



# GREENSHEET



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8th December 2016

Week 'A'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Tuesday**

**13th**

**December**

Community Party. School closed to students at 2.30pm

**Wednesday**

**14th**

**December**

Year 11 Core Subjects Parent /Carer Support Evening 6-7:30pm

**Thursday**

**15th**

**December**

Carol Concert: St Mary's Church 7pm

**Spring**

**Term Start:**

**Wednesday**

**4th January**

**2017**

**End: Friday**

**31st March**

**Monday**

**30th January**

**2017 INSET**

Day. School closed to students

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can imagine, as our Headteacher, my email and post box is very full each day. Last week I received this one from the East London Business Alliance:

*The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) in Aviation Day at London's Excel this month was a great example of ELBA working in partnership with one of Newham's major employers to encourage the next generation of "High Flyers" across East London and beyond. ELBA staff worked closely with London City Airport staff to organise and deliver the interactive event to 11 schools from across 7 boroughs – a total of 110 students.*

*Students from Walthamstow School for Girls left as winners after winning the competition to create a concept for an aviation-based app. The pupils, attending 'STEM in Aviation Day' at the ExCel, created an app designed to help people with disabilities navigate airports and 'familiarise themselves with the travelling experience'. Kate, a pupil from Walthamstow School for Girls, said:*



*'We learnt so many things about different careers in STEM, and how they relate to aviation. The presentation really helped me develop my skills and present my ideas clearly when talking in front of people, especially large crowds.'*

Last week the school glowed with pride for another reason as we welcomed the Class of 2016 (last year's Year 11) back to the Hewett Hall for our annual Prize Giving Ceremony. Former student *Arifa Nasim* inspired the students with the story of her life as a recent student at WSFG-and now campaigner and co-founder of the charity Educate 2 Eradicate. Arifa, currently studying History, Arabic and Persian at the University of Saint Andrews, is on the UK Youth for Change Secretariat and has represented her charity E2E at the United Nations when she was one of two Official UK Youth Delegates to the UN. But she also trains school staff on safeguarding and on how to spot the signs of Forced Marriage, FGM and Honour Based Violence.



The students were not the only award winners as you can see here. The WSFG Alumnae awarded three of our teaching colleagues a special long service award. Nigel Straker, Richard Murphy and John Fowler have each served the school-and our students for a minimum of thirty years each! Our thanks go to all our parents, carers, students, former students, governors, guests and staff for making it such a wonderful evening.



Best wishes,  
Meryl Davies

### **Year 11 Parents: Core Support Evening** **14<sup>th</sup> December 6-7:30pm**

Year 11 Parents are invited to attend a session designed to help your daughter prepare for her GCSEs in the core subjects. The Heads of Faculty for Maths, English and Science will each be leading a presentation on strategies that will be useful for your daughter over the coming months. Students are invited to the evening but must be accompanied by their parent or carer.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Kennedy  
Deputy Headteacher (Key Stage 4)

## Information for Parents / Carers and Students

### The final day of the Autumn Term is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016

- ◆ ALL lessons 1 –3 are as normal.
- ◆ No student will be allowed to remain in school and the gates will be locked at 1.15pm
- ◆ There will be a normal breaktime offer but **NO** lunchtime offer in the canteen.
- ◆ If a student entitled to a free school meal requires a grab-bag lunch to take away, please inform Ms. Pratt by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- ◆ Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December will be a non-uniform day.
- ◆ The cost of wearing non-uniform will be **£1.00** and must be paid **IN ADVANCE** to Form Reps.
- ◆ The jewellery rules still apply on this day and Lanyards **must** be worn.

### The first day of the Spring Term for students is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

- ◆ All Students are expected in **FULL** school uniform and to be in school at the correct school time. 8.40 for 8.45am registration.
- ◆ The Focus of the Fortnight from 4<sup>th</sup> January will be on Uniform and Lanyards.
- ◆ This will be a Week B

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!  
Ms. Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher.

## **Focus of the Fortnight** **5<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> December** **Lunchtime Behaviour**

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is about the lunchtime behaviour of the students. All students are allowed in their form rooms at lunchtime but to ensure that good behaviour is maintained there is a clear Lunchtime Code they have to follow. This is displayed on the wall of each form room and students are now familiar with its contents. All students are expected to follow the Code and form rooms are required to be clean, tidy and ready for learning and teaching at the end of break and lunchtime. Each form group has two "Room Reps" who have extra responsibility in ensuring that form rooms are used well and are ready for lessons.

Thank you for your support in this and all other school matters.

Ms. Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher.



### **The Sanctions**

If a student breaks the Lunchtime Code, she will be excluded from her Form Room for two lunchtimes. She will spend one of those lunchtimes in the Duty Room as arranged by her Student Progress Leader. The conduct card will be signed.

