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Week 'B'

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Friday 28th June Year 10 Mock Examinations End	HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE			
Saturday 29th June WSFG Alumnae A.G.M. and Reunion Event THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED	<p>Dear Parents and Carers</p> <p>It's been another busy week here at WSFG, which tends to be the case each year as we draw to the end of the academic year.</p> <p>At the start of the week, we had prospective Year 6 students visiting the school for their intake interviews with members of WSFG staff. It is always enjoyable to meet our future students. My thanks to all the staff who volunteered their time to assist on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.</p> <p>Also on Monday, all of Year 9 were treated to an abridged performance of Richard II in the Greek amphitheatre, performed by the Greek Theatre Players. This has been a longstanding 30+ year tradition here at WSfG. The evening performances were well attended by members of the local community.</p> <p>We also had members of the Waltham Forest Young Advisors and Youth Independent Advisory Group delivering assemblies to students from Key Stage 3 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is part of an endeavour by the local authority to encourage young people to participate in the 'Big Youth Conversation' survey, which seeks to understand the needs of young people in the borough and to use their views to help shape local policy. As part of the workshops, students also met with and were given talks by a former WSFG student which they thoroughly enjoyed, and also completed surveys.</p>			
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On Wednesday a group of Year 9 students were taken on an RE trip by Mr Morrow and Mr Caps, visiting St. Pauls Cathedral and the East London Mosque and speaking to religious leaders from both. It was most certainly an interesting trip for our students and I thank Mr Morrow and Mr Caps for arranging a visit to two important religious buildings in our city. Also on Wednesday, over twenty students visited the Royal Veterinary College and interacted with cows as well as a human skeleton! A detailed report will follow.



On Thursday, we hosted our annual Governors' Day, when our full governing body visits the school to observe school activities, get involved in school improvement planning and meet with the Heads of Faculty of the departments that they are linked to. It was a busy day for our governors and staff, but culminated with a relaxing visit to the GCSE Fine Art Exhibition. The work on display by our students was of an exceptional standard and was a testament to our ADT department.



My thanks to Ms Wills, Ms Hepworth and Ms West for displaying the artwork, and to Ms Bradshaw for loaning a number of talented musicians to play and sing throughout the event.

After starting the week with new students, we ended the week saying goodbye to our Year 11 students who celebrated with the first ever WSFG prom certainly in recent years on Thursday night at the Community Hub in the Village and with Leavers' Day on Friday afternoon. The prom was a great success, with staff and students both having a great time. We were astonished by the transformation in the students-heels, nails, lashes and sequins were in abundance. Fortunately, our Year 11s were able to enjoy their Leavers' Day in the sun in the Greek Theatre, ending with our traditional strawberries and cream. I wish the best of luck for all of our Year 11 students, whatever they are going on to do next and I look forward to seeing their many happy faces on results day in August!

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

STOP PRESS

I am very pleased to announce that we have been offered free tickets for a performance by the **National Youth Ballet** called '*Wonderlands*', which is taking place at **Sadlers Wells on Sunday 1st September**.

As the new term begins at a later date, we are unable to accompany students to the performance but any students who wish to attend and can be taken by their parents or carers, please let Ms Hennelly, my PA, know by **Monday July 8th** via the school email: info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk.

Depending on numbers, we will then ask interested students to tell us why they want to go in order to be selected. This is a fantastic opportunity to see a modern dance performance and I hope many of our students will be able to attend.

Ms Davies



Faculty News

Project Based Home Learning in Computing

Our Year 7 students have recently been taking a closer look at their phones and identifying the similarities and differences between their phones and a desktop PC. They have done this as part of a new GREEN home learning project with their outcomes produced as interactive online presentations using Microsoft Sway.

If you want to find out more about this topic and see some of the excellent work produced by our Year 7 students then take a look below.

Mya

<https://sway.office.com/EI2iwq2DCTsiPKU7?ref=Link>

Hana

<https://sway.office.com/VBJPZ8p29b6POAT0?ref=Link>



Elissa

<https://sway.office.com/oteRydR9cbpDQBv7?ref=Link>

Gaia

<https://sway.office.com/aoYKpcZfGs07EfqH?ref=Link>

Mahnoor

<https://sway.office.com/MUBr4bsbpTbofcyP?ref=Link>

Aaminah

<https://sway.office.com/pjCtUWthHBdAVzDv?ref=Link>

The ICT faculty are launching a competition for all Year 7s to create a Microsoft Sway, highlighting the positive aspects of Walthamstow.

Check out the competition details opposite:



Waltham Forest- London Borough of Culture ICT Competition

Create a Microsoft Sway about your local area - Waltham Forest.
Your Sway presentation can include some of the following aspects of Waltham Forest:

Celebrating diversity in the borough

Places of interest e.g. Walthamstow market, Vestry House, William Morris Gallery

Things to do in the borough e.g. Eating out and going to the cinema

People in the community

You can add other interesting information about the borough and link it to the Borough of Culture Award.

