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Thursday 6	HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE				
February					
Year 9	Dear Parents and Carers,				
Options					
Evening				<u>а</u> ц.	
Lvening	Our Drama and Diversity o				
Half Term:	nineteen students from Ye	ar 10 and	11 joining Ms Desbenoit	and	
Monday 17	Ms Cornford on a trip to the Playhouse Theatre to see the				
February to	performance Cyrano de Be	•		Cyrano	
Friday 21	. ,	0	•		
February	the play tells a story of a lo	-	•		
repruary	body image and truth. The	modern a	adaptation features rhyn	nes and	
Turaday 2	rap battles and our studen	ts thorou	ghly enioved this moderi	n take	
Tuesday 3 March					
Fiends of	on a nineteenth century play, and found that the ideas explored still				
	resonate for young people	today.			
WSFG					
meeting	On Tuesday, twelve Year 9 students were taken on a trip to the				
6-7pm LRC	Financial Information Technology Office in Canary Wharf by				
		0,		wara	
Thursday 5	Mr Giraud and Ms Shafiq.			ware	
March	development firm operate	s and wer	e fortunate to meet the		
Year 8	Managing Director, as well	l as female	e members of the team v	who	
Parents/Carer	spoke about their career p				
Subject	spoke about their career p		the field of computing.		
Evening					
4:30–7pm	Also on Tuesday, eight stu		•		
	Badminton Championships	s, represe	nting WSfG in an under-:	L4 team	
	and under-16 team. Both g	•	•		
	finished 3 <sup>rd</sup> place in their c				
	place in their c	nampions	mp games respectively.		

Congratulations to both teams and my thanks to Ms Black for supporting students at the event.

On Thursday, thirty Year 10 students went to the Forest School Careers Fair where they met representatives from universities, colleges, employers, gap year and work experience providers. My thanks to Ms Appleby and Ms Wood for assisting both Ms Philippou and the students on this trip.

Thursday evening marked the final Parents' Evening for our Year 11 students, and arguably one of the most important meetings for parents, teachers and students ahead of students' final exams in the Summer Term. It was a pleasure to meet up with parents and carers again, and remark on how fast the last few years have flown by. I am sure that the evening helped students to understand the preparation required for their final months of study, as well as helping parents to see what support can be put in place for their children so that they reach their potential.

Finally, there is a Parent Governor vacancy in our Governing Body. Details will follow about how parents/carers can apply in the next edition, so please keep a look out if you are interested in joining our Governing Body.

Wishing all a good weekend, and to our Chinese community celebrating the Year of the Rat on Saturday, I wish you great happiness and prosperity and I hope you enjoy the festivities.

Wishing all a good weekend,

Meryl Davies Headteacher



# Parent/Carer Information Student Leave During Term Time

A student's absence during term time can seriously disrupt the continuity of their learning. Not only does your child miss the teaching provided on the days they are away, they are also less prepared for lessons after their return. Consequently, there is a risk of underachievement which we must seek to avoid. The school does not authorise absence during term time for family holidays or trips abroad.

Parents and carers do not have the right to take their children out of school for holidays and the school will only grant leave of absence in truly exceptional circumstances.

A student who is absent for longer than ten days after an agreed return date, or without authorisation, can legally be removed from the school roll.

Parents or carers who take their child out of school without the authorisation of the Headteacher may face court action and a fine.

When considering whether or not to authorise leave of absence, the school will look at each case individually, taking into account a student's overall attendance, their stage of education, (e.g. examinations) and the reason for the absence. It is very rare that any student is granted leave of absence.

Leave of absence forms can be obtained from the school office and all requests should be submitted to the Attendance Manager **at least four weeks before the first day of the requested absence**.

Arrangements for trips should not be made before permission has been granted by the Headteacher.

Ms King Student Attendance Manager



# Mosaics of London, Maud Milton's Artyface. Making Public Artwork

If you like the mosaics on the wall in Church Hill you may like to visit this Youtube link which shows how the mosaics were made, as well as other mosaics that can be found around the local area:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiMv7xAS500











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# SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

# **Open to ALL students**

Offering advice and support on a range of topics including:

Diet and Nutrition, Hygiene, Oral Health, Healthy Eating, Growth Check (Height & Weight), Relationships, General Health & Well-being & More...or perhaps you just fancy a chat?



