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An Urgent Health Reminder

Please DO NOT send your child to school if anyone in your immediate family has COVID symptoms. DO keep your child/children at home whilst you await the results of the test. DO NOT send your daughter back into school before the results are received, even if she is 'feeling better'. We are working so hard in school to avoid spreading the virus.

Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Incredibly, it is already the penultimate week of the Autumn Term and with the Christmas break just around the corner. On Friday, the school was brightened by an array of seasonal jumpers worn by both staff and students, an opportunity once more to raise funds for Save the Children. See inside this issue for some examples of our imaginative knitwear.

It was also the final full week of on-site teaching following the letter you received this week, which outlined our phased end of term. I have reproduced it here-please turn to page 3. Whilst the approach to the end of term is different to previous years, due to the on-site building works as well as COVID restrictions, we still have some exciting events planned, in what will be my final week as Headteacher at Walthamstow School for Girls. On Tuesday, we intend to serve all 900 students a Christmas meal during lunchtime, which for many would seem ambitious, but with three months of practicing our COVID-safe staggered lunch 'bubbles' routines, we look forward to seeing our students enjoy this meal with their classmates in a safe environment.

On Wednesday, we have arranged a fantastic speaker for our Year 10 students -Dorothy Byrne. She is the former Head of News and Current Affairs at Channel 4, and is now Editor-at-Large, and is also a friend of mine. She will be talking to students about her life, career and what inspires her. Dorothy famously (or infamously), stated at the MacTaggart Lecture that all politicians are liars, a clip that interested our students, who will be asking questions in relation to this topic, as well as others. Dorothy is certainly a courageous speaker, as well as a huge supporter of women breaking through the 'glass ceiling' in a male dominated environment. We are extremely grateful to Dorothy for her generosity in offering to speak with our students at such a busy time.

Finally, a reminder that Years 7, 8 and 9 have a non-uniform day on their final day of on-site learning on Tuesday, so please ensure your child brings their donation for the community party fund as we plan to host this special event again next year. Likewise, Years 10 and 11 have this opportunity on Thursday.

Also, Hanukkah Sameach to those members of our Jewish community!

NB Please note that our next INSET day, when the school will be closed for all students, will be on Monday January 25th.

Have an excellent weekend,



Ms M Davies Headteacher



End of Term Arrangements

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

You will be aware, by reading my updates in the Greensheet, that the building works are now coming to an end. This is very good news for our school as our Year 8 students will no longer need to be taught away from the main building in the temporary buildings, and our Humanities faculty will be able to move back into their former area of the school ready to resume teaching there in January.

However, for this to happen on time, we require the assistance of a removal firm on site from Wednesday next week. The Governing Body of WSfG and the local authority have agreed our plans to phase the end of term for students as you were informed last week.

This means that for KS3 students (Year 7/8/9), their onsite learning will end on the afternoon of Tuesday 15th December, at their normal finishing time, and they will resume remote learning from home from Wednesday 16th December to the end of period three on Thursday 17th December, when they will finish for the winter holidays. Whilst Years 8 and 9 had an opportunity to learn remotely in September, Year 7 have not yet had to do this. This should therefore be viewed as a pilot to see how well they can manage, in the event of the school having to send groups or individuals home to isolate next term

KS4 students (Year 10/11) will continue to be taught onsite as usual until lunchtime on Thursday 17^{th} December, when they will be dismissed for their winter holidays. A 'grab bag' lunch option is available to those who pre-order.

All students will be served a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 15th December in their year group bubbles. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 may wear their own clothes to school on Tuesday, whilst Years 10 and 11 may do so for Thursday morning (not Tuesday). As usual there will be a charity collection for those students who choose to come in non-uniform on their designated day.

We are aware that some parents/carers are keyworkers and so we are looking to offer some limited provision for those students until school closes on Thursday lunchtime. Further details regarding this will follow.