All entries will need to be submitted to your computing teacher as a Sway link.

Final entries to be submitted by the end of the day on: **Friday 5th July**

Prizes will be awarded to the 3 best entries

Ms Shafiq
ICT Faculty



William Morris Gallery



Vestry House Museum

Kew Gardens - Trip

Last week the Garden Club visited Kew Gardens. Kew is considered to be one of the country's **national treasures, a 'jewel in the crown'**.

The purpose of our visit was to extend the knowledge of the girls who attend gardening club.

The same girls are also part of a national initiative called 'School Food Matters'. This initiative is part of a drive to support girls entering fields of work in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, 'STEM'. Through this project, this group of girls have been focused on composting, food security and pollination.

At Kew Gardens they had a teaching session on pollination and food security. Our Saudi Arabia visiting school leaders, also attended this trip and were positively overwhelmed by the beauty of the flora and fauna of Kew Gardens.

I really enjoyed the trip, everyone had a good time. My favourite part was the tree top walk way because the sights were spectacular I would recommend this trip because there is so much to see.

Nkeonye 7H

Ms Dominique
Key Stage 3 Learning Mentor



tree top walk way

LLD Challenge Activity

This week's activity involved eight pupils. They decorated wooden boxes using different materials and applying different techniques. The pupils said they enjoyed the activity, and their boxes are displayed at the school front entrance.



Many thanks to everyone who has supported with activities and materials.

Ms Gerdellja and Ms Keseraskaite-Ratti

Mosaic Workshop

Phase three of the mosaic project celebrating Walthamstow's diverse wildlife, and the art of William and May Morris and William De Morgan, is well under way.

Headteacher, Meryl Davies and Maud Milton, Project Manager added to the mosaics last week, as well as some members of staff.



Maud Milton,
[07958911315](tel:07958911315)
artyface.co.uk ,
 Instagram



Y8 MFL Festival 2019

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Bourboin's dual language classes for winning and being runners up in this year's annual Festival. Many thanks to Ms. Winter for giving up her time to record the event, to Juan for taking photos and to Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Warren and Ms. Cornford for judging the event. An even bigger thanks to all the MFL teachers and Y8 students for their competitive spirit as well as their hard work, as this has been the best festival so far!

Ms. Prieto

Head of MFL department





**A.G.M. and Reunion Event
Saturday 29th June 2019**

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Dear Alumnae

It is with great regret that this year's AGM on Saturday 29 June 2019, has been cancelled due to the lack of response.

We felt that with so few numbers it is not practical to hold the AGM.

We apologise if this causes you any inconvenience, you are of course still able to enjoy the Greek Theatre Players, performance of Richard II.

Doors open at 2.40 p.m. in readiness for the performance at 3.00pm.

(Tickets on door £9 or £7 concessions).

You are invited to join us at the Open House Event at the school, on Saturday 21 September 2019, 10 -1pm.

Further details will appear on the school's website nearer the time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Alumnae Committee

Our School History

With the production of the Greek Theatre Players of Richard the Second this week, here as an excerpt from the School History book 2010 by Ethel Matteson née Britton, describing the origins of the Greek Theatre.

Ms Kelly
LRC

WSFG 1923-1929

I was at Walthamstow High School for one term with Miss Hewett, the first ever Head Mistress, and then with Miss Norris, who was a Classics scholar, and it was she who had the Greek Theatre built.

When excavations began, we thought it was going to be a swimming pool, but after the initial disappointment, I for one was delighted. It was opened by the Ben Greet Company with 'Medea', with Sybil Thorndyke in the title role.



The Greek Theatre in 1925 and below more recent years



Later, when the school put on 'Androcles and the Lion', Miss Brown, the art teacher, made wonderful helmets for the Roman soldiers, from buckrum, painted with metallic paint.

Although there were still only 300 pupils since WHS was built in 1912, more facilities were needed in the advancement of education for girls, so during my stay the library and another laboratory were built and construction



School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

Summer Term 2019 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

Monday 3rd June— 28th June	Year 10 mock examinations
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Provisional School Calendar Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2 September to Friday 20 December 2019

Half Term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

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 Monday 20 July 2020

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

Let us sit upon the ground
And tell sad stories of the death of Kings

Greek
Theatre
Players



William Shakespeare's
**RICHARD
THE
SECOND**

The Open Air Theatre
Woodbury Rd E17 9BN

Wed 26 June to Sat 29 June @ 7:30pm
plus Sat 29 June @ 3:00pm

Tickets on the Gate – on the Day
Gate Opens 40mins early with Live Music
Bring Cushions & Picnic
Indoor Venue if Weather Bad



Admission £9
Concessions £7
Students £3

