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Monday 11	HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE					
November - Friday 6	Dear Parents and Carers,					
December Year 11	It has been another busy week for us here.					
Mocks	Thas been another busy week for us here.					
Examinations	On Tuesday, the Year 9 Netball Team took part in the semi-final of the					
	borough competition. Our team won the game 4-2 against Holy Family. The					
Thursday 21	team then played the final game afterwards against Chingford and narrowly					
November		lost but came an honorable second overall in the competition. Well done to				
Year 9 Parent/	the team! Later in the evening, Ms Cornford took a group of students to the Garrick Theatre to see ' <i>Noises Off</i> ', a play based on the 'behind-the-scenes' goings on of a flop production. Students enjoyed the lighthearted					
Carer Subject						
Evening 4:30–7pm						
4.30-7pm	performance and shared ma					
Monday 9		,				
December	On Wednesday, the English Faculty took the entire Year 8 group to see <i>'Johnny English Strikes Again'</i> which is being shown as part of the Into Film Festival. My thanks to Ms Schaber and the English Faculty for organising this					
School closed						
all day						
	trip. Also, on Wednesday (and continuing to Thursday), Year 11 GCSE Art					
Tuesday 10	students began their mock e					
December	the whole year group which	-				
Early school	to students that the English	-				
closure at 2.30pm for	with Science taking place in					
Community						
Party	On Thursday, we held the Ye	ear 7 Sharing	Fvening, at which all of o	Jr		
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and teachers. Year 7s took part in rehearsals all week leading up to the

evening with Ms Bradshaw, and their efforts and hard work was demonstrated clearly in their wonderful performances. My thanks to Ms Bradshaw and Mr Hitchman for all their efforts preparing our students and supporting them on the night. The WSfG Alumnae Group also held a fundraising Quiz Night after school on Thursday. There were a variety of teams including school staff, alumnae members and the wider local community who all contributed to raising money for school projects.

On Friday, Ms Healy took a group of Year 10 students to the Excel Centre for a 'STEM in Aviation Event' where students received presentations from representatives working in the STEM and aviation industries. It was a good opportunity for our students to see how their current subjects are equipping them with the skills and knowledge that they will need to go into these industries, as well as promoting the increase of the recruitment of women in such industries.

Whilst walking to a meeting at Waltham Forest Town Hall this week, I noticed this plaque in the window of a local home. So not only did Miss Hewett spend 35 years of her working life here, she also lived locally, within one hundred yards of the school.

Finally, our resident Art Teacher Ms Hepworth is exhibiting work

again in 'View from the Art Room', an exhibition taking place at Gnome House next week. The Private View takes place next Tuesday from 5 – 8pm and Ms Hepworth would be delighted to see members of the school community at the event. Further information can be found in this edition.

Wishing everyone a good weekend and that our Year 11 students have a relaxing one before the start of their mock exams on Monday – good luck!

Meryl Davies Headteacher

The Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, the period of Remembrance.

Students wishing to make a donation to the poppy appeal can do so from Student Services. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Jolliffe Student Services





Year 9 Parent/Carer Subject Evenings Thursday 21st November 4.30-7.00pm

Students in Year 9 will be making appointments between **4.30 and 7pm** with their subject teachers for a discussion on their progress

We encourage all Year 9 students and **their parents / carers or a family member** to attend this consultation evening to discuss their child's progress as well as strategies to help them achieve their full potential at Walthamstow School for Girls.

This is the only Year 9 parent/carer subject evening for the academic year, and so attendance is crucial to discus your child's GCSE options. We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Warren SPL Year 9

College Roadshow Thursday 28th November 2019 6 -7.30 pm

During this term, students in Year 11 will be receiving information about continuing their education after they leave Walthamstow School for Girls. Over the last few years more and more students have chosen to go to colleges/sixth form schools to extend their skills and qualifications. At the present time the number of job vacancies for school leavers is small. Employers increasingly prefer applicants with a good variety of skills, abilities and interests. Continuing education is one way of increasing these.

Our College Roadshow is an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss options with established providers of A Levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships. At least 25 stall holders will offer guidance and information about courses, University options, required GCSEs and job opportunities for Post - 16 year olds.

We hope as many students as possible, will be able to attend this event, accompanied by their parents/carers.

Mr Shackson Assistant Headteacher

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 on each occasion!

