

GREENSHEET



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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021

Monday 19 April 20 to Thursday 22 July: Summer Term 2021

Monday 3 May Bank Holiday

Thursday 6 May Year 7: Parents'/ Carers' Evening

Tuesday 1 June to Friday 4 June Half Term

Tuesday 8th - Friday 18th June
Key Stage 3
Examinations
Fortnight

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

This week has seen students taking part in our Captain Tom 100 Challenge during PE lessons, in memory of Captain Tom Moore and his legacy when he inspired us all during last year's lockdown. If you remember, Captain Tom completed 100 laps of his garden, raising an incredible £38.9 million for NHS heroes. His simple message of hope – "Tomorrow will be a good day" – inspired millions around the world and brought comfort and joy to so many during the pandemic.

As part of the Captain Tom 100 event all KS3 students took part in practical challenge activities. The challenges included 100 laps of the MUGA (as a class!), 100m sprints, 100 passes, 100 throw and catches, 100 hula hoops or 100 skips. In the photographs below, students can be seen passing a netball 100 times. Well done, everyone!

Thank you to Ms Warren, Ms Wood and the PE department for organising this for us.

The Captain Tom 100 Challenge inspires us all to be better by developing our empathy and resilience. It demonstrates that whoever we are and whatever our abilities, there is always something we can do to make a difference.







Ramadan Kareem

I want to wish our students and families well during this holy month; I hope that you are fasting well and are in good health. This can be a challenging time for students in school as they balance the demands of prayer, fasting and education as part of their spiritual journey. It is important that students continue to follow the full curriculum but if you have any concerns or your child is struggling, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you to Ms Siddiqui and Ms Ahmed who have been providing support and guidance for our students during Ramadan.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Ms Marriott Headteacher

Authorised Absence for Religious Observance

We would like to advise our families of the procedure for authorising time off from school for religious observance.

If you wish your child to be absent from school for the celebration of a religious festival, please notify our attendance manager, Ms Julie King on:

<u>j.king@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk</u> **in advance** of the absence.

Please make sure this information is put in writing. If you have not notified the school in advance, you will receive an absence enquiry text, following our usual procedure.

The Department for Education Guidance on School Attendance can be found on the link below. Page 13 outlines Code R: Religious observance: "Schools must treat absence as authorised when it is due to religious observance. The day must be exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the parents belong. Where necessary, schools should seek advice from the parents' religious body about whether it has set the day apart for religious observance." https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907535

School attendance guidance for 2020 to 2021 academic year.pdf

Fasting During Ramadan and the School Day

Dear Parents and Carers

Please discuss with your daughter about managing her fast in the best way that is possible. Do encourage her to wake up for Suhoor (sehri) and even if she does not have much of an appetite, please ask her to at least have something to eat such as dates, banana, or even snacks such as cakes/biscuits, and of course some water or juice. This way she will be able to have some energy to get through her school day more effectively.

Please also discuss with your daughter the permissibility to break one's fast if they become ill or feel overly weak, such that they are unable to continue the school day. We are unable to send students home on grounds that they are fasting and unable to cope with the fast.

Thank you, Ms Siddiqui and Ms Ahmed

Challenge News

Ramadan

Year 10 Session -An Introduction to Life at Oxford University

This is an online event, after school in May.

Please register below if you are interested. See me if you want more information.

When: Tuesday 18th May 4-5pm

What: An informative session aimed at Year 10 students thinking about higher education. Anna from St Peter's College, Oxford University, will introduce the university and the college. This will be followed by an opportunity to ask current Oxford University students questions about student life.

I will send you the event links closer to the time. You could also complete this form to have the link sent to your email address:

https://forms.office.com/r/uxXG3NCuW2

Ms Robinson Challenge Coordinator

Faculty News English

Congratulations to *Sadia* (7S) and *Zara* (8H) for their successful entries into the Young Writer's *Imagine! Poetic Voices* competition.

Sadia's poem 'Why Can't I?' and Zara's poem 'Imagine If Automatically Your Thoughts Were Said Aloud' were selected from over 9,000 poems to be published in the



YoungWriter's annual anthology of student poetry, which will be published later this year. Congratulations to *Sadia* and *Zara* for their hard work and brilliant poetic writing! Their poems are can be seen below:

Ms Schaber English Faculty

Why Can't I? - Sadia

Why can't I see the sky?
The sun, the moon, the stars
When I look up, everything's gone
Everything that made Earth shine
They've disappeared.

Why can't I see the plants, the animals? Look outside, only concrete and tarmac No wildlife could survive here They would die too easily They've disappeared.

Why can't I see colours?
I look around, all grey and black
Dull, ugly, depressing
Where did the rainbows go?
They've disappeared.

This is our world
What it has become
Boring, colourless, nothingness,
Darkness.

