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4 October 2019

Week 'A'

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's message begins with an event that I attended last Thursday evening, together with Ms Wills our Head of Art. During her work experience last term, GCSE Art student Chikara was asked to produce a picture of the Queen. She told me that this took her approximately an hour to complete. To her surprise, her work was selected for exhibition in the group show 'God Save the Queen' held in West London. Her work hung alongside works by Rankin and Terry O'Neill and other established and renowned artists.

She was also the youngest exhibitor there. We would like to thank to Ms Bhatti, Chikara's mother, for inviting us to the Private View. Incidentally Chikara's work, entitled *In all her glory* was on sale with a price ticket of £890!



On Tuesday our netball team, comprising of students from Years 10 and 11, won both their games by a considerable margin. Details can be found within this edition – congratulations to all the students who took part.

After school, on a very damp evening, we held our Year 7 Parent Information Evening, the first one for parents/carers of students who joined us in September. It was lovely to meet so many of our new parents and carers and to hear how well their daughters were settling into school already. The presentation slides are available on our website:

[https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/\\_site/data/files/docs/00-2019-20/years/32E79895EAC2F61EC9959734AF941F56.pdf](https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/_site/data/files/docs/00-2019-20/years/32E79895EAC2F61EC9959734AF941F56.pdf)

On Wednesday a group of students from Year 9 took part in the borough netball rally – a challenging day of competitions with neighbouring schools. Our Year 9 team was placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is a great achievement considering the large number of schools competing and the stamina needed to play the game for half of the day. Well done to all the members of our Year 9 netball team!

Workshops also began on Wednesday for our Year 9 Drama students as part of their 'Take the Stage' project, a collaboration which we run with the Donmar Warehouse Theatre. Students participate in a series of workshops over the following weeks in preparation for a performance at the Donmar Theatre. Ms Cornford co-organises this project each year and our students find it extremely beneficial for their development within the subject, as well as giving them an insight into the workings of a theatre company.

Concluding the school week is our curry, quiz and auction night in aid of our 2020 trip to Zanzibar, hosted by our MP Stella Creasy. With tickets sold out and many interesting items to be auctioned, it looks to be a fun night and I look forward to seeing many parents there and spending lots of money!

A reminder that we have an early closure at 2.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October to enable staff to prepare for our annual Open Evening. This is followed by an INSET Day on Friday when the school will be closed to students. School will resume at the normal time on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Meryl Davies  
Headteacher

**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**7<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**The Home School Agreement**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a clear Home School Agreement policy that sets out the expectations that we have of students, parents and carers. The policy also sets out clear guidance as to what the school offers to your child whilst studying at WSfG. Please support the school by familiarising yourself with the Home School Agreement and signing the agreement which can be found in your child's 2019-20 school planner.

Whilst parents/carers may have previously signed a copy of this agreement, we ask that parents/carers sign and renew the agreement for the current academic year. If you have any queries about the Home School Agreement, please contact your child's Form Tutor.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms K.H.Pratt  
 Assistant Headteacher

**Home School Agreement 2019/20**

- Parents/Carers to sign the agreement by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- Students to sign the agreement by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- Tutors will check that all agreements have been signed by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Tutors to contact any parents/carers who have not signed the agreement.

**OPEN EVENING**  
 Thursday 10th 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'

[www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

## WSFG Community Party 2019

Dear WSFG School Community,

Each year, we host a Community Party. This is a wonderful event where our whole school comes together to organise a Christmas Party for elderly members of our community. In recent years, we have hosted around 100 guests!

As part of the celebration, we offer each guest a wrapped Christmas gift, delivered by our Year 7 elves. **We really need your help** in order to make this happen.

If you have any **NEW and UNWANTED gifts** that would be suitable for an elderly person, please ask your child to take it to the Humanities Faculty in school.

There will be more opportunities for students to help this event nearer the time.

Many thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity,

Ms M Philippou  
Assistant Headteacher



## Faculty News

### Humanities

#### Climate Change Drop Down Day

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our planet today and something many of our students are understandably very concerned about. A number of our students have already taken an active role in the recent climate protests. In support of last Friday's International Climate Strike, the Humanities Faculty collapsed their normal timetable and focused teaching in all lessons on climate change. Those students who were taught humanities on the day experienced a range of activities from watching David Attenborough's documentary "Climate Change: The Facts", to being given lectures by subject specialists.

