

2 October 2020

Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021

Autumn Term Wednesday 2 September to Friday 18 December

Friday 16 October School Closure Staff Training

Half Term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October

Christmas holiday: Monday 21December to Friday 1 January 2021

Spring Term 2021 Monday 4 January to Thursday

1 April

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents Carers and Students,

We continue to adapt our school to a different way of working as nothing is as it once was-for the foreseeable future at least. Whilst our students are now familiar with coming into school at different times, handwashing, lining up, having their lessons in one classroom, and keeping to separate 'bubbles' and 'zones' in the building and outside, as well as getting used to mask wearing in corridors and communal areas, what we have not yet been able to offer is the fuller experience of practical lessons. Noted, there are already PE, Music, Drama and Science lessons, but we are keen to expand that offer to a range of other opportunities such as trampolining, gymnastics, individual musical instrument lessonsand our famous steel pan ensembles. We are just awaiting the final go ahead on our risk assessments before launching these.

This week we discussed the management of virtual work experience and careers events and have been planning our virtual open evening. Most of our meetings, even in school, now take place via Teams, so we have not yet had an opportunity to meet together as a staff team other than via a computer screen. I am sure that this reflects your working and extended family life too. We have adapted well-and indeed we must, as all these measures are in place to keep us all safe in these difficult times. Our attendance is just below what it would normally be at this time of year, and I know many of you are being a little more cautious than usual when your child has the onset of cold symptoms. I am pleased that you have been reassured by the health and safety measures that we have implemented in school.

In this issue, you can see how we are adapting to our new virtual world. Please do encourage your child to use the links and access the opportunities on offer. Like us, sixth form colleges are also offering virtual tours for our older students, so they can have a look round without leaving home.

With the onset of wet –and undoubtedly colder-weather, please ensure that your daughter leaves home with a waterproof black coat and, if necessary, an umbrella. I was delighted to see that the vast majority of students came to school well equipped for the torrential rain this morning.

Wishing you a peaceful and, hopefully, drier weekend,

Yours sincerely Ms M Davies Headteacher

NB: Please note that the school will be closed on **Friday October 16**<sup>th</sup> for staff training on remote teaching.



## Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms;
  - a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
  - a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  - a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste; a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or teeling unwail but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst watting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate closs not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <u>https://www.nhs.uk/live-weil/healthybody/fs-my-child-toc-il-for-school/</u>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitaly important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Professor Viv Bennett CBE

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T	Fever	Common	Rare	Common
	Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Ò	Cough	Common* (usually dry)	Mild	Common* (usually dry)
0	Sneezing	No	Common	No
D	Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
O	Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
	Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
ā	Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
0	Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
0	Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

## Faculty News Art News

WSfG Art Teacher, Ms Hepworth received a commission earlier this year from The Magistrates Association to paint a picture to represent The Future: The Rights of the Child

The live exhibition has been postponed and will take place in October 2021. However, <u>the virtual exhibition can be seen here</u>.



The Magistrates Association is one hundred years old this year. To celebrate a century of being the collective voice of the magistracy and the tireless pursuit of justice, we have created 2020 Vision: 100 Years of Justice.

The exhibition comprises of twenty original artworks, commissioned from twenty diverse, contemporary artists, that also includes Koestler Arts alumni who are former offenders and are now working artists and living examples of the rehabilitative function of art.

The exhibition is both a retrospective view of one hundred years of the history of justice in the UK and a gaze into the future. The exhibition was originally intended to travel to Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff and London. However, due to lockdown restrictions, we will now bring you all the action online, with a physical exhibition scheduled to take place in 2021. We hope you enjoy our vision!

## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The ten exhibition themes are topical issues around which both legislation and societal attitudes have evolved considerably in the last century, and might conceivably evolve even further.



These are:

- 1. Rights of the child
- 2. Gender and the justice system
- 3. The role of prison in society
- 4. Ownership of information
- 5. Race and criminal justice
- 6. LGBT+ rights
- 7. Freedom of expression
- 8. Freedom of association
- 9. Victims' rights
- 10. The concept of justice

Ms Hepworth Art Faculty

#### Challenge at Walthamstow School for Girls

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to explain how enrichment activities will be run for the forseeable future.

Pre-covid, as the school Challenge Coordinator, one of my roles was to organize excursions to venues such as the Royal Veterinary College and the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. I would also organize for outside speakers to visit the school to deliver inspirational talks and to run workshops. During these times, while this is not possible, there is an increasing number of online opportunities for our students to sign up for and to become involved in.

Please look out for these opportunities in the Challenge section of the Greensheet, in the Student Bulletin, on Office 365 Teams and on the school website. Please encourage your child to apply for anything that she is interested in. If there is a cost, this need not be an obstacle as we have a Challenge budget to contribute to this.

Finally, if you or anyone that you know of is running any opportunities that may be of interest, please get in touch and let me know.

