

10 January 2020 Week 'B'

Tuesday 21 January 2020

Meeting

(Library)

January

Year 11

Evening 4:30–7pm

6.00 p.m. in the LRC

Thursday 23

Parent/Carer

Thursday 6

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Year 9 Options

Evening

Half Term:

Monday 17 February to Friday 21

February

WSFG Friends Group Planning

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that the winter break was an enjoyable one.

In school, the new term has begun at a slightly slower pace for most students as we ease back into the school week. However, for our Year 11 students studying languages, their final mock oral exams have taken place all week and will continue until next week. Good luck to all those students with their last mock examination-and to their teachers!

On Tuesday, another Zanzibar meeting for parents and students was held as the trip nears. Ms Philippou and the Zanzibar group discussed their next planned fundraiser which will be an intercultural evening in March for the whole school community keep a look out for more news that will follow regarding this event in the upcoming months. There will also be a cultural dress day in school to raise money for the trip to Kinuni School.

I am attending the borough's annual Secondary Headteachers' Group Conference on Thursday and Friday this week. There are several presentations planned, led by Headteachers from across the borough, as well as the key note speaker, Alistair Smith, which will stimulate discussions on topics such as empowering middle leaders, the green agenda and using lesson studies to inform teaching and learning. I will be introducing a session led by Councellor Grace Williams (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People), Heather Flinders (Strategic Director of Families) and David Kilgallon (Director of Learning and Systems Leadership) on the local authority's vision for education in the borough. Such conferences are always excellent opportunities to share experiences with other local Headteachers and induct some newer colleagues into the borough.

On Sunday, Ms Bradshaw and Ms Cornford are attending the Jack Petchey Perfect Pitch Regional Finals at the Broadway Theatre in Barking. The group, Soundbreakers, have been rehearsing diligently with Ms Bradshaw for some time and I wish them the best of luck in the competition.

Should you wish to attend, tickets are still available on the following link: <u>https://www.thebroadwaybarking.com/sales/genres/community/jack-petchey---perfect-pitch</u>

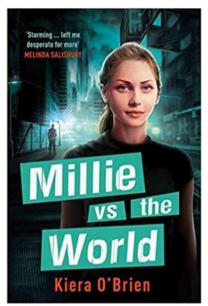
Wishing all a good weekend,

Meryl Davies Headteacher



Learning Resource Centre News

Millie vs the Machines by former pupil Kiera O'Brien.





Here is an extract from her latest book:

Millie knows she's not what they say she is. She's not a unit: she's a girl! It's all just a crazy misunderstanding. If she could just talk to her Company without the police shooting at her - they could sort this mess out.

But on the run and cut off from everyone she knew before, how can Millie get back to her friends when the only 'people' willing to talk to her are a bunch of outlawed machines?

One thing's for sure, surviving in the real world is proving to be a lot dirtier, stranger and more dangerous than she could have expected.

Keira was a pupil at our school from 1998 to 2003. Her first book in the series is set in a boarding school in the future and the main character thinks the robots that work there are plotting to take over the world.

Both copies are available in the LRC for students to read.

Congratulations well done Keira!

Ms Kelly LRC



Just before the holidays, we were delighted to welcome Guy Rigden (MyBnk CEO) and Yasmin Drakes (young trustee) to award *Mominah* Year 10 with a £250 Jack Petchey Award and a certificate for her outstanding contribution as a MyBnk Ambassador.

We are so proud of *Mominah* for her hard work, proactivity, positivity and generosity in all that she does, including her work as MyBnk Ambassador. Congratulations *Mominah*.