Years 7, 8, 9	Tuesday 15 th December: finish on site learning							
	Wednesday 16 th December-Thursday 17 th Dec. morning: remote							
	lessons from home following normal timetable							
Years 10,11	Normal lessons in school until Thursday 17 th December-lunchtime							
	dismissal							
	Year 11 dismissal: 12.30pm, Year 10 dismissal: 12 noon							

Thank you for your continued support,

Contact Information



Dear Parents/Carers

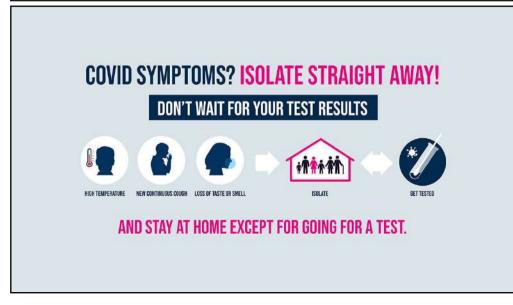
Please ensure that we hold your most up-to-date contact information in case of an emergency. Details can be updated via the SIMS Parent App. Please contact the front office if you require any help accessing the app.

If you need to contact a staff member, please use our main switchboard number on **0208 509 9446**, which is open between **8am** and **4.15pm**.

Emails can also be sent to <u>info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk</u> and the message will be passed on to the relevant staff member. Please do not enter the school site, as we are currently limiting external visitors.

Please also note that at the present time we not accepting any items at the office for passing onto your child other than urgent medication.

Thank you Front Office



Department for Education

We recommend all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a schools last teaching day is on Thursday 17 December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Wednesday 23 December.

Seasonal Jumper Day

Here are a selection of images of our staff and students enjoying their festive outfits:



Christmas Card Competition Winners

Thank you to all of our KS3 students who submitted entries to the card competition—it was a very close competition given the high standard of our students' art work.

Congratulations to the following winners and runners –up: Year 7

1st Place







Runner-Up

Freyja 7F Inspired by Rob Ryan

Nadia 7F Inspired by Keith Haring

Greta 7F Inspired by Rob Ryan

Year 8

1st Place



Mahum 8S

Runner-Up



Khadeejah 8G Inspired by Pen Dalton

Runner-Up



Saoirse 8S Inspired by Derek Gores

Runner-Up



Lara 8C Inspired by May Morris

Year 9

1st Place

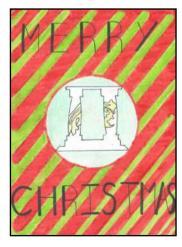


Faizah 9W Inspired by Bob Ross





Faizah 9W Inspired by monochrome



Matilda 9S Inspired by Michael Craig Martin

Runners-Up



Erin 9W Inspired by positive and negative space

Faculty News Mathematics

School Leaderboard 2020-21

PUZZLEOFTHEWEEK

Schools (leaderboards PUBLIC) 20-21 : Overall

Total

566

324

238

224

164

242

252

146

116

129

146

88

102

94

8701

England

Malaysia

Hungary TOTAL

Correct

Answers

463

309

182

145

130

128

126

104

97

85

84

81

68

65

5224

These are the schools School Position Country that have submitted the Answers Mearns Castle High School Scotland most correct answers this St Clement Danes 2 England 3 Hua Hin International School Thailand year across all puzzles. Walthamstow School for Girls 4 England Hurstpierpoint College Epoland 6 Suzhou Singapore International School China St Andrews International School Thailand We are still in fourth place, 8 The Queen Katherine School England Roundwood Park School let's see if we can make the a England 10 Upton Court Grammar School England Our Lady Of Lourdes Secondary School 11 Ireland Regina Mundi College Ireland 13 Kincoppal-Rose Bay Australia Shawnigan Lake School 14 Canada 15 Dorothy Stringer School England 16 St Augustine's RC High School Scotland Mount Carmel Catholic College Australia

British International School Budapest

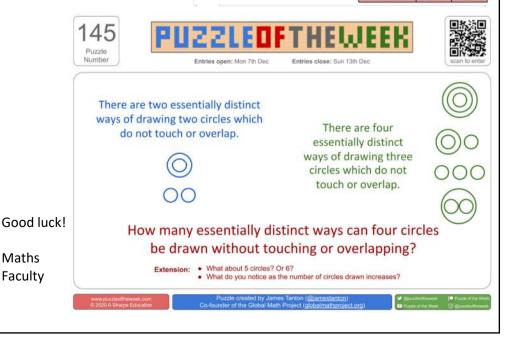
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Queenswood Garden International School

This week's puzzle:

top three!









