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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer Term ends Friday 19th July

Tuesday 18th June Year 11 GCSE Examinations End

Friday 28th June Year 10 Mock Examinations End

Saturday 29th June

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We were extremely fortunate this week to welcome Ritula Shah who came in to speak to all of our Year 9 students as part of the Speakers4Schools initiative.

Ritula Shah, as I am sure many parents and carers are aware, is a renowned radio producer (having produced the Today



programme for seven years on Radio 4) and radio presenter (currently of The World Tonight) and TV presenter.

Whilst some of our students were less familiar with Ritula's impressive career, they were very familiar with the public figures she spoke about interviewing and meeting throughout her professional life. However, this was not the focus of Ritula's talk.

Instead, she gave an inspiring address to students informing them that "it is not who you are, it is who you become". Ritula used the examples of a variety of women, from politicians to sports players and bakers, to demonstrate that our students can thrive in any field they have a passion for, regardless of their age, gender, social position or ethnicity.



What was particularly appealing about Ritula, for both staff and students alike, was her modest and unassuming down -to -earth approach which made the students immediately connect with Ritula and her message. As a school, we thank Speakers4Schools for inviting WSFG to participate in this great programme, and we particularly thank Ritula for offering her very precious time to our students.

Meryl Davies Headteacher



Zanzibar 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, we have now launched Zanzibar 2020. Ms Simpson, Mr Caps and myself will be taking twenty one Year 9 and 10 students to Zanzibar for an amazing opportunity to volunteer in a school. We will be revisiting Kinuni school with the aim of maintaining our support for them and building a long term relationship with them.



We have a total of around £42,500 to raise as a group which is a huge amount of money!

We would really appreciate your help!

By shopping through easyfundraising.org.uk via the link below, **you can support our cause with no cost at all to yourself**. All you have to do is make an account and access retailers through this site. It really is quick and easy. You can even load the app onto your smart phone.

They have hundreds of retailers including Amazon, ASOS, ASDA, B&Q, holiday companies and many more.

The more people who sign up, the more money we can raise.

Thank you for your help!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mariannaphilippou/

Ms Philippou Assistant Headteacher





Earlier this week, Ms Warren and Ms Desbenoit took a group of ten Year 8 students to the Environmental Youth Summit at City Hall. The students were involved in workshops all morning and then took part in a panel discussion with environmental experts.

They all worked on an action plan that they want to implement at WSFG and we were one of only five schools asked to present the plan to around 250 people in the main chamber of City Hall. The students were very confident and articulate in their delivery and did themselves (and WSFG) proud.

Ms Warren and Ms Desbenoit





P.E. News

Two of our students competed in the NDP National Trampolining Semi-Finals last weekend. *Sophie-May* 11G and *Clementine* 7H had to perform two compulsory routines.

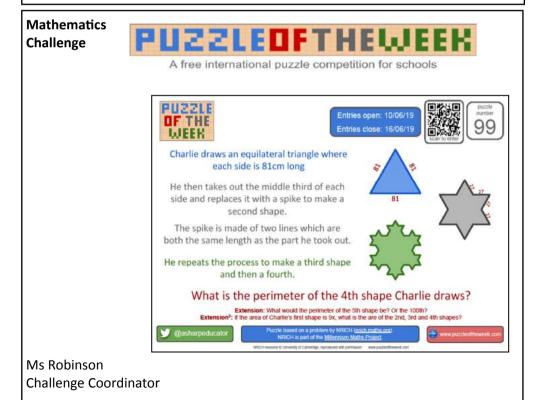
In the age 11-12 category *Clem* finished in 12th place overall. *Sophie-May* came 6th in the age 13+ category and has successfully progressed to the National Finals.

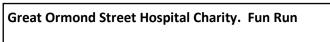
This is a fantastic achievement by both students in a national competition.



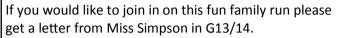
Well done to them both.

Ms Warren





On **Saturday 12th October 2019**, I will be running 5km for Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity.



This year the run is **free** for under 16s, which means you will not have to pay anything to sign up.