As part of the celebration, we offer every 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

	PERFORMING ARTS EXTRA -	CURRICULAR TIMETABLE
DAY	LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-5:30pm
Monday	Year 7-11 Basketball club – sports hall	
Tuesday	Year 7 Football – sports hall	YEAR 7 Football fixtures Year 7-11 Street dance club Norris hall
Wednesday	Year 10/11 Football – sports hall	Year 7-11 Basketball fixtures
Thursday		YEAR 7-11 Tottenham Football training – sports hall YEAR 10/11 Football fixtures
Friday	YEAR 7-10 Badminton club-sports hall	





CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Create a Christmas Card inspired by an Artist with links to Walthamstow and its surrounds EG:



Pen Dalton A local abstract painter



Anna Alcock A Walthamstow printmaker



Madge Gill A 20th C "outsider artist" from Walthamstow:



Cas Holmes A textile artist: mixed media pieces based on the Lea Valley and the Olympic Park

DEADLINE: Friday 15th November to the Art Dept

Gardening Club

An unexpected lunchtime gardening experience for some Year 11 students! Here are their comments:

We had just finished our lunch, when we spotted Ms Dominique cheerily singing along to Frank Sinatra's – 'Fly Me to the Moon' whilst tending to the school garden. So we thought why not help out as we have some time on our hands ahead of our mock exams starting next week!





Miss Dominique was delighted that we had offered to help her and so were we! It was so much fun, Meryem, Sofina & myself were planting some bulbs just in time for us to see them bloom in spring, whilst our camerawoman Safiyah took photos of us. I tried my best to explain to Ms Dominique about the plant hormone 'Auxin' which I had learned of in my last biology Lesson: goes to show what an excellent teacher I have (thank you Ms Sulthana!)

It also shows, how gardening links to subjects you are studying which helps develop your knowledge! To anyone who is considering taking part in gardening club, I would encourage you to: it will benefit you and your studies, I can guarantee you that you'll have an amazing time! 7

Recently, I participated in a wonderful gardening opportunity, where I planted bulbs, learnt how to do it as well as what tools are needed. I have never really been interested in such activities involving nature and plants, but this opportunity helped me realise how wrong I was and that gardening is a really amazing way to relieve stress – especially if you're a student that has to go through many exams in the next 5 days.



This activity also made me become one with nature. As someone who was having a bad day, even something as small as planting bulbs made a difference to my psychological well-being, and happiness is essential to a good life. We can build happiness through small steps such as these. Do not underestimate the power of nature!



I advise people to take up gardening as a hobby, it will add colour to your life and cheer you up. If you are a person that doesn't like to get their hands dirty, don't worry you can wear gloves!.

Furthermore, doing this with other people is a lot of fun, as I have did myself with my fellow friends Iris and Sofina, and the awesome and spectacular photographer Safiyah! Finally, I am so alad I got to take part

this wonderful experience... Can't wait to do it again!

Meryem 11H

It was a good experience and I'm glad I had an opportunity to take part in it. Gardening helps you relax, it's very calming and enjoyable. Sofina

Thank you girls for your help and glad you enjoyed yourselves.

Ms Dominique Learning Mentor KS3







Ms O Kelly LRC Manager We have our first Millionaire Reader out of all Year 7 and 8 Accelerated Reader students.

Faith 7W, with her Form Tutor Ms Nazir



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Drama News

'Take the Stage' project with the Donmar Warehouse

This year we are participating in the Donmar Warehouse's *Take the Stage* project for the first time. We have seen a number of productions there over the last few years, thanks to the theatre's fantastic educational outreach Department. We are thrilled to be part of this more intensive endeavour in which students create a piece of drama in response to the Donmar's production of new play *'Blank'* by Alice Birch and perform it on the theatre's stage.

Twenty Year 9 students have been participating in workshops in school with an artist from the Donmar and on Thursday last week, we spent the day in Covent Garden. The morning was spent in a series of masterclasses with some of the professional actors in the show, including writing and performance skills, followed by a matinee performance of '*Blank*'.

Writing workshop





We had a fantastic day, with the students producing some really creative work. The production was hard-hitting and powerful, focusing on women whose lives are affected by the criminal justice system. It stimulated much discussion and debate afterwards. We will now be developing ideas for the performance piece, which will take place on Friday 22nd November.

Ms Cornford Head of Drama

Acting workshop with Jackie Clune



P.E. News Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 netball team won the semi final against Holy Family 4-2 earlier this week. They played the final the same night against Chingford. Unfortunately, we lost 4-1 in the final match but second place overall is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to everyone who came out to support.

Congratulations to the following students-played very well:

Seryiah	9F
Renecia	9F
Maria	9F
Rosie	9W
Phoenix	9W
Alina	9W
Emily	9S
Malaika	9S
Yngie	9H
Malaika	9H

Ms Wood

Help Our School to Buy More Books

and

Give The Gift of Reading

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Go to http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/walthamstow-school

to browse the latest books and order online.

