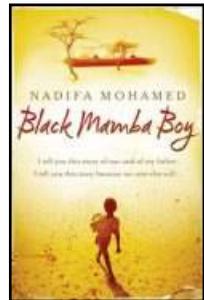
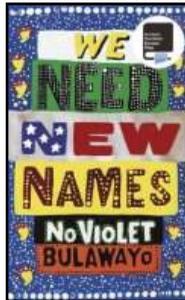
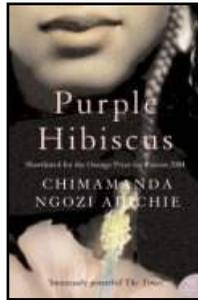
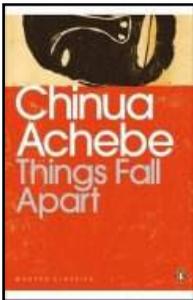
Ms Kelly LRC



<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/adults/booklists/246/>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 365

<http://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk>



Ake: The Years of Childhood
by Wole Soyinka

Celebrating Black History Month

West Africa in World War I: The Untold Story

[by African Heritage and Education Centre \(www.ahec.org.uk\)](http://www.ahec.org.uk)

The LRC will be hosting the “Untold Story” Project, which was successfully launched at the National Archives in October.

From November, students in KS3 will be using the exhibition to find out more about the impact of the war on the peoples of West Africa.

The First World War had a great impact on West Africa, as Britain ordered the invasion of German colonies in Cameroon and Togoland, using its own colonies as bases. The West African Frontier Force, drawn from Sierra Leone, Ghana, Nigeria and Gambia played a key role in the campaign. War had also had a great impact on the civilian population, as the British drew off workers and resources. How did African soldiers experience the campaign? What did the war mean for West African societies as a whole?

You can find out more about AHEC, which is based in Leyton, at www.ahec.org.uk

Ms Kelly
LRC Manager



Black History Events

This month is Black History Month and we have been celebrating it in our school community in many ways:

Three Year 9 Equal Opportunity students devised a PowerPoint for our TV monitors and an assembly on the achievement of black people (Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela, etc.). One Year 11 student has worked with me on PSHE lesson plans to incorporate discussions and debates around the Black Lives Matter movement. Two Year 11s devised a presentation on the love story between black man Seretse and white woman Ruth in a difficult racial context of the 40's in Europe and Botswana. Two Year 10s explained the origins of the celebration of Black History Month in 1926 and its original goal in another presentation.

Here is a poem from a Year 11 student written for a competition and recited in a special assembly. Further poems can be seen in the next issue of the *Greensheet Plus*.

Ms Desbenoit
Diversity Coordinator

Black Lives Matter

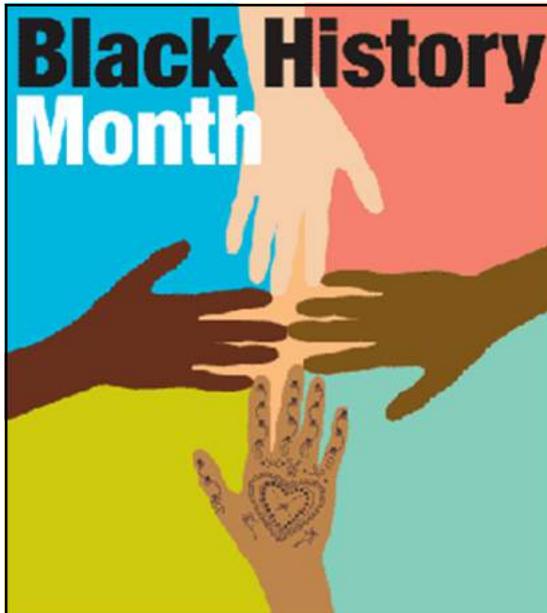
A bullet away from a hashtag, that's what we are
If the world stays this way, we won't get far
They say racism is dead but yet blacks die every day
Slaughtered for their melanin yet they were born that way
Tamir Rice, Alton Sterling just a few I can name
They say things are changing but it still stays the same

Would you like to explain why they had to die?
To the mothers, wives, and families who struggle to get by
Knowing their sons and daughters were taken unlawfully
While society tiptoes around the problem cautiously
Pretending those police did what they had to do
Would you be saying the same thing if it was you
Mike Brown died saying 'Hands up don't shoot'
Would it be different if he were not wearing a hoodie but a suit?