Imagine If Automatically Your Thoughts Were Said Aloud - Zara

I didn't like it but I said I did

I loved it but I couldn't say 'cause then I'd become the loner kid

Then one morning I awoke

I spoke

I looked in the mirror

It was me speaking

My words were leaking

I went to school and we had a strict teacher

And I blurted I thought she was amazing

Everybody stared

As if I were weird

How do I say

That it's happening automatically?

In the middle of maths I shouted I liked the galaxy

I ran to the toilet

Enough was enough

I told myself I was not tough

My thoughts were hurting people

I should stop

Five minutes later I walked out with a smile

Because I learnt, this day taught me to be myself

So to all of you out there suffering

Be happy and be yourself.

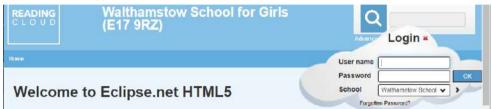


Reserving a Book from the LRC

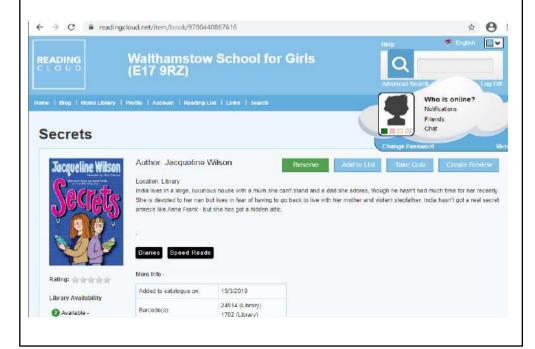
If you need any books you can reserve a book through the online **LRC** via this link: https://www.readingcloud.net/

Type your username login and password (sent to you by email or in your student planner)

e.g. login 999999 and password 999999 (they are always the same number) Under 'School' type Walthamstow School for Girls



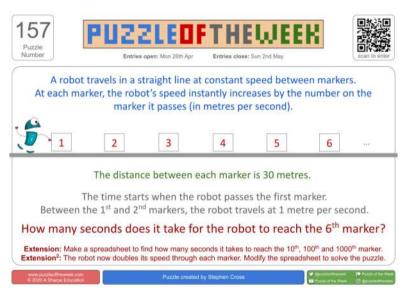
You can then search for books, click on the title and then **Reserve.**If the book is in the LRC it will be delivered to your classroom.
You may have to wait longer if the book is on loan to another student.
Please contact me if you have problems with this system,
Mrs Kelly, LRC.



Mathematics Puzzle of the Week



Here is the link to this week's puzzle: http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com/



Good luck! Maths Faculty



IN A HURRY, PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOKS TO THE BOX IN THE STUDENT RECEPTION.

MRS KELLY, LRC.

School History

We would like to thank Kim Baker, a former student who is a violin maker living in Germany, who has kindly donated to our archives several items of her time at the school. Including the 'Handbook for Parents' from 1986. The transition year from Walthamstow Senior High School to Walthamstow School for Girls.

The aims of the school, as published in the handbook, are still as important and relevant today:

- ♦ To ensure that pupils achieve the highest academic standards of which they are capable.
- To provide a wide range of educational experiences for every pupil in a school environment that is welcoming, exciting and interesting, as well as academically rewarding.
- To provide opportunities for the spiritual and moral development of pupils.
- To promote social responsibility and awareness among pupils so that they are able to become alert and critical citizens with a strong sense of justice and equality.
- To ensure positive acceptance of ethnic diversity and opposition to all forms of racism.
- To promote self-esteem among pupils particularly concerning themselves as women with positive aspirations and confident of equal opportunities both in education and society.
- To develop mutually beneficial relationships with parents and the local community.
- ♦ To afford maximum opportunity for the professional development of all members of staff.

ARE YOU A 를 DR?



Virtual Year 10 & 11 Healthcare Admissions Conference

A free national event for state school pupils.

Talks from doctors, dentists, nurses, life as a healthcare student, work experience advice, Q&A panels and MORE!

Saturday 15th May 2021 10am to 2.30pm



Birmingham Widening Access to Medical Sciences

https://bham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/dream-big-2021-application

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Autumn Term 2021

• Wednesday 1 September 2021 to Friday 17 December 2021

Wednesday 1 September: Staff INSET/School Closure
Thursday 2 September: Term starts for ALL years (Y7/8/9/10/11)

Half Term: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021

Winter Holiday: Monday 20 December 2021 to Friday 3 January 2022

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4 January 2022 to Friday 1 April 2022

• Half Term: Monday 14 February 2022 to Friday 18 February 2022

Spring Holiday: Monday 4 April 2022 to Monday 18 April 2022

Summer Term 2022

- Tuesday 19 April 2022 to Tuesday 19 July 2022
- Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022.