Picture by courtesy of the Waltham Forest Guardian



Marianna Philippou Assistant Headteacher



Performing Arts Extra Curricular Timetable



DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTERSCHOOL
	12:30pm-1:00pm	3:30pm-5:30pm
Monday	Year 7-9 Basketball training	
	Sports Hall	
Tuesday	Year 8	YEAR 8
	Football training	Football fixtures
	Sports Hall	
Wednesday		Year 8
		Basketball fixtures
Thursday	Year 9	YEAR 7-11
	Football training	Tottenham Football training –
	Sports Hall	Sports Hall
		YEAR 9
		Football fixtures
Friday	Year 7-11	
	Badminton club	
	Sports Hall	







WSFG Diversity Calendar for the Month of January





WSFG Friends Group Planning Meeting Tuesday 21 January 2020 6.00 p.m. in the LRC (Library)

All Welcome

We hope that parents/carers and other members of the school community (teaching and support staff, governors and school leaders) will get involved as our plans progress to bring projects to life for the benefit of the school and wider community.

Further discussions are under way- if you'd like to find out more, please contact Lesley Winter by email and register your interest now:

lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

We need people who enjoy organising events, publicity (including social media) experts, local business people with useful contacts for sponsorship, and anyone with good ideas to raise money for special school projects. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Friends Committee

Olive Dining Spring Term Menus

All menus are subject to change. Week One menus will start on 6 January 2020.

The cost of a school meal is £2.25.

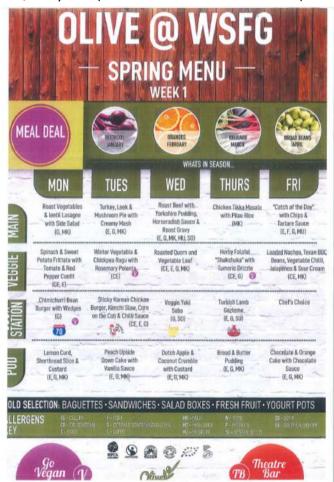
A reminder to parents/carers that if you wish to pay for your daughter's school meals by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'Olive Dining Ltd'.

All students have also been given usernames and passwords to enable payments to be made online via our **SQUID** system (see the school website for details).

If you would like a reminder of your daughter's username and password, please contact the school.

These menus can also be viewed on the school website.

Olive Dining







Examination Invigilators

May 2020

Scale 3, Point 5

Rate of pay: £11.50 per hour (plus holiday pay entitlement)

We are looking for Examination Invigilators to join our team.

Previous experience is not essential, but you must enjoy working with young people. You will be required to work as part of a team and deal sensitively and intelligently with issues that may arise in the exam room.

These posts are subject to enhanced D.B.S. checks. You will be required to attend a training session prior to taking up your duties.

Hours: Morning session start at 8.00am Afternoon session start at 1.00pm

Finishing time: Depends on the length of the exam, which varies between one hour to three hours.

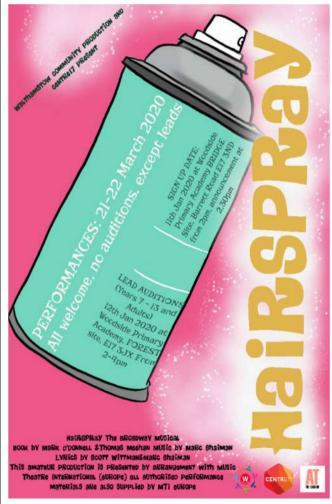
An application form and further details are available to download from the school website: www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk. Completed application forms should be returned to the school by email to Mandy Madhani, HR Manager, <u>m.madhani@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk</u>. Please note CVs will not be accepted.

Closing date:Tuesday 21st January 2020 (Noon)Interview date:Monday 3rd February 2020

Walthamstow School for Girls is committed to Safer Recruitment practices and procedures.

Walthamstow Community Production of Hairspray

Walthamstow Community Production has taken place for the last four years and is a completely inclusive musical theatre production run by professional directors, choreographers, musical directors etc who all give up their time for free.



Anyone can take part, no-one is turned away. Auditions are just for lead roles, and these are open to anyone from year 7 upwards.

Sign up date is the 11th of January, at Woodside Primary Academy, Bridge Site, Barrett Road, E17 3ND, 2pm.

Lead auditions are on the 12th January, at Woodside Primary Academy, Forest Site, E17 3JX, 2pm.

There are weekly rehearsals, and the performances are on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of March 2020.

