



# GREENSHEET



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Week 'B'

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**OPEN EVENING**  
Thursday 11th October  
5.30 - 8.00pm  
Outstanding - Ofsted June 2018  
'Teachers and leaders have a shared commitment to providing a first-class education'  
"Neglect not the gift that is in thee"  
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE
<p>Dear Parents and Carers</p> <p>On Saturday morning the school was open to the public for the Open House event. We had around 40 visitors who braved the rain for a tour of the architectural points of interest around the buildings led by our very knowledgeable LRC Manager, Ms Kelly. My thanks to her and other the members of the school's Alumnae Committee who ran displays in the Hewett Hall and raised funds by selling school memorabilia in the form of keyrings, cards, notelets, bags and pens to our visitors, some of whom were students and staff at the school themselves many years ago and had returned to reminisce. We also met the daughter of the first male teacher at the school, Mr. Noakes, who taught Physics.</p> <p>On Monday, we welcomed a special guest, Amanda Mackenzie, the Chief Executive of the charity <i>Business in the Community</i>. The charity, <i>Speakers for Schools</i>, had organised her visit to us as part of the Great British Plastics Challenge. Amanda spoke with our Year 8 students about how they (and we) can all help the environment by thinking more carefully about the use of single use plastic goods and remembering to recycle. The students were</p>

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all very engaged during the discussion and asked some thoughtful and intelligent questions. After the meeting Amanda was extremely complementary about the students, saying "I did enjoy meeting the girls, they were fabulous. I'm sure I wasn't anywhere near as confident when I was their age." Ashley Hodges, Chief Executive of *Speakers for Schools* also came along to listen to the discussion.

Also this week, two groups of KS4 Art students visited the Photographers' Gallery in the West End of London to view an exhibition of the work of Alex Prager, an American art photographer and film maker based in Los Angeles. Her photographs primarily use staged actors, models and extras to create "meticulously designed mise en scène", often described as film-like and hyperreal'. Students gathered photos and observations for their 'identity' unit- part of their GCSE coursework project in Year 11.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September was the European day of Languages, an occasion that was embraced by our Modern Foreign Languages Department with quizzes and discussion on the importance of learning a foreign language in lessons - as well as a Spanish breakfast which I very much enjoyed. You can read a selection of our students' comments on page 6.

The Year 9 netball team continued their winning streak with a 13-3 win this week against Holy Family College. Congratulations to *Molly, Grace (9G), Morenike, Deja and Zaini (9H), Sylvie (9F)* our Captain and Player of the Match, *Jessica and Roya (9W)* and *Rebeca, Jai-Ming and Arani (9F)*.

Congratulations to *Nishka 8S* who became the school's first "Millionaire Reader" this academic year in our Accelerated Reader scheme. This means that she has completed quizzes on Accelerated Reader which show she has already read one million words in just one month. Well done!

On Wednesday (3<sup>rd</sup> October) next week we will be holding the GREEN Exhibition for parents and carers of Year 8 students where they can see an exhibition of artwork and poetry on identity completed by all the students. All parents/carers of Year 8 students are welcome into school between 4-6pm to see their daughters' work. The event will also be a fundraiser for the charity Fairybricks. Please see page 4.

Also on Tuesday next week (2<sup>nd</sup> October) we have the Year 9 Parents Information Evening for the parents/carers of Year 9 students. This is the meeting at which important information will be shared that is relevant to the whole year group in the coming year. We hope to see as many of our Year 9 parents and carers as possible. These events are very well attended so please do arrive early to guarantee a seat. The evening starts at 6pm and will last an hour.

For the fourth year, we will again be running the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme for students in Year 10. Students in previous years have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the expeditions. It has helped build their confidence, develop their self-reliance and given them a satisfying sense of achievement, as well as being fun. See page 4 for details on how interested Year 10 students can apply for a place on this year's award scheme.

October is Black History Month and events and activities to mark this are planned in each faculty during October, although we do continually celebrate the achievements of Black and ethnic minority people throughout the year, not just in October. See next week's Greensheet for more news about this

Please note that on the afternoon of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October the school will be closing to students at 2.30pm. Students will need to leave the school site as promptly as possible in order for us to prepare for the Open Evening for the September 2019 Year 7 intake. Doors will open at 5.30pm until 8.00pm in order for us to show the prospective students and their families around WSFG. The following day, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, school will be closed to students for a staff INSET day.

I hope that members of our Jewish Community had an easy fast when they celebrated the festival of Yom Kippur last week.