### **Remember**

- The school has a clear Lunchtime Code for use of form rooms which is on the wall of every form room in the school. Doors must be open, lights on and students seated on chairs etc.
- Please respect the fact that you have the privilege of going into your form room and ensure that it is used following the code at all times.
- If the code is not followed individuals or the tutor group risk being locked out of the room by the SPL.

## Attendance League for November 2016.



Below are the attendance figures for November 2016 and totals so far. Winners postcards for the month of November are in form tutor pigeon holes ready for tutors to share with their form groups.

The Headteacher as also sent postcards to the winning classes.

Well done to 7C, 8C, 9F, 10S & 11F for being November winners, it is great to see it changing each month.

Year to date winners are 7G, 8F, 9F, 10W & S and 11W. Do not forget, winners for each term receive a Form treat and 100% attenders receive a new star badge!

Ms King

## EAT OR HEAT Christmas donations

This time of year is particularly difficult for those in our community who struggle financially. Eat or Heat, our local food bank would greatly appreciate all donations of non-perishable food items (especially **tinned meat/vegetables/potatoes and coffee**) and brand new toiletries/household items.



However at this time of year it is also really nice to be able to help out with small “treats” that would be really exciting for those relying on the food bank – e.g. chocolate coins, biscuits, crisps etc.

Please bring in any donations you can next week (12th -16th December) to help make someone’s Christmas special, there are boxes in the House for your donations.

Thank you in advance for your generosity – Eat or Heat have told us **“Walthamstow School for Girls has always been a great supporter of Eat or Heat and we look forward to welcoming the generous donations by the young women of your school.”**

Ms Rae and Mrs Dowling

## College Roadshow

Last week we held our annual College Roadshow in Hewett Hall. Our College Roadshow is an opportunity for Year 11s to talk directly to Sixth Form providers about their courses, enrichment and progression opportunities for university and start up businesses. This year saw increased attendance with twenty three providers from across London and over a third of Year 11 students.

This year we enhanced the scope of the Roadshow to include as many different providers as possible. We had representatives from Sixth Form Schools, Sixth Form Academies, Further Education Colleges, Sixth Form Colleges, Technology and Arts Colleges and Apprenticeship providers. Feedback was that this was incredibly useful to help students understand the many routes available to them at Sixth Form level.



Provider feedback was very positive also.

*Thank you very much for inviting me, it was great to come along and get the opportunity to talk to some of your students about the courses we offer at ELAM.*  
Mik Nelson, - East London Arts and Music College

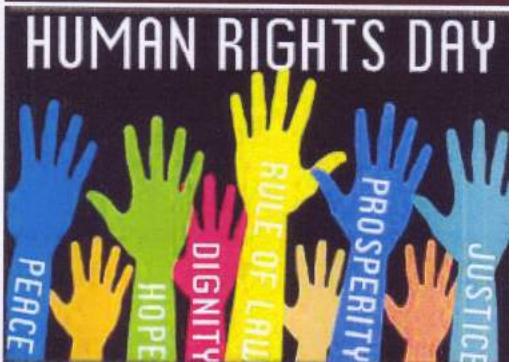
*It was lovely to have met you at your very successful event on Wednesday and thank you for inviting us and spending the time to talk through the experience with us.*  
Sarah Butterworth, London School of Excellence.

*Thank you so much for inviting us to last night's event. We really enjoyed your students who were universally engaged, interested and interesting. What a credit to the school!*  
Jo Armitage, Mulberry Girls' School Mulberry UTC

Walthamstow School for Girls would like to thank all the providers who took the time to visit and speak to our students. Your advice and guidance has led to an increase of 20% in college/sixth form applications this week.

Ms Ray  
Careers Guidance and Workplace Engagement Coordinator

## WSFG Diversity Calendar for the month of December



### December 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 01				1	2	3	4
Week 02	5	6	7 <sup>o</sup>	8	9	10	11
Week 03	12	13	14 <sup>o</sup>	15	16	17	18
Week 04	19	20	21 <sup>e</sup>	22	23	24	25
Week 05	26	27	28	29 <sup>o</sup>	30	31	