Why must the colour of my skin define me?
Open your eyes to what you don't want to see
From the times of slavery to even right now
Why won't you let us be black and be proud?
You try to oppress us but we get stronger everyday
We will fight this in each and every way
You can't hide from us we're everywhere you look
From the music that you listen to, to the way you want to look
Can you believe that the slang you are using
Comes from the very people that you are abusing
When will this stop? When will this end?
When can we throw down our weapons and just be friends

I know these words mean nothing to the ones who lost their lives
And it's probably insignificant to the ones they left behind
But we will continue fighting through sunshine or rain
To ensure that those who died did not do so in vain.

By Renette Bakemhe-Moulton



Year 8 Mental Health Trip

On Thursday 13th October twenty five Year 8 students went to Ilford Town Hall to attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the largest mental health lesson. This was hosted by *Hussain Manawar*, a young local YouTuber who won a global competition to go into space. He is a huge advocate of support for mental health issues and has dedicated his winnings to this cause.

We all had a brilliant time. The mental health lesson itself lasted thirty minutes and was really interesting and informative. To add to the experience *Hussain* invited lots of guests and some celebrities to support the cause too. See below for some accounts from students.

Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher



I learned that life isn't what we see on social media, and people think depression is sadness, people think depression is crying, people think depression is dressing in black. But people are wrong. Depression is the constant feeling of being numb. Being numb to emotions, being numb to life. You wake up in the morning just to go to bed again. Days aren't really days; they are just annoying obstacles to be faced. And how do we face them. Through medication, through drinking, through smoking, and through cutting. When you are depressed you grab on to anything that can get you through the day. That's what depression is, not sadness, tears. It's the overwhelming feeling of numbness and the desire for anything that can help you to make it from one day to the next one.

Denisa Raducan 8V

On Thursday 6th of October 2016 myself and some other students who applied to try to break the record of the world's largest mental health lesson, travelled to Ilford Town Hall to participate in this once in a life time opportunity. Ms Desbenoit, Ms Jean-Baptiste and Ms Phillippou kindly assisted us at this special event. Although 321 people appeared at the Ilford Town Hall, sadly we didn't break the record. The day was however turned around to the positive side because many celebrities came and everybody learned many new things about mental health. There were many inspirational speeches which was followed by exiting performance by WSRTN."

Naimah 8F

I went to Hussain House to take part in the Guinness world record and it was wonderful, I had the best time of my life the lesson it was very educational and enjoyable.

Abena 8F.

I had lots of fun on the trip. I learnt so much more about mental health, I didn't know half of the things I learnt on this trip. As well as learning so much about mental health, I got to meet so many amazing people like, WSTRN, Jahmene and so many more. This was definitely a trip that I would go on again.

Muskaan 8F

The thing I enjoyed the most was meeting Lois from WSTRN and Jahmene and the speech WSTRN gave. I had a really fun day, I got to enjoy it with my friends from my year. We had the mental health lesson at Ilford Town Hall. Sadly, four schools backed out so we didn't have 400 people; we did not break the world record. On the bright side, we had a great day and learnt a lot.

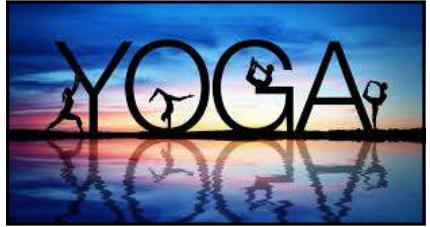
Loreal 8W.



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!



