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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021

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

Friday 2 July Year 11 Leavers Day

Monday 5– Wednesday 7 July GREEN trip Y8

Monday 12– Wednesday 16 July GREEN trip Y9

Tuesday 20 July Ei d-ul-Adha (prov)

Thursday 22 July End of Summer Term - details to follow

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students



Some of you may recognise the postcard above, particularly if you're as old as I am. It has always been pinned to my office wall, whichever school I have worked in, and has struck me as a lighthearted celebration of being female. I was thinking about it this week as I have seen and talked to our girls around the building. One of the wonderful things about girls' schools is the sense of freedom and female empowerment which I have rarely witnessed in a mixed school environment. Whether it is the competitive nature of year 9 Interform this week, students shouting at the tops of their voices for their teams to win, or year 8s playing games, chasing around trees, or year 7s returning from the Feelgood centre, energised by the 'ninja' style activities they have been involved in, they have reminded me of the unique advantages of being in a girls only environment. It is one of the many special things about this school and one of the real privileges of leading the WSFG staff and students.

I have included some photographs below, taken this week, which illustrate what I mean. These include our lovely year 10 students who are a delight to talk to and can be seen below, having independently organised an 'end of exams picnic' and can be seen sitting in groups, reading novels in groups or playing the guitar during their lunch break. The year 10s have also been instrumental in raising issues with us related to student safety and Violence against Women and Girls. They have done so in a really mature and constructive way and I am really looking forward to using them as role models as we develop our work on student voice in the coming months.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Ms H Marriott Headteacher





**Faculty News** 



Year 7 English Stories & Supper Poetry Collection

As part of Refugee Week (14-20 June), a group of Year 7 students took part in a fantastic writing workshop with the 'Stories & Supper' team. Students learned about migration first-hand and wrote their own poems on the theme of 'Home.'

We are pleased to present a collection of all 17 poems written by our Year 7 students in the link below:

Year 7 Poetry Collection

We are so proud of the incredible work our Year 7s have created and want to share their excellent work with the entire school community.

Well done to everyone who took part!

The English Faculty





## Year 11 Art

Year 11 spent their final lesson working in clay, the brief was: 'Make your teacher out of clay'.

The art department along with other teachers were very impressed with their interpretations. We especially liked the ones based on members of the Humanities department who are keen to get their hands on them!

Well done to our Year 11 artists, we can't wait to see what you do next!

Miss Wills Head of Art











## United World Colleges Talk by Florence, Izzy and Suki



On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, two former WSfG students, Florence and Izzy, returned to give an inspiring talk to a group of 30 students from Year 9.



Since leaving WSfG last summer, instead of going to a Sixth Form College to study A levels, they were both successful in their application to United World Colleges (UWC) to study for the baccalaureate. Florence has been studying in Armenia, and Izzy, in Costa Rica. Florence also brought her Canadian friend, Suki, to speak too.



One of the things that the girls spoke about was how they have made friends from all over the world and how they feel they have learnt more in the last year than in the rest of their lives up to this point.

Their talk included lots of information about how to apply, fundraising, scholarships, photos and video footage of their time abroad and finished with a Q & A.

Here is some feedback from some of the Year 9 participants: After having attended the speech by two former students and their friend, I feel like the UWC international baccalaureate is a massive opportunity for anyone wishing to study aboard. Not only does it give students a better intercultural understanding and respect for foreign cultures, but it also lets them be more independent and take control of their own lives. I also feel that due to it offering more than four qualifications it will appeal to more students and I would love to apply for it in the future.

Elvin 9C

I signed up for the talk not really knowing much about UWC or what a baccalaureate is but being interested in an alternative to A levels. During the talk they told us about all the aspects of life at a UWC college and they really made it feel accessible to everyone no matter circumstances. I learnt so much, and now it is something I am really considering that I never would have even heard about if it was not for them.

Cleo 9F



I enjoyed the talk, I thought that it was interesting seeing the different point of views the girls had. Two of them studied in Armenia and the other in Costa Rica, two quite different places and yet there were some similarities in their education systems. I think it was inspiring the way the talked about how their school motivated them to learn and how it wasn't really demanding in

the sense that you had creative freedom. Overall, I think that the talk has taught me a lot about what it's like to go to college and study internationally.

