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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Autumn Term 2019 Ends Friday 20 December 2019
Tuesday 10 December Early school closure at 2.30pm for Community Party
Thursday 12th December Christmas Carol Service St Mary's Church, 7pm. See page 6.
Friday 20th December Students will be dismissed at 12.45pm
Christmas Holiday: Monday 23 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school week began with our Year 11 Geographers embarking on field trips as part of their local study for their GCSE assessment, a continuation of their previous investigations in Year 10 when they visited Walton-on-the-Naze. Further trips took place on Tuesday and Friday, ensuring that every class had the opportunity to complete this important piece of geographical work. Accompanying teachers were complimented by members of the public impressed by the students' conduct.

On Tuesday, ninety Year 7 students went to the Unicorn Theatre to see the performance of *'The Canterville Ghost'*, a retelling of Oscar Wilde's short story about a family who move into a house with a ghost. It was a spooky but humorous show which our youngest students enjoyed, with the other half of the year group seeing the performance on Friday. My thanks to Ms Cornford and the several members of staff who accompanied our students. Also, on Tuesday, five students who are part of the Waltham Forest Youth Choir were invited to perform the choir's newly recorded single *'Stay Another Day'* on *'This Morning'*, written and first performed by Tony Mortimer of band East 17 fame.

This rerelease is in aid of CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably) and we are hoping it may make the Christmas number one! More details inside.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbuGzi1pIIs>

On Wednesday, ten students, accompanied by Ms Heron took part in the borough handball competition. Our under-13 team played well and placed 3rd - well done to the team!

On Thursday (and continuing on to Friday), fifty of our Year 11 students attended individual careers interviews with a careers advisor. This gave students an opportunity to speak with a specialist and explore future career paths. Students found these sessions very helpful as they consider their post-16 options. My thanks to Ms Philippou for arranging these sessions for our students. Also on Thursday, thirty Year 10 students were taken on a 'Maths Inspiration' trip by the faculty to the Phoenix Theatre to see (and take part) in an interactive Maths show with talks from a variety of speakers and a Q&A session. My thanks to Ms Kelly, Mr Courtenay and Ms Black for assisting on the trip.

On Thursday evening, we welcomed our former Year 11 students back to the school for a final time for their Presentation Evening, an event celebrating our students' achievements, which this year were particularly strong. It is always an enjoyable event for our former students, as well as staff and parents, and recognises individuals' efforts and well-deserved results. This year included speeches from our governor Mr van Dinteren and guest speaker who is also a former student, Jennifer Hassan who now works as a journalist for The Washington Post. Thank you to all the staff from across the school for organising the event and ensuring that it runs smoothly.

We ended the week on Friday with the Stemettes Stem Goals trip where students got the opportunity to meet women working in STEM roles and to explore careers in the fields of technology and engineering. The event was organised to encourage our students to look at potential university courses and apprenticeships in the STEM industries and to help develop their confidence and skills for this field.

A reminder to parents and students that school will finish an hour earlier at 2.30pm today (except for our generous Student Helpers). This is due to our annual Community Party taking place. My thanks in advance to the students who have volunteered their time to support this wonderful community event and thank you to all those from the school community who have donated gifts for our guests.

With the evenings drawing in, I am sure many of our parents and carers are advising their children to walk home on well illuminated streets and with their friends. I am sure our students do not need to be asked to walk home with their friends, however, please do remind them to walk on well-lit streets.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Information for Staff, Students and Parents / Carers

The final day of Autumn Term is Friday 20th December 2019

- * Lessons 1 – 3 are as normal.
- * There will be no break or lunchtime due to the early closure for students.
- * Friday 20th December will be a non-uniform day with proceeds going towards the school Community Party 2020 fund. (Cost £1.00)
- * The jewellery rules still apply on this day and lanyards **must** be worn.
- * Students will be dismissed at 12.45pm

The first day of the Spring Term for all students is Monday 6th January 2020

- All students are expected in full school uniform and to be in school at the usual time.
- The Focus of the Fortnight will be on correct uniform and lanyards.
- We return on a Week B

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Ms.K.H.Pratt

Assistant Headteacher.

Focus of the Fortnight
2nd - 13th December
Student Lanyards, One Cards and Conduct Cards.

Dear Parents / Carers,

The items listed above are essential pieces of your child's uniform at WSFG.

Your child is expected to have them and wear them every day at school.

If your child does not have one or any number of these items with them on a school day, they will be given an automatic detention of one hour the following week. You will be informed of this by letter and / or text.

Please ensure that your child has these items ready for the new school term.

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

Ms. K.H. Pratt

Assistant Headteacher



**All students have been given
 a lanyard,
 a photo ID one card and a
 conduct card
 that they must wear
 at all times during the school day.**

Sanctions to be applied.

- If a student is not wearing any of the required items (lanyard, photo ID one card or conduct card) a detention of one hour will be set. The student will also have their conduct card signed.
- The **only** items that are allowed to be worn with their lanyard are school responsibility badges and a locker key.



**Christmas Fair on
Wednesday
11th December 2019
In the LRC
during lunchtime
If you would like to sell
your handmade crafts,
why not book a table £1
from either
Ms Kelly or Ms Guest in
the LRC**

WSFG Christmas Carol Concert

All parents, carers, students, staff, governors and alumnae are warmly invited to our Christmas Carol Concert.



Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13th December

WSFG will be supporting Save The Children with a Christmas jumper day. A donation of **£2** is required to take part in the event.

If you are taking part you will not need to wear your blazer, but all other Uniform, lanyard and jewellery rules apply.

If you have any questions please see Ms Warren.