The location of this year's run will be Hyde Park.

https://www.gosh.org/get-involved/fundraising-events/rbc-race-for-the-kids

Miss Simpson

Last year's runners

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

Saturday 29th June

WSFG Alumnae A.G.M. and Reunion Event 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. followed by:

The Greek Theatre Players performance of Richard II. Doors to the Greek Theatre will open at 2.40 p.m. in readiness for their performance at 3.00 p.m. (Tickets on door £9 or £7 concessions).

Monday 1st July

Early school closure at 2.30pm for Staff Training







Mosaic Artists Return to WSFG

Maud Milton and her team of mosaic artists returned to school this week approximately ninety students and staff from Art and Maths classes enjoyed working on the mosaics.













Mosaic workshops will return to WSFG on 20th and 21st June.

We will be running more workshops at the Welcome Centre from Monday 24-Wednesday 26 June.

The school community are welcome to drop by.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided! We especially want to reach out to elderly and isolated members of the community so if anyone wants to bring a neighbour or relative please do!

Maud Milton 07958911315 www.artyface.co.uk



A.G.M. and Reunion Event Saturday 29th June 2019 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

We are delighted to invite you to our Annual General Meeting and reunion on Saturday 29th June 2019 from 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. The Greek Theatre Players will be performing Richard II in our very own unique Greek Theatre after the AGM so why not combine them both and enjoy an afternoon of Shakespeare?

We will provide tea or coffee on your arrival and after the A.G.M. provide a complimentary lunch (but donations are most welcome) in the grounds outside the old Vicarage. This will give you a chance to relax and chat to friends old and new as well as look at photograph albums from the archives. Should the weather be against us, we shall hold the event inside.

After lunch why not support the Greek Theatre Players who have been performing Open Air Shakespeare since 1958. Purchase your tickets on the door. For more information see page for 13, or go to;

www.greektheatreplayers.co.uk

Doors to the Greek Theatre will open from 2.40 p.m. in readiness for their performance at 3.00 p.m. (Tickets on door £9 or £7 concessions).

This is an opportunity to sit and be entertained in our much loved Greek Theatre. No other access will be available to the Greek Theatre unless members wish to see the performance.

We regret that we will be unable to offer tours on this occasion as the school as many other groups use the school on a Saturday, however, we will be open on Saturday 21st September 2019 for Open House when tours and photographic displays will be available.

If you wish to join us please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements

We look forward to seeing you.

Please R.S.V.P. to Lesley Winter: Tel: 020 8509 9410 Or email: <u>lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk</u>

We look forward to welcoming you to the alumnae community – and in the meantime, please stay connected and keep us to update with what you are up to.

Kind regards,

Danielle Ferguson WSFG Alumnae Chair

Our School History

Following on from last week's entry looking at the role of women during World War II. In the *Iris* magazine 1939 you might be interested in this article about a trip by two former students one of whom is Renee Edwards, who went to Paris to work for the French Forces of The Interior (F.F.I.). In the 1934 general school examinations she also gained a distinction in French.

Ms Kelly, LRC

Germany, With The International Summer Schools, July, 1939.

We were rewarded in our search for evidence of tyranny by finding notices outside parks, certain shops and public institutions, to the effect that Jew's were "verboten," by seeing the Jewish synagogue in Berlin that had been burnt down, the many soldiers in Berlin, the superfluity of swastikas; and we also dis-covered that politics might be discussed only in an intriguingly mysterious way, and with a promise not to betray the author of any outspoken sentiments. This prevented neither us nor our friends in Germany, from discussing Hitler's regime, and we learnt that the majority of them believed their Fuehrer to be a new Christ and a Miracle Man, whose work was to put Germany back on to the footing it deserved, with new confidence inspired by the unity of Teutonic peoples. The restrictions and implicit trust demanded were but temporary, and only the means to greater comfort and security in the future. Some, however, admitted that should Germany be led to encroach on the possessions of other nations and exceed the aims put forward by Hitler to the nation, they would promptly change their opinion.