Ivelina 9S

This was a very different experience to any sort of college presentation I've ever seen- it was something I had never seen or taken into consideration when thinking about college options. It really showed that education is so flexible and depends on the person and their needs, what they're looking to study and most importantly you get to see what life is like learning all around the world. You learn about different cultures, languages and many different places and sceneries. It also is a very student- oriented course that focuses not only on the students' family's ability to pay for the course, being flexible with payment but also there's so many different subjects and opportunities that come along with this course. There is a large support system in place to help students as much as they can and their goal is to make education more widespread, and to learn about the world while of course, achieving the baccalaureate over your 2-year course. This is definitely an amazing opportunity and I encourage others who haven't already, to interest themselves in it. I thought it was very good and informative and I would definitely consider doing it for the future. I am very lucky to have been able to go and I thought it was very entertaining and interesting.

Sylvia 9W

Many thanks to Florence, Izzy and Suki for preparing their inspiring talk. For more information about the organization and for details on how to apply, here is the link:

https://www.uwc.org/about

UWC (United World Colleges) is a global education movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future.

Florence and Izzy will be returning in July to talk to Year 10

Ms Robinson Challenge Coordinator





Florence, Izzy and Suki

## **Books for Gaza**

'Books for Gaza' is an organisation which has been arranging book collections from all over the country. Books are going to be donated to a book shop that has been completely destroyed in the recent conflicts in Palestine.



Please do visit the following link to find out more about this fundraising project: <u>https://www.gazabookshop.org</u>

To support this great cause, WSfG have collected and donated 500 books. Many thanks to the following Year 10 students for helping to prepare the books,

ready to donate:

Amal 10H Leila 10S Qadija 10H Saima 10S Anam 10S











Ms. Shafiq delivered books to a collection point in Redbridge, from where they will be taken to a central storage space ready to be packaged and shipped.

Ms Shafiq & Ms Siddiqui ICT & Maths Faculty

## Accelerated Reader Millionaire Awards



Congratulations to the following students who have reached one million words and above in their AR Quizzes

## ONE MILLION WORDS

Year 8	Phoenix Sofia R	Alice Imogen	Husna Zahra M	Rain Grace	Manahel Syd	Robin	
Year 7	Hannah Serena	Imogen Rosanna	Freyja Taijah	Charlotte	Aisha	Erin	
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Year 7	Marnie Anisah	Nafeesah Ava	Amelia Isla	Isabelle	Edie		
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Year 7	Matilda	Varsaginy	Greta				
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Year 7	Charlotte	Alessandra					
SEVEN MILLION WORDS Year 7 Anna MILLION WORD							
Well done everyone!							
Mrs Kelly				-		0	
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## **UEFA EURO SUDOKU 2020 Week 3**



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Spain		Denmark				Belgium		Netherland

Hand in or email your entry to Ms Robinson by the end of the day on Monday 5th July 2021.

Open to all students and staff for your chance of winning a small prize.

First, work out which 9 countries have been used

Each 3×3 box can only contain each country once

Each vertical column can only contain each country once

Each horizontal row can only contain each country once

Every square can only contain one country

## **School History**

This is the time of year when our school celebrates sports by holding Sports Day and interform competitions. With this in mind, I thought we should also celebrate the achievement of a former student who excelled in the world of netball. Rose Harris attended the school from 1915-1921, achieved a Sports Diploma in 1925 and then went on to teach. She wrote a poem in the *Iris* magazine about painting scenery for a school play, in which she performed as an angel in 1921. Whilst at training college, she also sent in a piece about the school netball dance.

In 1930, Rose became the first Secretary of Essex County Netball Association and from the 1940's to the 1970's, she led the England Netball Association. In 1956 she was umpire to England's first touring team, whose members had to find their own air fares, and took four days to fly in a two engine Viking aircraft to Southern Rhodesia and South Africa.

Her contribution to netball was acknowledged in 1974, when she was awarded an O.B.E.

Good luck to all the competitors in the school's sports activities. You never know where it might lead you!

Mrs Kelly, LRC.



## IRIS Dec 1924 Sixth Form Dances. The Origin and Result of the Netball Dance

THREE fair young sixth-formers, working hard at pumping balls in that most noble of all places, the Games Cupboard, were racking their brains to produce a subject for a dance that would fill the School and staff and judges with admiration. Suddenly one was seized with an inspiration, "Couldn't we have a net-ball dance?"

At last the competition day arrived-the dance was ready. Human goal posts, arrayed in green cloths (Sixth Form tablecloths), perched high on chairs, held their rings in a most inviting manner. The umpire posed, ball in hand, waiting for the signal.

Then to the sound of Grieg's Norwegian Dance the match began. With graceful pirouette and bow the umpire bounced the ball. Daintily it was passed from player to player, who danced the while in perfect style. The goal posts waved their rings and gracefully bowed to receive the ball from the shooter who posed in artistic arabesque. What joy and triumph was shown in turns and springs that followed as they all went back to await the centre bounce!