December is Universal Human Rights Month | Spiritual Literacy Month

○ Last Quarter   
 ● New Moon   
 ○ First Quarter   
 ○ Full Moon

### Special Days

- 1st World AIDS Day
- 2nd International Day for the Abolition of Slavery – Secular
- 3rd International Day of Persons with Disabilities – Secular
- 4th Saint Nicholas Day
- 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Christian
- 9th Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) – Buddhist
- 10th International Anti-Corruption Day
- 10th Human Rights Day
- 12th Mawlid an-Nabi – Islam
- Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Catholic Christian
- 14th Pezados Navidades – Hispanic Christian (17th – 28th)
- 16th International Migrants Day – Secular
- 20th International Human Solidarity Day
- 21st Winter Solstice
- Yule – Wiccan/Pagan northern hemisphere
- Ullha – Wiccan/Pagan southern hemisphere
- 24th Christmas Eve – Christian
- Chanukkah begins of sundown – Jewish (24th December – 1st January)
- 25th Christmas Day – Christian
- Feast of the Nativity – Coptic Christian
- 24th Saint Stephen's Day – Christian
- Boxing Day – Secular
- Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and UK Overseas
- Zarathushtra Dina (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra) – Zoroastrian
- 27th Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and UK Overseas
- 28th Holy Innocents – Christian
- 28th Feast of the Holy Family – Catholic Christian
- 21st New Year's Eve
- Walsh Night – Christian

## Student Christmas Lunch Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December



### Reminders to students

There will be no breacktime service on Wednesday 14th December.

Xmas lunch is £1.95, the price of a main meal.

No sandwiches or other meals available on the day.

Vegetarian option available.

Please ensure that you have your one card loaded, ready to use.

Cash will NOT be accepted at the tills.

Olive Dining



## Olive Dining

A reminder for parents/carers that if you wish to pay for your daughter's school meals by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'Olive Dining Ltd'.

All students have also been given usernames and passwords to enable payments to be made online via our SQUID system (see the school website for details).

Next term's menus will be published in next week's Greensheet



## Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled so that it can be easily returned

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.

Any items not collected by the end of term may be disposed of.

Ms Jolliffe  
Student Services



## WHAT'S ON

### Community Christmas Party. Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year at WSFG we host a community Christmas party.

This is a very special event as the whole school comes together to organise a celebration with food, gifts and entertainment for the elderly members of our community.

We like to show them how much we appreciate and value them and to make sure they have a good time with some great company.



This year, our community party will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### Gifts

We are still in need of gifts for our guests. If you have any unwanted (brand new) gifts that we could offer our guests, please send them to Miss Eveleigh in the Humanities office via your daughter(s). Last year was one of our best ever community parties and, with your support, we'd like to make sure this year is even more memorable.

Thank you,

Ms Philippou  
Assistant Headteacher





**Carol Concert**  
**Thursday 15th December**  
**St Mary's Church**  
**Church End**  
**Walthamstow**  
**7pm**

Featuring all the steel pan bands performing  
for the first time plus the choir and orchestra.

All parents, carers, students, staff,  
and alumnae are warmly invited



## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

### WALTHAMSTOW

#### **THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER: CIVIC CAROL CONCERT**

WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JD, 7pm-8.30pm, FREE. Young people from the borough's Music Service will perform carols and traditional readings. Doors open 6.30pm- all welcome.

#### **FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER: THE NIGHT FEAST BEFORE**

**CHRISTMAS**, TOWN SQUARE, HIGH STREET, E17 7JN, 5pm-LATE, FREE. Christmas special, with arts and crafts market, street food and drink, local school choirs singing carols, Bake Off competition open to all (Yule Log theme!) and more. Ring 07533 648225 for details, or email : [nightfeast17@gmail.com](mailto:nightfeast17@gmail.com)  
All welcome!

#### **SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER: LAUNCH OF THE SUNKEN GARDEN COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROJECT**, ATTLEE TERRACE, PROSPECT HILL, E17, 10am-1pm, FREE. Local arts organisation, The Drawing Shed has

secured funding to run a two year project to develop a community orchard, on this estate, and gardeners of all ages and experience are invited to meet Lisa Ellar, project gardener, to prepare the garden for spring planting. Seasonal refreshments will be provided- just drop in to find out more! Ring Clare Moloney on: 07970 224495 or visit: [www.thedrawingshed.org](http://www.thedrawingshed.org) for details about this and forthcoming drama/baking/writing projects.

#### **SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER : STOW KIDS' FILM LOUNGE**

**PRESENTS THE MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL** (1992, cert U), GNOME HOUSE, 7 BLACKHORSE LANE, E17 6DS, 4.30pm, £5.50 child, £4 accompanying adults. Enjoy this classic comedy with friends! Doors open 4pm, book tickets from: <http://www.stowfilmlounge.com> or buy at the door.

#### **SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER : WOOD STREET FIRST PRESENT A WINTER FESTIVE FAYRE, OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHERNHALL STREET, E17 3EA , 12-4pm, FREE (DONATIONS IN AID OF THE FOREST NIGHT SHELTER ARE WELCOME).**

Programme includes magic, live music, Santa's Grotto, reindeer rodeo, inflatables, stalls and more for all ages. See : [www.woodstreetfirst.org](http://www.woodstreetfirst.org) for more information, and support the local night shelter.

**SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER : THE FILM CAFE PRESENTS: HOME ALONE (1990, cert PG), ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH END, E17 9RJ, 4pm-6.15pm, FREE (DONATIONS FOR THE FOREST NIGHT SHELTER ARE WELCOME).** Refreshments available.

See: <http://www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk> for more information. All welcome.

**SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, ST JAMES STREET END OF THE HIGH STREET, E17, 4pm, FREE.** Brass bands will accompany local choirs in festive style, with a candlelit procession when darkness falls. Wrap up warm!

**TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER: VESTRY'S VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS, VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17 9NH, 4-7.30pm, FREE.** Make Christmas crafts, enjoy seasonal refreshments and visit Father Christmas in his grotto (£3.50), plus E17 Designers stalls. If you leave just before 7pm, then you can catch the **Annual Walthamstow Village Residents' Association Christmas Carols around the tree with East London Brass in the Village Square, Orford Road, E17 9NJ, 7- 8.15pm, free. All ages welcome.**

## **BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW**

**SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER: VINTAGE FASHION AND BROCANTE FAIR, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, NIGHTINGALE LANE, WANSTEAD, E11 2HD, 11am-5pm, £2.50, £1.50 concessions.** Genuine vintage stalls, Christmas presents and party outfits, plus live music at 3.30pm and cafe. Contact: [www.lovevintage.co.uk](http://www.lovevintage.co.uk) or ring Cary on 07860 214009. Nearest tubes: Snaresbrook or Wanstead.

**UNTIL 22nd DECEMBER: WINTER FESTIVAL, GATEWAY PAVILION, PENINSULA SQUARE, GREENWICH PENINSULA, SE10 OSQ, 12 noon until late, FREE (charge for Grotto).** An enchanted forest has been created this winter, with a hidden amphitheatre, Christmas market, Grotto, live performances and seasonal refreshments . On Sunday 11th December, the Marawi Majorettes will be performing at 12 noon, and the Arcola Theatre will present their Christmas Show at 12 and 2pm, free. Nearest tube: North Greenwich. See : <http://www.greenwichpeninsula.co.uk/christmas>

**UNTIL 8th JANUARY: CHRISTMAS PAST, GEFFRYE MUSEUM, 136 KINGSLAND ROAD, E2 8EA, TUESDAY TO SUNDAY, 10am-5pm, FREE.** This annual exhibition recreates 400 years of seasonal traditions in English homes, with evocative sights, smells and sounds. See <http://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk> or ring 0207 739 9893. Nearest tube: Old Street. Cafe, shop and gardens too.



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forest  
Choir

# CHRISTMAS concert

Carols for choir, orchestra and audience plus  
Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*

Wednesday 21 December 2016 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Walthamstow E17 9RJ

**London Forest Choir**  
Jonathan Rathbone conductor  
Alison Hill soprano  
Sylvan Ensemble

Tickets £12 on the door or  
£10 in advance from  
020 8281 6090 or online at  
[www.londonforestchoir.org](http://www.londonforestchoir.org)  
Students and benefit recipients  
half price; children £2

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WALTHAMSTOW COMMUNITY PRODUCTION  
ARE LOOKING FOR LOCAL CHILDREN  
FROM RECEPTION AGE UPWARDS,  
TEENAGERS AND ADULTS FROM ALL  
OVER THE BOROUGH TO TAKE PART  
IN THIS YEAR'S SHOW.

AT ST PETERS IN THE FOREST CHURCH,  
WOODFORD NEW ROAD,  
WALTHAMSTOW E17.

EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO TAKE PART CAN.  
JUST SIGN UP ON THE DAY AND  
YOU ARE PART OF THE CAST!

WE WILL ONLY BE AUDITIONING FOR LEADS.



SATURDAY 7TH JAN 2017 SUNDAY 8TH JAN 2017

SIGN UP FOR OR ALL (INCLUDING THOSE  
WISHING TO AUDITION THE FOLLOWING DAY)  
AT ST PETERS IN THE FOREST CHURCH AT 2PM.

LEAD AUDITION DAY  
(NO NEED TO PREPARE ANYTHING)  
AT ST PETERS IN THE FOREST CHURCH AT 2PM.

PERFORMANCE DATES: 25TH/26TH MARCH 2017

Book & lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN Music by ALAN MENKEN Based on the film by Roger Corman Screenplay by Charles Griffith  
Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director) Originally produced at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City, by the  
WPA Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organisation.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with JOSEF  
WEINBERGER LTD. on behalf of MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL of NEW YORK.

## School Calendar for 2016-17

### Autumn Term 2016

**End: Wednesday 21st December 2016**

Tuesday 13th December	Community Party School closed at 2.30pm
Wednesday 14th December	Year 11 Core Subjects Parent /Carer Support Evening
Thursday 15th December	Carol Concert, St Mary's Church 7pm

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