It was necessary, however to exercise a little tact in order to encourage them to discuss their ruler's policy and the general situation in an unbiased way, for not only were they inclined to treat us rather off-handed, because of our sex, until we revealed some interest and proved that we could discuss other matters than dress, scandal and so on, but unless questioned in a disinterested way, they would refuse to discuss the subject further and would act as if they assumed we were narrowminded critics. On the other hand, when the discussion was more in the nature of ques-tions and one was prepared to treat one's own country's policy in a patriotic but unbiased way, the talk was considerably more inter-esting and revealed their true reactions. There were, too, pictures of the Storm Troopers in our minds-terrifying men, we had thought; yet among our guides were schoolmasters, who voluntarily accepted the arduous task of con-ducting these tours during their holidays, and some of these were also "'S.S.'s." No one, meeting these men, could reconcile in her mind their kindness, thoughtfulness and gentleness, with the atrocity stories all too common in the newspapers at the present time.

Least of all shall we forget the first part of the journey home from Eltville to Coblenz on a Rhine steamer, the most beautiful stretch of the Rhine, past numerous castles, sloping vineyards and the famous Lorelei. Although we were pleased to be home again, it will be a long time before we forget this holiday or our friends in Germany and before we reconcile ourselves to the tragedy that has followed so quickly after.

Renee Edwards, Grace Davey (O.G.'s).

Women of the French Forces of The Interior (F.F.I.).





As part of **E17 Art Trail** our resident art teacher Ms Hepworth will have her art work on show at **Walthamstow Central Library**, in the main library, the side room (council /housing benefit room) and the reception (glass fronted) area near the fish tank ! There's also a big painting in the children's area.

It will be up for the duration of the E17 Art Trail 1st-16th June 9am-7pm weekdays and 10am- 4pm Sunday.

Do drop in whenever you're passing. You will hopefully see some familiar looking places and students in the paintings....

There are other exhibitions on all over the borough for the next two weeks , and the guide is available online via this link:

http://e17arttrail.co.uk/

Ms Hepworth (Art Teacher)

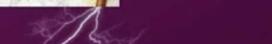




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Let us sit upon the ground And tell sad stories of the death of Kings

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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

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WHEN Wednesday 19 June 7.30pm

WHERE Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Rd, Leyton E10 6EQ

WHO CAN ATTEND All are welcome!

COST £5 (£3 concessions) for each audience member to be paid at the door.

At our seventh annual band contest students from secondary schools across Waltham Forest will compete to be this year's winner.

Come along and enjoy the live music, and be inspired by our next generation of rock and pop musicians

COME TO THE

WALTHAM FOREST MUSIC FESTIVAL

24-26 June 2019

Performances from over 1,000 local children In 5 concerts over 3 days

WHEN 24-26 June 2019
WHERE Walthamstow Assembly Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4JF
WHO CAN ATTEND All are welcome!
COST Suggested donation £4 and free for under 16s (available on the door)
Come and celebrate the next generation of young musicians from Waltham Forest! Over 1,000 children from local schools and groups will perform at five concerts over three days in Waltham Forest Music Education Hub's annual festival.

Monday 24 June 7.15-8.15pm Secondary School Showcase.

Tuesday 25 June 10.00-11.00am Palisander - Recorder Revolution! An interactive concert for all ages.

Tuesday 25 June 2.00-3.00pm Primary Showcase: Massed Primary Schools Choir, Meadowsong project, Instrumental Groups with Oompah Brass.

Wednesday 26 June 10.30-11.30am Infant Showcase: Schools Singing Celebration.

Wednesday 26 June 6-7pm Finale Concert: Meadowsong project, East London Music Group and Music School Ensembles

FRIENDS OF WALTHAM FOREST MUSIC SERVICE

SUMMERQUIZ & SOCIAL

Friday 28June 6.30-9pm at Walthamstow School for Girls GREAT FOR FAMILIES, ALL ARE WELCOME Tickets: Adults £8, under 18s free

includes cheese platter & welcome drink

- Come along & have fun at our first fundraising quiz
- Meet other families and try your luck at our raffle
- Bring your own team or join one on the night
- A welcome drink & simple supper platter will be provided
- Please bring any other drinks or food you'd like to enjoy on the night

BOOK NOW: Send your name and contact details with £8 cash per person to the Music Service Office [The School Lodge, Woodbury Road EI7 9SB] or to Jacqui at the Music School registration desk before Friday 21 June.

For more info please contact the Friends via music.servce@waltamforest.gov.uk.