The unfortunate defeated team with expressive movements of sorrow slowly moved away to the sound of *Chanson Triste*. Then with joyous leaping the winning team departed to loud strains of Brahms' First Waltz, leaving the umpire to trip out between the slowly moving goal posts.

The School clapped, the staff laughed-laughed more than the School had seen them laugh before. Shouts were raised to see it again. Again the players danced their match, and yet again, and still the School cheered and clapped. The players were well rewarded for their efforts they tied for first place and were rewarded with a beautiful green vase.



Image from 1960: Rose on the left at International Federation of Women's Basketball and Netball Associations conference in Cevlon.

An international code of rules was agreed to fulfil its aims of promoting international understanding and friendship and led to the first World Tournament in England in 1963.

## **Community News/Events**

## **Beginners Gardening Course**

Have you ever wanted to learn about gardening, but didn't know where to start?

Starting on September 16th 2021, from 18.30-20.30,

there will be a free 8-week course run by professional Head Gardener, Tim Hewitt, at St Mary's Church, Walthamstow.

## **Spaces are limited**

So, if you are:

- 16 or older in September
- Able to come every Thursday for 8 weeks from September 16th
- Keen to learn

You can apply by email to timhewittgardener@gmail.com

Who knows, it might lead to a great career in horticulture!



## **Tim Hewitt Appointed Community Gardener**

St Mary's and the Parish of Walthamstow are pleased to announce the appointment of Tim Hewitt as Community Gardener.

Tim has been St Mary's Head Gardener since 2017; in that time, the churchyards have received national recognition by the Royal Horticultural Society, and through Tim's successful 'Burials in Bloom' project.

Dozens of local residents now regularly volunteer to care for neglected graves and engage in biodiversity projects in our churchyard, the largest green space in Walthamstow Village.

The Community Gardener is a newly-created position supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund as part of St Mary's £3.37 million 'Creative Church' regeneration project, which will see Walthamstow's oldest building restored and regenerated, with works to begin later this year.

Previously, Tim balanced his work in St Mary's Churchyard with a full slate of private clients, but now rather than work for only a few hours per week in the churchyard, funding from the National Lottery will enable us to employ Tim for three full days per week for three years. As part of this role, Tim will introduce new opportunities for residents – especially under-represented groups – to learn about horticulture and to engage in community gardening projects in the churchyard.

Prior to studying at Capel Manor and becoming a professional gardener, Tim taught English for nearly 20 years at Forest School, his alma mater. Tim is a Board Member for Forest Flora, which supports community horticulture in Waltham Forest, is a Committee Member of Walthamstow's Chelsea Fringe Festival, helps lead the Hilltop Gardeners' group and has worked closely with many other local gardening and community groups, including Walthamstow Village in Bloom.





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You are invited to join us for Walthamstow's very own home grown festival of art and creativity taking over our corner of London from 1 - 18 July.

## E17 ART TRAIL – POSSIBLE FUTURES

Everyone is welcome.

#### **Festival Hub**

Make Gnome House your first port of call to pick up your **Trail Guide** to more than 200 destinations, enjoy the buzz and see some great art in the Possible Futures Exhibition. Gnome House, Lower Ground Floor, 7 Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow, E17 6DS





TRUMANS

### Possible Futures Group Show

Welcoming emerging and established artists, this show at Gnome House curated by Lauren Little of Dark Yellow Dot features illustrations, collage, prints, paintings, sculpture, photography and more.

Look out for artist talks & events. Open Tues - Sun, 11am-6pm.

#### Grand Opening and Virtual Art Fair and Preview Night

Join us from the comfort of your own home as we host our opening night online. It's an opportunity to browse and buy from exhibiting artists at our virtual marketplace sponsored by Stow Brothers. Meet the artists, hear about their work and embark on virtual studio tours.

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## School Calendar Dates for 2020-2021

## Summer Term 2021

- Monday 19 April 2021 to Thursday 22 July 2021
- Friday 2 July Year 11 Leavers Day Monday 5–7 Wednesday July **GREEN trip** Y8 • Monday 12– Wednesday 16 July GREEN trip Y9 • Wednesday 7 July Year 6 Transition Day - cancelled Sports Day - cancelled • Tuesday 13 July p.m.
- Tuesday 20 July
- Thursday 22 July

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End of Summer Term – details to

follow

## School Calendar Dates for 2021-2022

## 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.