At lunch time, we launched the new WSFG Green Club. Around 60 students attended the meeting where we discussed what actions the school could take to make it more sustainable. Some initial ideas included improving recycling practices across the school, increasing the number of trees across the site and promoting 'Meat-Free Mondays.' We are also looking at working towards securing 'eco-school status'. More news on the Green Club's progress will be shared as we work towards our targets.

If you want to make an eco-impact and join the WSfG Green Club, come to SO8 at lunchtime on Fridays Week A.

David Attenborough's "Climate Change: The Facts" can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9WylPgyuqo>

Mr Sterlini  
Head of Humanities



## Netball News

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, the joint WSfG Year 10 & 11 netball team played against Holy Family and Highams Park. They won both games with incredible results - winning 9-1 in the former game and 11-0 in the latter!

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the Year 9 netball team took part in the borough netball rally which consisted of playing several games back to back against local schools. Our Year 9 team also played extremely well and finished third!

Well done to all our Year 9, 10 & 11 netball students on their fantastic sporting performance.

Ms Heron  
P.E. Teacher

### Year 9 Team

*Phoenix 9W*  
*Malaika 9S*  
*Emily 9S*  
*Seryiah 9F*  
*Maria 9F*  
*Frances 9C*  
*Yngie 9H*  
*Rome 9H*  
*Malaika 9H*

### Year 10 and 11 Team

*Jess 10W*  
*Rebeca 10F*  
*Sylvia 10F*  
*Jail 10F*  
*Grace 10G*  
*Molly 10G*  
*Morenike 10H*  
*Shanai 11H*  
*Depthighaa 11H*



## Art Lesson at Vestry House Museum



*As part of our 'Collection Project', Year 10 students visited Vestry House Museum to analyse and draw from real life art installations, as well as items collected by the museum. The pieces included a moth sculpture and several paintings and pieces of furniture.*

*The skills required to draw from real life objects are different from those needed to draw from pictures and so the trip to the museum was very beneficial for our GCSE studies.*

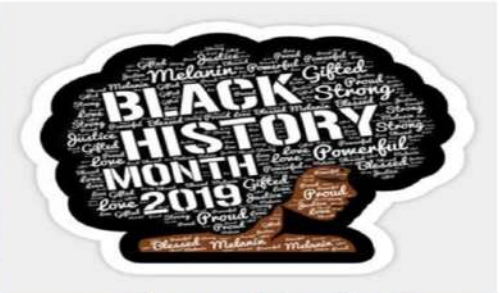
*Keira 10F*

All the students who went on the trip were an asset to the school in their behaviour and the way they conducted themselves throughout the trip.

Ms Wills  
Head of Art



# WSFG Diversity Calendar for the Month of October



## October 2019



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

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month / Down Syndrome Awareness Month / World History Month (UN) / Labor Awareness Month / Global Diversity Awareness Month

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

### Special Days

- 1st International Day of Older Persons
- 2nd International Day of Non-Violence
- Feast of the Guardian Angels - Christian
- 4th Saint Francis' Day - Christian
- Blessing of the Animals - Christian
- 8th Dussehra - Deasre - Hindu
- 9th Birthday of Guru Ram Das - Sikh
- Yom Kippur - Jewish
- 10th World Mental Health Day
- World Sight Day
- 11th International Day of the Girl Child
- 14th Sukkot - Jewish
- 15th International Day of Rural Women
- 16th World Food Day
- 17th International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 18th Saint Luke, Apostle & Evangelist - Christian
- 21st Shemot Atzeret - Jewish
- 22nd Simchat Torah - Jewish
- 24th United Nations Day
- 26th Indecent Awareness Day
- 27th Diwali - Deepavali - Hindu, Sikh, Jain
- Bandi Chhor Divas - Sikh
- British Summer Time ends
- 28th Bank Holiday - RFL
- New Year - Jain
- 29th World Stroke Day
- Birth of the Bab - Bahai
- 30th Birth of Bab'u'bab - Bahai
- 31st All Hallows' Eve - Christian
- Samhain (Halloween) - Beltane
- Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres
- Reformation Day - Protestant Christian

All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before.



## Fabulous Females

A talk by Oona Kelly about the inspirational women of  
Walthamstow School for Girls, from the 1890's to 1940's.



**Blanche Hewett - First Headteacher**



**Mary Norris - Founder of the Greek Theatre**

**Annette Park - Greek Theatre Players**

**Nesta Newmarch - First woman given a Naval Funeral**



**Yvonne Abbinett - G.I. Bride-in-a-Box**



Art work from school magazines from the 1930's to the 1970's  
will also be on display.