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Every Wednesday

Time: 12:30- 13:30 (lunchtime)

Room: G03

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# WSFG Friends Group Meeting Tuesday 3 March 6.00 p.m. in the LRC (Library)

All Welcome

Parents, staff and former students met on Tuesday 21st January 2020 for the first official meeting of the new 'Friends of WSFG' and we are all very keen to begin planning future events! But of course, we need lots of help so watch this space as we keep you updated as to our next event.

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

# All Years - Barge Haybay Residential Trip Friday 12th June to Sunday 14th June 2020

We will be taking twenty four students on a residential activity trip to Essex.

We will be staying on a moored barge and taking part in outdoor activities such as climbing, canoeing and many more.



# The cost of the trip is £100.

The trip is open to all students, but there are only twenty four spaces, so if you have not been on this school trip before and are interested and would like more details, **please see Ms Famiglietti in G68.** 



# Faculty News P.E. News

# **SERVES Tennis Training**

Following our tennis session with Judy Murray last year a small group of Year 9 students took part in a SERVES Tennis Activator Training course this week. Seven students were selected to complete the training which included a variety of fun tennis activities to improve their basic hand-eye coordination skills.

These students will now develop their leadership skills by running a Tennis Activator Club to our Year 7 students which will start in a couple of weeks time. The seven students involved worked incredibly hard during the training and the trainers were very impressed with their enthusiasm and energy.

The Year 9 students involved were Maarya, Emily, Malaika, Maria, Frances, Maya and Yngie.

Ms Warren



# **Essex County Badminton Championships**

Our Under 14 and Under 16 Borough Badminton Champions played at the Essex Championships this week and both teams finished in 3rd place. This is a great achievement for the students as they were competing against some very high quality badminton players.

> Under 16 Team Aini 11W Saniya 11W Safa 11S Maarya 11F

Under 14 Team Hannah 8C Tenzin 8C Alishia 9S Demmy 9C

Congratulations to both teams.

Ms Warren

## Performing Arts/Diversity trip: Cyrano de Bergerac review

Ms Cornford, Ms Simpson and I took twenty Year 10 students to see Cyrano de Bergerac at The Playhouse Theatre earlier this week. It is a modern adaptation of the classic French love story with amazing acting and integration of modern music! One of our ex-students was in the cast too!



Here are some students' reviews:

"Cyrano starring the one and only James McAvoy was absolutely amazing! The modern take of the play took me by surprise even though I had never seen it before it was easy to understand and follow the characters through the play. The actors and Jamie Lloyd managed to get around the difficulties a theatre production may face and created a romantic and emotional piece from beginning to end. If you have not already seen it, you are missing out on a great and new experience, with many laughs and the thrill of always being on the edge of your seat!".

Roya 10W.

"I was really impressed to get such an affordable ticket for such a great play. There was a joyous atmosphere in the theatre, and I loved the contrast between the humorous scenes and the more heavy-hearted scenes. I would definitely recommend going to see this play!". Rosie 10G.

"What an amazing cast of talented actors who connected with the audience and created a lively atmosphere, which concluded in a standing ovation! It was a wonderful adaptation!" Priscilla 10G.

"Our seats were so close to the front that it really intensified the experience and made me enjoy it even more. The acting was amazing and the plot clear, despite it being an old play, they managed to juxtapose it with touches of modernity like wearing modern casual clothes."

Ellie 10G.

Our students were an absolute credit to our school, bravo!

Ms Desbenoit Diversity Co-Ordinator.

# P.E. News

# WSFG Students Success at Waltham Forest Gators Swimming Club

A big congratulation to *Bonnie* 8S who has qualified for Essex County Championships and will be competing in 50m Backstroke 100m Backstroke and 200m Backstroke.

A huge achievement! Good luck in the next races!!