Best wishes

Ms Robinson Challenge Coordinator

## LATEST CHALLENGE OPPORTUNITIES

## ANIMAL ACADEMY - run by the Royal Veterinary College

If you are aged 13 and over, love animals and might be interested to have a career working with animals in the future, please click below and consider joining the Animal Academy:

https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/rvc-is-open-for-all/widening-participation/ opportunities/animal-academy

## JUNIOR and TEEN VET clubs – run by the Royal Veterinary College

Join our Vet Clubs or Teacher Newsletter to keep updated with opportunities including events and activities, top tips and advice from us, and behind-the-scenes animal stories:

https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/rvc-is-open-for-all/widening-participation/newsletters

## **ART classes for TEENAGERS**

If you enjoy art and wish to develop your skills there are a wealth of opportunities through UAL:

https://www.arts.ac.uk/study-at-ual/short-courses/future-creatives

There is also a useful newsletter that you could sign up for: https://confirmsubscription.com/h/d/EC041384F92EFE9C

## BFI Film Festival for students aged 15 and above

From the wealth of films and events in the festival, these are just a few suggestions from the main public programme:

https://www.bfi.org.uk/london-film-festival/education/lff-schools-secondaryhighlights-schools

## JUNIOR LAWYERS CLUB

The Junior Lawyers Club live online workshops for 9-11 and 12-14 year olds. Learn debating and public speaking skills through a variety of fun, fast-paced challenges, games and role-plays. Themes and activities in the workshops range far and wide, each one engaging and stimulating.

Maximum of six students to every one tutor in the online workshops ensures plenty of opportunity to speak and receive feedback, boosting confidence and ability. New topics and challenges each month allows students to progress through our certificate system.

https://juniorlawyersclub.co.uk/online-workshop-booking/

## University of Oxford

Are you thinking that you may like to apply to Oxford one day? If so, please sign up for the newsletter here: <u>http://newsletter.admin.ox.ac.uk/k/Ouc/</u> <u>ndergraduate\_admissions\_and\_outreach\_news</u>

## University of Cambridge - Taster Courses – Year 11

There will be three virtual subject taster events this term. The events will each feature small-group-teaching sessions (maximum of 8 students) led by PhD candidates at Caius, which will give students both a detailed insight into the subjects and a taste of a teaching style which is unique to Cambridge and Oxford. There will also be a chance to hear from Caius lecturers about an aspect of their research and ask questions. Finally, students will also be taken on a virtual tour and have the chance to ask questions of our current undergraduates so that they can get a feel for student life at the College.

The events are open to high-achieving students in year 11 and students can register themselves using the relevant Qualtrics form below. Registration will be open until 30<sup>th</sup> September and we will notify everyone who completes the form within a week as to whether they have been successful in gaining a place. Successful applicants will be sent a Code of Conduct form to be signed by themselves and their parent/carer. We will encourage all participants to have cameras and microphones enabled so that they can ask questions at key points throughout the day and participate in the small-group-teaching sessions.

Due to the interactive nature of the events, places are limited. In the likely event of oversubscription, we will select students based on a combination of academic and widening participation criteria.

Languages and Literature Event – A day for high-achieving students who have an interest in English, Modern and Medieval Languages (MML), Classics, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES) as well as Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic (ASNC). This event will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 10:00-15:00. https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_bypA3qOAfGaWeCV

<u>Physical Natural Sciences and Engineering Event</u> – A day for high-achieving students interested in Physical Natural Sciences, Chemical Engineering and Engineering. This event will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October from 10:00-15:00. https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV\_00XeDUwkc153vKZ

<u>'They did what?' Event</u> - A day for high-achieving students interested in studying History, Classics, and Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic (ASNC). This event will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00-15:00.

https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_9nPMeeHDTgodeTj

If you participate in any of these activities, please do let me know. If funding is needed, please see me about that too. Some of these activities are free, but for the ones that cost money, we have a Challenge budget.

Ms Robinson Challenge Coordinator

# WSFG Diversity Calendar for the Month of October







## Are you interested in FASHION & BUSINESS? applications are now open for September 2021!



## Virtual Open Day Dates

Degree Virtual Open Day Wednesday 7th October 2020

To register for the event **Click Here** 



#### **FRA Traineeship Platform**

We are now accepting applications to our brand new traineeship programme!

For further information please email traineeships@fra.ac.uk

The Saturday Club is a FREE programme that gives young people in years 8, 9, 10 & 11 the unique opportunity to study Fashion & Business on Saturday mornings free of charge starting in January 2021.

For further information please: click here

Fashion Retail Academy, 15 Gresse Street London, W1T 1QL





Book your place now at accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events





We held our Sixth Form Open Evening virtually and would like to share with you the link <u>HERE</u>.

The link includes a talk from Kate Spencer Ellis, Head of the Sixth Form, an interview with current Y13 pupils and webinars on the scholarship process for Sport, Music, Art, Drama and an introduction to EPQ.

Sixth Form candidates are encouraged to make an appointment with the Sixth Form team who will be able to help with any Sixth Form specific or subject related questions. Please email Debbie O'Brien <u>DOBrien@forest.org.uk</u> or Emma Campbell <u>ECampbell@forest.org.uk</u> to make your appointment. For admissions related questions, the Admissions Team can be reached on: <u>admissions@forest.org.uk</u>

Please click on the link below for a copy of the Sixth Form prospectus which is very informative and will supplement the webinars and talks from last night. We would be grateful if these details could be passed on to your Y11 pupils.

https://www.forest.org.uk/admissions/register/view-our-prospectus/





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## Spring Term 2021

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- Easter Holiday Friday 2 April 2021 to Friday 16 April

## Summer Term 2021

- Monday 19 April 2021 to Thursday 22 July
- Half Term: Tuesday 1 June to Friday 4 June