**Date: Saturday 12th October 2019**

**Time: 1.30-3.30**

**Venue: One Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E17 4SD.**

# WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



## ALUMNAE FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

**Thursday 7th November 2019**

**7.00 p.m.** (doors open at 6.30)

**Tickets £5.00 per person in advance**

**Tickets £7.00 on the door**

Adults only - open to staff, parents,  
alumnae and friends over 18

Bring YOUR own food and drink

Tables of eight

**Booking essential**

To book a place please contact

**Lesley Winter on: 020 8509 9410**

Or email: [lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)



**WSFG Alumnae is expanding - and you could be a part of it!**

WSFG Alumnae is **Looking for Parents and Carers to establish a 'WSFG Friends & Carers Alumnae Group'**

At present the WSFG Alumnae is made up of a small committee of alumnae and school staff with an active interest in the school. In the past years, we have held monthly meetings in our bid to keep alumnae updated on each other and the school's development and its activities.

We produce a termly newsletter, have a dedicated web area, hold a regular quiz night, run the Open House at the school every year and support the school with events and initiatives. We would like to continue doing so and would welcome the contribution of parents and carers of students to establish a wider community of friends and alumnae and to reinvigorate the group to do more.

If you are interested in joining or would like to be kept updated on the next steps, please get in touch with Lesley Winter: [lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

Or [wsfgalumnae@gmail.com](mailto:wsfgalumnae@gmail.com)

For more information visit our website:

<https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/alumnae/whoarewe>

### **Alumnae Mission Statement**

To maintain a supportive community amongst students, parents and staff, past and present, and celebrate Walthamstow School for Girls' achievements.

Thank you for your support  
Alumnae Committee

### **Merchandise**

Our new mug design, original artwork by Nicola Hepworth.

£5 each plus post and packing.

To place an order please contact  
Ms Winter on:  
020 8509 9410



## Year 11 College Information

### Revised 03.10.2019

Pease check regularly as dates/times are added weekly

Year 11 Student College Information Open Days/Evenings REVISED 03.10.2019

ADA - National College for Digital Skills	Wednesday 9th October	5pm - 7.30pm - Contact <a href="http://ada.ac.uk/events">ada.ac.uk/events</a>
Beal High School	Tuesday 11th February	5pm-6pm
Big Creative Education	Wednesday 16th October	From 4.30pm
Brampton Manor		
BSix	Saturday 2nd November	10am - 1pm
Caterham High School	Thursday 28th November (TBC)	To be confirmed
Central Foundation Girls School		
Chingford Foundation	Thursday 16th January 2020	From 6.30pm
City & Islington	Various times/days starting Weds 6th Nov	See website for full details
City of London Academy (Islington)	Thursday 7th and 13th November	By booking only via website
Clapton Girls 6th Form Academy	Wednesday 20th November	
College of Haringey Enfield & Nth East London	Saturday 9th November	10am - 2pm
Davenant		
Edmonton County	Thursday 17th October	6pm - 8pm
Epping Forest/New City College	Sat 16th Nov & 28th Mar. Eve 27th Nov & 28th Feb	Sat from 11am. Open Evenings from 4pm
Fashion Retail Academy	Sat: 23rd Nov; 8th Feb; 7th Mar; 6th June	Please check website or contact FRA direct
Forest 6th Form	Monday 30th September	5pm - 8pm Contact to book a place
Fortismere 6th Form	Wednesday 6th November	Check website to book
Harris Academy Tottenham	Thursday 21st November	Check website for times
Heathcote 6th Form	Thursday 16th January 2020	6pm - 8.30pm
Henrietta Barnett 6th Form	Thursday 7th November	4pm - 6pm
Highams Park	Thursday 23rd January	6pm - 8.30pm
Holy Family 6th Form	Thursday 14th November	From 6.30pm
Lammas	Thursday 28th November	6pm - 8.30pm
Leyton 6th Form	Saturday 9th Nov & Saturday 8th February	10am - 1pm both days
London Academy of Excellence (LAE)	Thurs 7th & 21st November	Register: <a href="http://www.laetottenham.com">www.laetottenham.com</a>
Morpeth	Wednesday 6th November	
Mossbourne (MCA)	Saturday 16th November	Times to be confirmed. Register at <a href="http://www.mossbourne.org">www.mossbourne.org</a>
New Vic Newham	Sat 12th Oct: Sat 25th Jan 2020	9.30am - 12.30pm: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Queenswood 6th Form College	Wednesday 2nd October	3.45pm to 7pm - Booking required
Regent 6th Form College	Thursday 14th November	4pm - 6.30pm
Seven Kings Ilford	Online applications November 2019	Closing Date 30th March 2020
Sir George Monoux	Saturday 2nd November	
Six 21	Tuesday 5th November	5pm - 7.30pm
St Marylebone 6th Form	Thursday 21st November	4.30pm - 6.30pm
The City Academy Hackney		
Valentines High School		
Waltham Forest College	Wednesday 6th November	4.30pm - 7.00pm
Walthamstow Academy		5pm - 7pm
Wansstead High School	Thursday 28th November	6pm - 8pm
Westminster Kingsway	From Monday 14th October	4pm - 7pm (check website for locations)
Woodford County High	Will open November 2019	Dates/Times to be confirmed
Woodhouse College	Saturday 9th November	Times to be confirmed