All Year 9 students have taken part in the Bebras 2020 Challenge this half term. The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. Over 50 countries take part and it is designed to get students from all over the world excited about computing. We have had some amazing results this year, with even more Year 9 students achieving a Distinction award than in previous years. Here are the results:

Best in School

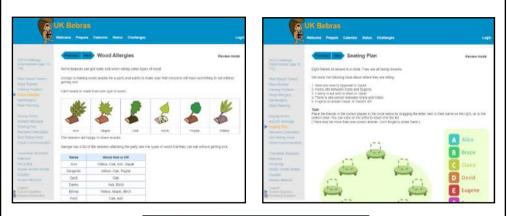
Bonnie 9S

Distinction: top 10% score nationally in Year 9

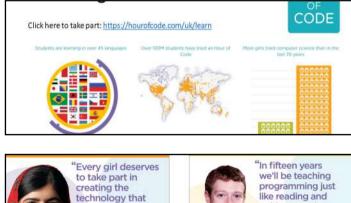
These participants will have the opportunity to take part in the Oxford Computing Challenge. It will be completed online in March by qualifying students.

	9W	9S	9F	9G	9C	9H				
	Nell	Isra	Тео	Sky	Nabila	Elizabeth				
	Daniella	lqra	Cleo	Reannon	Melissa	Niamh				
		Mahrukh	Anna		Saima	Roisin				
		Matylda	Sena		Josephine	Eishaa				
		Deya	Rima		Elvin					
		Bonnie	Aminah		Serena					
		Lily	Fatima		Laiba					
		Stefania	Isabelle		Aminah					
		Sophia	Evie		Zahra					
		Jahmica			Tenzin					
					Debra					
					Kitty					
					Zoe					
	All participants will receive either a certificate for participation or a Distinction or									
Ν	Merit award. The ICT faculty would like to congratulate <i>Bonnie</i> and all those who									
h	have achieved a score that places them in the top 10% nationally.									

Ms Shafiq ICT Faculty







will change our

who runs it."

world, and change

 Melala Yousatzal, Nobel Peace Prize winner

we'll be teaching programming just like reading and writing...and wondering why we didn't do it sooner." - Mek Zuckerberg, CEO, Facebook

> Anybody can learn! CO start with an Hour of Code

Faculty Word Search

Words supplied by the Science Faculty on the topic: Chemistry

Science

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Play this puzzle online at : https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1608522/

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School Calendar Dates for 2020-2021

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Our mailing address is: Newham Sixth Form College, Prince Regent Lane, London, E13 8SG

Six21 Applications are now Open

You can now access the form via the <u>home page</u> on our website or via the <u>Apply Now</u> tab.

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Please note that the Application process will be taking place in 3 Windows:

Window One

Friday 27th November - Thursday 7th January

For those who want to apply to our programme for students aspiring to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Sciences as well as General Admission

Window Two Friday 8th January- Thursday 11th February General Admission

Window Three Friday 12th February- Thursday 18th March Selective Admission (based on subject availability)

Waiting List available from Friday 19th March onward.

We know a lot of students won't be taking their mock exams until January so we will take predictions approved by the school for applicants applying before then. Your Referee will have to approve these grades when completing your reference so please make sure they are approved by the school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Esther Coppeard Six21 Sixth Form Coordinator ecoppeard@school21.org.uk https://www.six21.org.uk/

WSFG Friends Group

Walthamstow School for Girls Merchandise Please contact Ms Kelly or Ms Winter via the school's website if you wish to make a purchase.



Cards (various designs): 50 pence each or 4 for £1.50

Tote bags (various designs): £3







Key rings: £2

Mugs: £5









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