Autumn Squash Camp

24-26th October 9:30-17:00

All levels welcome: training, matches, indoor/outdoor games

£20/day (£25 for non-members)

For info & to pre-book:

Vicky@Walthamstowsportsclub.co.uk

mob. 07538574058

Walthamstow Cricket, Tennis & Squash Club, 48a Greenway Avenue, E17 3QN

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INTERNATIONAL AND SUPERLEAGUE PLAYERS**

Chelmer Valley School 27th-28th October

Chigwell School 27th-28th October

Hassenbrook Academy 28th October

10AM-4PM Ages 6-13

TO BOOK WWW.PASSANDPLAY.CO.UK

WALTHAMSTOW

MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER- SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER: WALTHAMSTOW PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S ANNUAL

EXHIBITION, The Welcome Centre, Church End, E17 9RJ, 7-8pm Monday to Friday, 10.30-8pm Saturday, FREE. Get inspiration for your photography projects from the exciting range of images presented by local photographers.

TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER: DIWALI DIVAS WORKSHOP, Aveling Centre, Lloyd Park, Forest Road, Road, E17 4PP, 11am-2pm, FREE, just drop in. Make a Diwali diva light from upcycled glass jars- all ages welcome. Contact Vicky Peet on; 07870 678 571.

FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER: BLACK HISTORY COMEDY NIGHT, Walthamstow Assembly Hall, Forest Road, E17 4JF, 7.15pm, £6.50 children, students and over 60s, £13.50 everyone else. Robbie Gee and Eddie Nestor host this annual event, featuring comedians including Slim, Judi Love and Kele le Roc. Book via: <http://www.wfculture.eventbrite.com>

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER: FAMILY DAY- AFRICAN- AMERICAN QUILT MAKING, William Morris Gallery, Forest Road, E17 7HA, 1-4pm, FREE. Explore the history of African-American quilt making in a special event for Black History Month. See ; <http://www.wmg.org.uk> for details.

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER: HITCHCOCK HALLOWE'EN, Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, E17 9NH, 6-9pm, £2 donation suggested, All ages are welcome to follow a Hitchcock -themed murder mystery trail, try some ghoulish arts and crafts, enjoy a photo booth session and seasonal refreshments. Ring: 0208 496 4391.

NB Many of the borough's libraries and leisure centres have special activities during half term- check the borough's website: <http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk> and search for children and young people's directory (cypd) for details. Remember, under 16s can swim free of charge (once registered) in the local pools.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER: THE FLOELLA BENJAMIN STORY, Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, E10 6EQ, 2-3.30pm, FREE, booking required. This film follows Floella's story from the age of 10, when she arrived in Britain from Trinidad, to her career as an award-winning TV presenter. Book via: www.wfculture.eventbrite.com, or at any local library. Part of Black History Month's celebrations.

SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER: GUARDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL, Unicorn Theatre, 147 Tooley Street, SE1 2HZ, 10am-5pm, £8. Enjoy a full programme of workshops, author readings, bookswapping and discussions for children and young people, including a discussion on teen mental health with Juno Dawson, Holly Bourne and Hayley Long. Ring 0207 645 0560 or visit: www.theguardian.com/guardianlive nearest tube: London Bridge.

TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER: SHAKESPEARE'S LIFE AND TIMES, Lea Bridge Library, Lea Bridge Road, E10 7HU, 11am, FREE (and also at Leytonstone Library, Church Lane, E11 1HG from 2-3pm). This talk explores Shakespeare's life, legacy and London; all welcome. Book at any local library.

FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER AND SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER: THE SECRET II, Deaton Theatre, Forest School, Snaresbrook, E17 3PW, 7.30pm (and 2.30pm matinee on Saturday), £10, concessions available. This original musical is based in Leyton and Whipps Cross, an ideal haunting tale for Hallowe'en! Ring 07754 666 532 to book.

SATURDAY 22ND AND SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER: FABULA FESTIVAL- a celebration of libraries and the arts, Redbridge Central Library, Clements Road, Ilford, IG1 1EA, 10am-5pm, free. The programme includes events for teens, children and adults eg Vlogstar Challenge. Contact: youth.council@redbridge.gov.uk for full details, or <http://www.redbridge.gov.uk> Nearest station: Ilford.

Remember: most museums, galleries and visitor attractions will have special activities for half term, so don't miss out!

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore

School Calendar for 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016

End: Wednesday 21st December 2016

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