Meryl Davies  
Headteacher

### **Parent Information Evening 2018-19**

**(special information pertaining to your daughter's year).**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

6.00-7.00pm

Year 9

### **English Checkpoint Assessment Dates**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please be aware that if your daughter is in Year 10 or Year 11 she will be sitting her first English checkpoint assessment on the following dates:

Year 11      *Romeo and Juliet* checkpoint will take place on  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018.**

Year 10      *An Inspector Calls* checkpoint will take place during the week  
commencing **15<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

Since this is a closed book assessment your daughter should be revising key quotations about main characters, themes and ideas.

Many thanks,

Miss Simpson  
Interim Deputy Head of English Faculty

## Year 8 **GREEN** Exhibition

To all Year 8 Parents and Carers,

You will remember from June that we had to postpone the students' **GREEN** Identity exhibition. Please note that the **GREEN** exhibition will now be held in school on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 4-6pm.**

We will be exhibiting the students' self-portraits and poetry on the theme of 'Identity'.



The students will also be raising money for a charity called 'Fairy Bricks' and so will be running a raffle and other stalls to support this cause.

Please do come and celebrate your daughter's hard work with is on this day. We look forward to welcoming you.

Kind regards,

Ms Philippou  
Assistant Headteacher



**THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH'S AWARD**

## Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Award Applications

Applications are now open for Year 10 students to be considered to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

You should write not more than one A4 sheet on why you should be considered and give this to **Student Services no later than 11<sup>th</sup> October.**

Further details of the scheme can be found on the D of E noticeboard in the Humanities corridor and on the website <https://www.dofe.org/>

Ms Black

## Speakers for Schools

*On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September the Year 8s were lucky enough to be selected to have a talk from Amanda Mackenzie, Chief Executive of Business in the Community and OBE winner. Amanda is part of an organisation called Speakers for Schools. Speakers for Schools helps inspirational people spread their message and inspire young people.*

*It was a great experience for us to ask her questions and to hear such an inspirational woman tell us about her work and what she does to make a difference. Amanda also told us that if we believe in ourselves and are determined then we can achieve anything.*

*Edith 8W*

*On 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, Walthamstow School for Girls was visited by Amanda Mackenzie. She gave a presentation to Year 8 about plastic pollution and her journey to becoming a successful business woman. She really inspired me because she told us that she had not done well at her 'A' levels but kept trying and didn't let it stop her achieving. She also told us what we can do to help tackle plastic waste and it really opened everyone's eyes. Her talk was very interesting and I hope other year groups will have the same opportunities as us.*

*Phoenix – 8W*

Ms Warren  
Year 8 Student Progress Leader





French and Spanish students in Year 7, 9 and 10 celebrated European Day of Languages on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. They taught the class some words in their native language or a language that they know, they took part in a quiz and enjoyed some European breakfast.

*Learning a second language will increase your cognitive skills. It will show how much you can analyse and memorise. Therefore this will increase your chance to get into the top universities. Being bilingual or trilingual will make your brain work harder, which will increase your learning ability, in any aspect of a subject. This also decreases the chance of diseases. Being able to speak more than one language is also increasing chances of employment across the world. So come, on start now. It's never too late.*

*Ammara Year 9 Urdu.*

*Learning a new language is not only important for developing your speaking skills and challenging your brain, but it helps to bring different communities from all over the world together, and you can understand someone who lives on the other side of the world. Communication is so important, and you need to be able to do so with other people.*

*Beatrix 9S*

*Learning different languages help you in many ways: mentally and socially. Firstly, learning a second language will enhance your listening skills, memory and concentration, as well as increasing your knowledge on the language. Additionally, you will be able to communicate with a variety of people across the globe easily and by communicating with native speakers, you'll learn more about the language, your surroundings, and other people very quickly. Moreover, you will enjoy the language and have fun learning, speaking, writing and reading! Personally, learning French has made me much more open minded and I love speaking with many people! I find that it is very important to learn a language because I am a more confident speaker.*

*Amanta 9S*

Year 10 Spanish

*This week, in our French lesson, we learnt different languages to celebrate EDL.*

*Students volunteered to teach the rest of the class a bit of their chosen language. We learnt Russian, Urdu, Arabic, Spanish, Italian, Somali, Korean, Portuguese and even Back Slang!*

*Learning languages allows us to communicate with people around the world, to explore different cultures and traditions.*

*Year 10 French students*

Year 10 Spanish are currently studying the theme of culture, for example, festivals, fiestas and food, so it was really relevant to celebrate with food!