WSFG 'Stay Another Day'

Earlier this week, five students, accompanied by Ms Bradshaw and Mrs Winter, went to the Television Centre at Wood Lane to appear on *This Morning*. The students are part of the Waltham Forest Youth Choir which has recorded the song, *Stay Another Day*.

The new version features the 100-strong Waltham Forest Youth Choir accompanied by East London Brass, with East 17 founding member Tony Mortimer on keyboards.



Stay Another Day was written by Tony for his brother who committed suicide. 25 per cent of the proceeds generated from all sales of the single will be donated to [Campaign Against Living Miserably \(CALM\)](#), the charity leading a movement against suicide.



Rehearsals



Outside the Television Centre
with Tony Mortimer

Listen to the single here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbuGzi1pIls&feature=youtu.be>

Mathematics

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK



Entries open: 02/12/19

Entries close: 08/12/19



puzzle
number

A8

Eight mathematicians want to play a tournament to see who is the best at croquet

One possible “first round match-up” is:

- Ada v Bernhard
- Charles v Dan
- Emmy v Flo
- Gloria v Harold

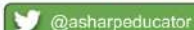


As part of his research into the Theory of Probability, Harold would like to know how many different “first round match-ups” there could be

How many possible first round match-ups could there be?

Extension: How many possible match-ups would there be in total if it is a knockout tournament with a draw after each round?

Extension²: How many possible first round match-ups would there be if there were $2n$ mathematicians?



Puzzle created by Stephen Cross



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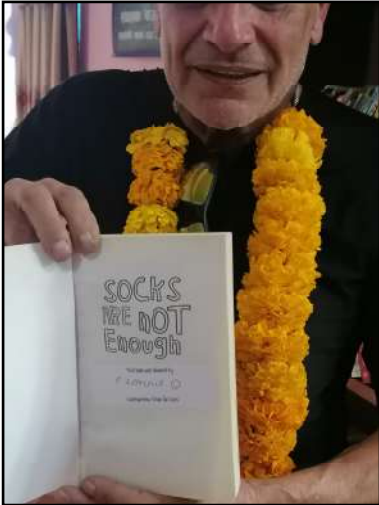
<http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com/results/school-results>

Ms E Kelly
Maths Faculty

Nepal Earthquake Book Appeal

In 2015, staff and students of WSFG donated 697 children's books to Barpak village, which was destroyed by the 2015 earthquake.

The library has now been re-built and the children of Barpak would like to thank you for your support.



Ms Kelly LRC

WSFG Diversity Calendar for the Month of December



INTERNATIONAL
HUMAN SOLIDARITY
DAY

Human Rights Foundation



December 2019



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 40							1
Week 41	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Week 42	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Week 43	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Week 44	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Week 1	30	31					

December is Universal Month for Human Rights | April/July Liberty Month | December

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

Special Days

- 1st World AIDS Day
- Advent Sunday – Christian
- 2nd Bank Holiday – Scotland
- International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 3rd International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 6th Saint Nicholas' Day – Christian
- 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Christian
- Rakshas (Booth Day) – Buddhist
- 9th International Anti-Corruption Day
- 10th Human Rights Day
- 12th Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Catholic Christian
- 18th International Migrants Day
- 20th International Human Solidarity Day
- 21st Yule – Litha – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres
- Yule – Christian
- 22nd Winter Solstice
- 23rd Chanukah – Jewish
- 24th Christmas Eve – Christian
- 25th Christmas Day – Christian
- Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI
- Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian
- 26th Saint Stephen's Day – Christian
- Boxing Day
- Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI
- Zarathushtr's Day (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra) – Zoroastrian
- 28th Holy Innocents – Christian
- 29th Feast of the Holy Family – Catholic Christian
- 31st New Year's Eve/Hogmanay
- Witch Night – Christian

All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before.



WSFG Friends Group

We hope parents/carers and other members of the school community (teaching and support staff, governors and school leaders) will get involved as our plans progress to bring projects to life for the benefit of the whole school and wider community.

Further discussions are under way- if you'd like to find out more, please contact Lesley Winter by email: lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk and register your interest now.

We need people who enjoy organising events, publicity (including social media) experts, local business people with useful contacts for sponsorship, and anyone with good ideas to raise money for special school projects.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Friends Committee



WSFG Christmas Gift Ideas

available from the LRC

Cards 50 pence each
or 4 for £1.50,

Tote bags
various designs £3,

Key Rings £2,

Mugs £5.



School Calendar Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2 September to Friday 20 December

Friday 6 December	Year 11 Mock Examinations End
Monday 9 December	School closed all day
Tuesday 10 December	Early school closure at 2.30pm for Community Party
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Carol Service St Mary's Church, 7pm. See page 6.

Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January 2020

Spring Term

Monday 6 January to Friday 3 April

Thursday 23 January	Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening 4:30–7pm
Thursday 6 February	Year 9 Options Evening

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Thursday 5 March	Year 8 Parents/Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm
Thursday 26 March	Year 10 Parent Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm

Over 50's Festive Network Hosted by Leyton Sixth Form College

When: Wednesday 11 December 3.15-5.15pm
Where: Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road,
E10 6EQ

- You are invited to this **free** event hosted by Leyton Sixth Form Students on 11th Dec at 3.15pm
- Enjoy this great opportunity to socialise with different generations in a friendly and welcoming environment
- Students will be planning future events so come along and have your say!
Light refreshments provided

To book contact Carolyn Sellick:

Call 07977227973 or

Email carolyn.sellick@walthamforest.gov.uk or

On [Eventbrite \(click the link\)](#)



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