Ms Wood

Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon Sunday 26 April 2020



Would you like to represent Waltham Forest in this year's Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon on Sunday 26 April 2020.

Age categories are: Boys and Girls – Under 13 Born between 1 September 2006 and 28 April 2009

Boys and Girls – Under 15 Born between 1 September 2004 and 31 August 2006

Requirements to be selected to represent Waltham Forest are as follows: The runner must live or go to school in the borough.

The details of the event are here: <a href="https://www.minimarathon.co.uk/en/">https://www.minimarathon.co.uk/en/</a>

Ms Warren





# **Open Day**

# 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
- Apply on the day

# Click here to register

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Open Days

8th February FRA Level 2/3 Open Day

7th March FRA Level 4 & Degrees

Career of the Month Business Management!

This can span from retail stores to brand management. Key skills needed for this job role are; Leadership, Motivating, Delegation, and Communication.

> FRA courses: Level 3 Fashion Retail

Level 4 Fashion Retail (Marketing & Business) BA (Hons) Business Management for Fashion

We are excited to let you know we are now taking bookings for our free interactive workshops, which take your students through a series of specialist sessions on careers in fashion and the many varied job roles these within it.

> These interactive workshops are geared at Year 10, 11, 12 & 13

For more information or to book a visit from us, please email: Events@fra.ac.uk

We love to hear your outreach ideas! Let us know how we can help you reach your Gatsby Benchmarks. For more information on what we offer, please email: **events@fra.ac.uk** 

Fashion Retail Academy, 15 Gresse Street, London, W1T 1QL, United Kingdom

# Welcome Meals

# Are you new to the borough?

Come along to make friends with members from your community and share a free meal together! All residents are welcome. E-mail events@hornbeam.org.uk for more information or call 07492915531

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If you'd like to attend, please register by clicking on the Eventbrite link for the event you want.

January Welcome Meals

 Friday 24 January - Lunch at OrganicLea with option to join the volunteer induction, Chingford 12.30 pm Eventbrite

 Sunday 26 January -R2R HumaniTea Talk to ask questions about 'faith, culture, the environment and the world around us' at R2R Wellbeing Centre, Leyton, 12:30 pm <u>Eventbrite</u>

Monday 27 January Community Lunch at The Hornbeam, Walthamstow, 13:00 pm. Eventbrite













Premier League Kicks is a series of free football and multi-sport sessions, run by Tottenham Hotspur Foundation, open to boys and girls of a variety of ages.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

# **GIRLS ONLY**

4.30PM - 6PM

AGES 13 - 18

# NEW RIVER SPORTS CENTRE White Hart Lane, Wood Green N22 5QW



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# **KICKS**



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### MONDAY

Seven Sisters Primary School South Grove, Tottenham N155QE 4.30pm - 6pm | Ages 7 - 11

Ferry Lane Cruyff Court Ferry Lane Estate, Jarrow Road, Tottenham N17 9PP 5pm - 7pm | Ages 8 - 19

Oasis Academy Hadley South Street, Enfield EN3 4PX 6pm - 8pm | Ages 8 - 19

### TUESDAY

New River Sports & Fitness White Hart Lane, Wood Green N22 5QW 4pm to 6pm | Ages 8 - 14

#### WEDNESDAY

Chingford Hall 1 Ching Way, Chingford E4 8YD 530pm - 7pm | Ages 7 - 16

## THURSDAY

Oasis Academy Enfield Innova Park, 9 Kinetic Crescent, Mollison Avenue, Enfield EN3 7XH 6pm to 8pm | Ages 11 - 19

#### FRIDAY

Douglas Eyre Sports Centre 148 Coppermill Lane, Walthamstow E17 7HE 530pm - 8pm | Ages 8 - 19

Duke's Aldridge Academy Trulock Road, Tottenham N17 0PG 6pm - 8pm | Ages 11 - 19

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## School Calendar Dates 2019-2020

# Spring Term Monday 6 January to Friday 3 April

Thursday 6 February Year 9 Options Evening

## Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Tuesday 3 March	Friends of WSFG meeting 6-7pm LRC
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