*Para celebrar el Día Europeo de Idiomas, hicimos una celebración muy divertida! Comimos un desayuno europeo, por ejemplo, croissants y bollos con chocolate con quesos franceses. Estaba riquísimo todo. Hablamos en español con nuestras amigas. Me encantó la celebración porque fue fenomenal. Quiero que lo hagamos de Nuevo.*

*To celebrate European Day of languages we had a really fun celebration at the beginning of Spanish. We ate a European breakfast, for example croissants, pain au chocolat, and French cheeses. It was really nice. We spoke Spanish with our friends. I loved the breakfast celebration because we had a lovely time. I'd love to do it again sometime.*

*Amira 10G*

Ms Prieto  
Language Faculty



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of SEEDS, PLANTS & CUTTINGS  
Please bring to the GARDENING CLUB  
every FRIDAY lunchtime





## Community Events

### **Saturday 29th September, Family day: Book Making,**

William Morris Gallery, Forest Road, E17 4PP. William Morris loved to create beautiful books and started his own book company Kelmscott Press. Have a go at creating your own book and paper-marbling for the cover. 1-4pm Free. [wmgallery.org.uk](http://wmgallery.org.uk)

### **Saturday 29th September, From Monoux and Morris to beer and Bacon Jam.**

Meet at William Morris Gallery, Forest Road E17 4PP. Guided walk exploring E17's fascinating history. Stories include the Dickens' plagiarist, the hidden Greek Theatre and what Pepys thought of Walthamstow wine. 2-4pm £12, Concessions £9, with £1 from each ticket to prostate cancer UK. [Bit.ly/E17MoncrieffWalk](http://Bit.ly/E17MoncrieffWalk)

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Apple Day at the Mill**

The Mill Community Centre on Coppermill Lane will be having its eighth apple day event on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September** between 2pm and 5pm. Make fresh, organic apple juice on the apple press, take part in other apple/harvest related activities and enjoy apple pastries and cakes made by The Mill Bakers. All proceeds to The Mill. For more information, please email or call 0208 521 3211.

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Waltham Forest Community Hub are hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning and Tabletop sale on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at the Hub on Orford Road between 11am-3pm. For more information, [please email the Hub.](#)

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September, St Barnabas Sunday Concert**

The St Barnabas Sunday Concert team present 'The Flavours of South America' with Tangos by Piazzolla, Poetry of Pablo Neruda, and Songs from Chile and Argentina with Singers Gillian Keith and Tom Randle, and Leo Nicholson on Piano. This event will be on Sunday September 30th at 4pm, at St Barnabas Church. Admission is free and donations are gratefully accepted (£5-£10 suggested) in support of Parkinson's UK.

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Wood Street Ward Forum**

The next Wood Street Ward Forum will take place on **Tuesday 2nd October** at 7:30pm at the Scout Hall at 205a Wood Street. It will be a themed event and the focus will be on Community Safety. They will have a number of speakers including Cllr. Khan (Cabinet Lead for Community Safety), reps from the Young Independent Advisory Group (YIAG) and our Safer Neighbourhood Team. Local Councillors Ros, Richard and Vicky will also be in attendance. All Wood Street residents welcome.

# THE VOTE

## SUFFRAGE! TROUSERS! PANIC! PUPPETS!

Join us for a family friendly interactive romp through the history of women's fight to obtain the vote, and meet the men and women who stood in their way... Enjoy a rare combination of playful puppets and pummeling the patriarchy that will leave you raring to get out and fight injustice yourself!

**Ages 8+ to adult**

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2pm**

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# Waltham Forest Women of World War One

Talk at All Saints', Castle Avenue,  
Highams Park - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

# GO!

This talk will focus on local women's experiences during the war. It will include, War Weddings, Wood Street Belgian Refugees, Fundraising, Nursing and Suffragettes. Find out about, 'Our Boys' and the stories of women stranded in Europe at the start of the war.

Oona Kelly, will provide an insight into how local women and their families were affected by the war, through documents held by Walthamstow School for Girls archives.

Doors open at 7.15pm – talk starts at 7.45pm  
£4 entry for members £6 entry for non-members

**HOBSON**  
Property Sales and Lettings

## School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

### Autumn Term 2018

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Friday 12th October	Staff training day school closed to students

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Wednesday 7th November	Year 11 Parent/Carer information evening 6-7pm
Thursday 8th November	Year 10 Parent/Carer subject evening 6-7pm
Tuesday 27th November	Year 8 Parent/Carer information evening 6-7pm
Monday 3rd December	Staff inset day school closed to students
Thursday 6th December	Presentation Evening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Early school closure at 2.30pm for Community Party

### Spring Term 2019

#### Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

#### Half Term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019

### Summer Term 2019

#### Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

#### May Bank holiday Monday 6th May

#### Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019