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Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Summer Term 2019 ends
Friday 19th July 2019

Monday 13th May—Tuesday 18th June
GCSE Examinations
Year 11

Half Term:
Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019

Monday 3rd June—Friday 28th June
Year 10 mock examinations

Monday 1st July 2019
Early school closure at 2.30 for Staff Training

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Before discussing this week's news, I would like to report on the Ofsted visit mentioned in last week's Greensheet. On Tuesday 14th May, we were visited by a team of Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) from Ofsted. WSFG has been chosen as one of a small number of schools participating in an Ofsted research project. Their study is looking into the ways school teach and foster respect amongst students in relation to sexuality and gender identity issues. The HMI team spoke to representatives from the entire school community, including the Senior Leadership Team, a Parent Governor, Middle Leaders, Teachers and students, and so I am confident that an in-depth and varied view of the school was presented and analysed. The letter sent by the inspectors following the visit has been included in this edition of the Greensheet for your perusal. See page 3.

In other news, relating to the school's work within the borough, as the host school of the DfE's Teacher Subject Specialism Training (TSST), we were again joined by teachers from a range of schools on Thursday and Friday for Physics and Maths sessions respectively. Both sessions demonstrated how fun and exciting the subjects can be for teachers and students, and the participants have come away from each session with a renewed enthusiasm to either improve the way they teach, or equip them with the skills to teach the subject.

Our second group of visitors from Saudi Arabia joined the Physics session on Thursday, which was an enjoyable end to our second group's placement at WSFG. Our visitors have been with us for two days a week for the past six weeks and will now leave to begin their placement at another school. We wish our guests all the best for their next placement and their stay in London.



More theatre trips have taken place this week with Year 9 students seeing the opera 'Dido' at the Unicorn Theatre on Tuesday, which is a performance in collaboration with the English National Opera. A number of students also went to see 'Small Island' at the National Theatre on Thursday, which is an adaptation of the novel of the same name. The play follows the stories of people travelling from Jamaica to Britain and responds to current issues that the Windrush generation have faced.

Finally, I would like to congratulate two students who have had some fantastic achievements. Firstly, our Year 7 student, *Clementine* (7H) has gained a place at the National Development Plan Finals for trampolining where she will represent London at the Birmingham Arena in June. Year 10 student, *Chikara* (10H), has also had some wonderful news as she has been selected by the Royal Drawing School to represent the school at Buckingham Palace and will draw in front of the many guests. Good luck and congratulations to both students!

I hope that staff, parents, carers and students have an enjoyable half-term. A reminder for GCSE students that the school will be open for independent revision Tuesday to Friday from 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. in rooms F12/14. We will return on Monday 3rd June for the last half-term before the summer break and for students a reminder that it will be 'Week A' on our return.

Yours sincerely,
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Sent by email to m.davies@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Dear Meryl

Ofsted research programme – Equalities

Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of your school governors, staff and pupils during our visit on 14 May 2019 to look at your school's work on fostering respect across sexualities and genders.

The visit provided valuable information which will contribute to our research. The final published report is likely to list the names of the contributing provisions, but individual institutions will not be identified in the main text without their consent.

Yours sincerely

Dr Ivana Vidakovic
Senior Research Lead

Eid-al-Fitr Celebrations June 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

The school requests that Parents / Carers inform Ms. King, the School Attendance Manager **in advance** of the day that your daughter will be absent for her religious observance.

Please put this information in writing. If you have not informed the school in advance as requested, you will receive an absence enquiry text as is school procedure.

According to the DFE and Borough guidelines, students are allowed three days' religious observance in an academic year. If your daughter's religious observance days exceed three in one academic year, the extra days will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Eid-al-Fitr Mubarak

School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

Monday 13th May—18th June GCSE Examinations Year 11

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019

Monday 3rd June— 28th June Year 10 mock examinations

Monday 1st July Early school closure at 2.30pm for Staff Training

Faculty News



Academic Challenge Day for KS3

Earlier this month, Dan Pugh-Bevan visited us from the University of Oxford. He ran sessions for Years 7, 8 and 9, using big questions from the OXPLORE site: <https://explore.org/>

The Home of Big Questions

'Oxplore is an innovative digital outreach portal from the University of Oxford. As the 'Home of Big Questions' it aims to engage those from 11 to 18 years with debates and ideas that go beyond what is covered in the classroom. Big questions tackle complex ideas across a wide range of subjects and draw on the latest research undertaken at Oxford. Oxplore aims to realise aspirations, promote broader thinking and stimulate intellectual curiosity.'