Students can also order in the LRC by cash or cheque made

payable to 'Walthamstow School for Girls.'

Books can be delivered to the school or to your home.



THE SCHOOL ACCOUNT IS 'WSFG'

For every £1 you spend, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by November 30th 2019.

Ms O Kelly LRC Manager





WSFG Friends Group Launch Event, Wednesday 20th (TBC) November, Learning Resource Centre, 6pm.

Calling All Parents and Carers,

Would you like to get involved in a new WSFG Friends Group to meet other parents/carers, support the school and help raise funds for school projects?

If so, please come along to the Learning Resource Centre on **Wednesday 20th November at 6pm** and find out more.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please let Lesley Winter know if you can come for catering purposes on **0208 509 4910** or email <u>lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk</u>

We regret we are unable to provide crèche facilities but if childminding is a problem, then younger siblings are welcome.

Unable to attend? Your ideas, suggestions and expertise are most welcome. Send an email to Lesley Winter details above, and we will be in touch.

We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you for your support.

The Friends Committee



View from the Art Room

paintings by Nicola Hepworth

Gnome House 7 Blackhorse Lane E17 6DS

Private View: Tues Nov 12th 5-8pm

Open: Fri 15th Nov 1-3.30pm Sun 16th Nov 1-3.30pm

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Our Resident Art Teacher

KS3 Science opportunities Franklin's Young Inventors

Please note: these events take place in Benjamin Franklin House (London) and are run by their education department.

A Saturday science club for 11-14 year-olds

Franklin's Young Inventors takes place every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month (within term time) at Benjamin Franklin House.

The sessions run from 9.30am to 11.30am and are free to attend. Participants will be inspired by the breadth of Frankin's scientific curiosity and carry out experiments



to further their understanding of a range of core topics from the Key Stage 3 science curriculum. Please find further details of upcoming sessions below:

- Saturday 9 November Pollination (Biology)
- Saturday 23 November Photosynthesis (Biology)
- Saturday 14 December Fuels and costs (Physics)
- Saturday 11 January Energy transfer (Physics)
- Saturday 25 January Forces (Physics)
- Saturday 8 February Sound (Physics)
- Saturday 29 February Balanced Diet (Biology)
- Saturday 14 March Skeleton (Biology)
- Saturday 28 March Muscles (Biology)

If you would like to find out more about the programme, please get in touch via e-mail <u>education@benjaminfranklinhouse.org</u>

or by calling 02078392013.



Year 11 College Information Revised 06.11.2019

Pease check regularly as dates/times are added weekly

Year 11 Student College Information Open Davs/Evenings

ADA - National College for Digital Skills	Wednesday 20th November	5pm - 7.30pm - Contact ada.ac.uk/events
Beal High School	Tuesday 11th February	5pm-6pm
Brampton Manor	Weds 20th and Thurs 21st	Register via link on website
BSix	Saturday 2nd November	10am - 1pm
Caterham High School	Thursday 28th November (TBC)	To be confirmed
Central Foundation Girls School	Thursday 14th November	4.30pm - 6pm
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	(#2)
College of Haringey Enfield & Nth East London	Saturday 9th November	10am - 2pm
Davenant	Wednesday 13th November	
Epping Forest/New City College	Sat 16th Nov & 28th Mar. Eve 27th Nov & 28th F	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
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: www.laetottenham.
Morpeth	Wednesday 6th November	Contraction of the second second second
Mossbourne (MCA)	Saturday 16th November	Times to be confirmed. Register at www.mossbourn
New Vic Newham	Sat 25th January 2020	9.30am - 12.30pm; 9.30am - 12.30pm
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	Thursday 21st November	Register via link on website
Valentines High School	Application Forms available on website	No information at present time
Waitham Forest College	Wednesday 6th November	4.30pm - 7.00pm
Waithamstow Academy	Thursday 30th January	5pm - 7pm - This is provisional information
Wanstead High School	Thursday 28th November	6pm - 8pm
Westminster Kingsway	From Monday 14th October	4pm - 7pm (check website for locations)
Woodhouse College	Saturday 9th November	Times to be confirmed



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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?

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School Calendar Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019 Monday 2 September to Friday 20 December 2019

Monday 11 November- Friday 6 DecemberYear 11 Mocks ExaminationsThursday 21 NovemberYear 9 Parent/Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pmMonday 9 DecemberSchool closed all dayTuesday 10 DecemberEarly school closure at 2.30pm for
Community Party (provisional)

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



This is our Remembrance display in the student entrance.