*Please note students are NOT ALLOWED to attend Open Days during the normal school day!*

# OPEN DAYS



12

**Saturday  
October 2019**  
9.30 am - 12.30 pm

25

**Saturday  
January 2020**  
9.30 am - 12.30 pm

REGISTER ONLINE NOW:  
[newvic.ac.uk/openday](http://newvic.ac.uk/openday)



**MONOUX**  
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

# OPEN DAY

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**

10:00am - 1:00pm (last admission 12:30pm)

Register at [www.sgmc.ac.uk/openday](http://www.sgmc.ac.uk/openday)

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# Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 17th October 2019, 6-8pm

Presentations at 6.15pm and 7.15pm

At Our Bury Campus only (Little Bury Street, N9 9JZ)

In the top 10% of Sixth Forms nationally  
(ALPS 2 - Outstanding) for three consecutive years

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Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form

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## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2019  
6.30PM

*Did you know that you don't have to be Catholic to study at Holy Family 6th Form?*

Students interested in applying to Holy Family Sixth Form for admission September 2020 are invited to attend our Open Evening to view our brand new facilities and explore the wide range of A Levels and Level 3 BTEC courses we offer.



We are an open access Sixth Form and welcome applications from all faiths and backgrounds. Please visit our website to view our prospectus, course guide and application form.

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Community Events

The logo for Healthwatch Waltham Forest features the word "healthwatch" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The "h" is pink, "e" is green, "a" is blue, "l" is green, "t" is blue, "h" is green, "w" is blue, "a" is green, "t" is blue, "c" is green, "h" is blue, and "t" is green. Below it, "Waltham Forest" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

**healthwatch**  
Waltham Forest



**URGENT AND EMERGENCY CARE  
PATIENT FORUM  
- INFORMATION DAY**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Come along and help us to influence Urgent and  
Emergency Care services.**

**At the meeting we will:**

- **provide an overview of Urgent and Emergency Care**
- **highlight possible recommendations for improvements**
- **discuss how the forum will work with providers to improve Urgent and Emergency Care**

**VENUE DETAILS:**

**Waltham Forest Resource Hub (Central)  
1 Russell Road  
E10 7ES  
London**



**Please register your interest at:**

**[agata.arcimowicz@healthwatchwalthamforest.co.uk](mailto:agata.arcimowicz@healthwatchwalthamforest.co.uk)**  
**or call us on 0203 078 9990**



## School Calendar Dates 2019-2020

### Autumn Term 2019

#### Monday 2 September to Friday 20 December 2019

Tuesday 8 October	Year 11 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6pm
Thursday 10 October	Early school closure at 2.30pm for Open Evening
Friday 11 October	Staff Training Day - school closed to students
Tuesday 15 October	Year 10 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6pm
Wednesday 16 October	Year 7 Settling in Afternoon 1.30-3.30pm

#### Half Term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

Tuesday 29 October	Year 8 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6pm
Thursday 7 November	Year 7 Sharing Evening 6.30pm
Monday 11 November - Friday 6 December	Year 11 Mocks Examinations
Thursday 21 November	Year 9 Parent/Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm
Monday 9 December	School closed all day
Tuesday 10 December	Early school closure at 2.30pm for Community Party

#### Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020

### Spring Term 2020

#### Monday 6 January 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020

#### Easter Holiday Monday 6 April 2020 to Friday 17 April 2020

### Summer Term 2020

#### Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 17 July 2020.

Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020