Questions on the site include:

- Can war ever be a good thing?
- Is a robot a person?
- Are real-life friends better than online ones?
- Do we all see colour in the same way?
- Would you want to live forever?



Here is some feedback from one of the students who attended:

The session with Dan was very interesting and engaging. I think that it cleared up a lot of misconceptions and misunderstandings about universities. I feel that he helped me to become more confident. We debated a lot and had an Oxford style discussion. I found the session was fun as well as being educational.

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Have a look at the site. Is there a big question that you would like to discuss? If so, get in touch with OXPLORE:

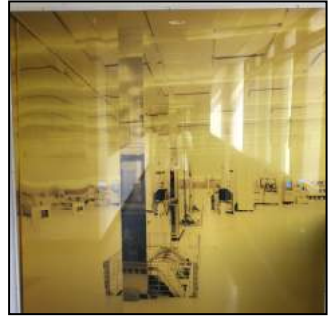
<https://explore.org/create-question>

Ms Robinson
Challenge Coordinator



Ways of Seeing Art Workshop.

Last week one of the curators from the Government Art Collection came into school to run a cross year workshop in connection with the Jane and Louise Wilson artwork we currently have on loan until the end of term. It was great to see students working collaboratively across year groups to develop their visual literacy skills.



Crystal in 10H said 'We worked with people who were not in our year group, which at first, was awkward but it taught us the fundamentals of working with others. We did a range of activities that linked to identity and considered how certain environments could make us feel. It helped my appreciation of photography'

Ms Wills
Head of Art



Mathematics Challenge

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

A free international puzzle competition for schools



Entries open: 20/05/19

Entries close: 26/05/19



puzzle number
96

We came 1st in the world last week!



Bobby thinks of a number.

His number is prime.

His number has two digits.

When Bobby's number is reversed it is a prime number.

When his number is reversed it becomes smaller.

Bobby finds the difference between his number and the reverse of his number. The difference is a square number.

What is Bobby's number?

Extension: Think of your own number and create some clues for others to work out what it is.



Puzzle created by Bobby Seagull, author of 'The Life-Changing Magic of Numbers' and 'The Monty Python and the Holy Grail Quiz Book'.



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Ms Robinson
Challenge Coordinator

Lost Property

Reminder to Parents/Carers.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kits, are clearly labelled. Blazers should be named with labels or in indelible pen.

Students are reminded that you can collect lost property at **3.30pm** every day. Parents and carers may also collect lost property on **any day after school**.

All lost property will be removed from the box on the last day of term.

Ms Jolliffe
Student Services





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: lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

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

Joan M. Crowe (Morgan), provides us with a glimpse of the future of food and shopping in the 1954 *Iris* magazine. She writes about her summer spent in Ontario, Canada.

Ms Kelly,
LRC Manager.

Food habits are rather strange, they have gone to enormous lengths in order to get pure food with rather disastrous results. The bread is so pure that they've practically only starch left, so they have to put vitamins back in it! Milk is homogenized, which means it comes out looking like chalky water, tomatoes come in boxes of four or five, spinach already washed (?) in paper bags and so on. The bread is sweet, too, and rather like a sponge and the crust is almost non-existent.

The groceteria near where I work is most magnificent, about as big as Bakers Arms' Woolworths. I got the shock of my life the first time I patronised it. I put out my hand to open the door and it jumped away from me; they have a photo-electric cell and beam which you cross and the door opens automatically- just like the one in the South Kensington Children's Science Museum. I've never see one elsewhere. They even have meat ready packaged and priced in that one. On the way out there are barriers; you unload your basket and the girl rings up all the items on an electric adding machine and puts them in an enormous paper bag; they are even selling special metal baskets on wheels called "bundle buggies" to take them home in. Every item is wrapped and I usually have a wastepaper bin full when I unload at home.

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