Year 11 College Information

Beal High School for Sixth Form 2019-20 Re: Sixth Form Progression Evening, Tuesday 14th January 2020 in KS3 Building

Woodford Bridge Road, Ilford, IG4 5LP

Harbourer Road, Hainault Ilford, IG6 3TN Tel: 020 8551 9378 Email: admin@bealsixthform.co.uk www.bealhighschool.co.uk



The evening is an opportunity for students to see and hear about the courses and programmes that Beal Sixth Form has to offer. In the first instance, it is an evening aimed at Beal students in Year 11. However, we have been working in partnership with Walthamstow School for Girls. In order to provide you and your child with more information, we would now like to invite you to this Progression Evening on 14th January.

I must stress that this invitation is only being made to Beal Year 11 students and one other local school and this is a reflection of our commitment to the WSFG students securing a place at Beal, conditional upon achieving the required entry grades.

The Sixth Form Prospectus, Minimum Entry Requirements and Application Forms will all be available via the school website (<u>www.bealhighschool.co.uk</u>) on Tuesday, 14th January 2020. Please take the time to read the prospectus as it gives very important information regarding Sixth Form Entry Requirements as well as subject specific entry requirements.

In the case of the unlikely event of severe weather conditions on 14th January, please visit the school website at <u>www.bealhighschool.co.uk</u> for information on whether the evening will go ahead as planned.

Mr E MacLeod Vice Principal – Director of Sixth Form

Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 15th January 2020

6:00pm - 8:30pm 6TH Heathcote School

For more information see our website:

Normanton Park, Chingford, London E4 6ES Tel: 020 8498 5110 <u>https://www.heathcoteschool.com/sixth-form/</u> Fax: 020 8529 3935 <u>e-Mail:</u> heathcote school@heathcote waltham.sch.uk Website: www.heathcoteschool.com Twitter: @Heathcotee4 Facebook: www.facebook.com/heathcotee4

Director of Sixth Form: Laura Tobia







I would like to inform you of our upcoming **Advice Afternoons** for students and their parents. These are one to one advice sessions offering tailored and impartial information, advice and guidance related to students' personal ambitions and career aspirations.

Students will be able to explore:

- Careers advice
- Course options
- Subject specific entry requirements
- Subjects combinations
- Progression after college, whether it's university, employment or an apprenticeship

These sessions are offered by qualified information, advice and guidance practitioners, who will keep the interests and goals of students at the heart of the discussion. **Parents are welcome to attend.** I would be grateful if you can inform students, particularly to those who may be unsure of the courses they would like to study.

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Newham Sixth Form College (NewVIc) Prince Regent Lane, Plaistow, London E13 8SG

Tel: 020 7540 0658

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<u>Open Day</u>

Saturday 25 January 2020 9:30 am - 12.30 pm

An opportunity for Year 11's to explore our wide range of courses and discover their career passions.

Year 11's will also have the opportunity to:

- meet expert teaching staff
- take part in exciting activities
- hear from a wide range of guest speakers including alumni, our student union, employers and our colleagues from King's College University
- receive advice and guidance on careers and progression routes
- Apply on the day

<u>Click here to register</u>

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School Calendar Dates 2019-2020

Spring Term Monday 6 January to Friday 3 April

Tuesday 21 January 2020	WSFG Friends Group Planning Meeting
	6.00 p.m. in the LRC (Library)
Thursday 23 January	Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening 4:30–7pm
Thursday 6 February	Year 9 Options Evening

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Thursday 5 March	Year 8 Parents/Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm
Thursday 26 March	Year 10 Parent /Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm

Easter Holiday Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April

Summer Term Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 17 July

Thursday 7 May	Year 7 Parent /Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm
Friday 8 May	Exceptional Bank Holiday
Monday 11 - Friday 22 May	KS3 Examination Years 7, 8 and 9
Wednesday 13 May	Early Closure (except those students with exams)
	Staff INSET

Half Term: Tuesday 26 May to Friday 29 May

Monday 1 - Friday 26 June	Year 10 End of Year Examinations
Wednesday 10 June	Early Closure (except those students with exams)
	Staff INSET