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Week 'B'

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Year 10	Dear Parents and Carers,			
Parent Carer Subject	On Monday, together with Ms Hennelly, I took a group of students to the Association of State Girls' Schools Student Leadership Conference held at the Ernst and Young Offices in Canary Wharf. The students were nominated for their excellent progress and participated in a range of student led workshops on the day, as well as hearing speeches from a variety of renowned women from the fields of journalism, radio, law and academia. A full review of the day will be included in next week's edition.			
Evening	Back at school, it was a busy day for the PA Faculty as Ms Warren and Ms Wood continued the GCSE PE moderation, and in the afternoon our Year 9s took part in a sharing afternoon, focused around the play <i>Blood Brothers</i> .			
4:30-7pm	On Tuesday, Year 8 students were joined by pupils from Highams Park School and Holy Family Catholic School for a Faraday Challenge where they developed their hands on problem solving and critical thinking skills, with their teacher Ms Healy.			
Thursday 2 April	On Wednesday, the Barbican Box project culminated for our Year 8 students who have been involved for months in various activities and workshops. The project ended with the final performance from the group which took place at the Barbican in Central London. It was a long and tiring day for our students, as well as their teacher Ms Landon who has supported students throughout the project, but they performed extremely well and showcased their creative work which they had developed with			
Steel Pans				
Fundraising				
Concert 7pm				
Easter Holiday				
Monday 6				
April to Friday				
17 April				
Summer Term				
Monday 20				
April 2020 to				
Friday 17 July				
Thursday 23rd April				
Intercultural				
Evening				

professional mentors. My thanks to Ms Landon for assisting students since the project began and Ms Desbenoit for supporting students at the performance on Wednesday.

Year 11 GCSE Music Accompanied Solo Performances took place at the end of the week. On Thursday afternoon, a group of Year 10 students were taken to the Theatre Royal in Stratford to see the performance 'I Think We Are Alone', a new production by Frantic Assembly, whose work is studied as part of the GCSE course. This was an excellent opportunity to see how the techniques studied in Drama lessons are applied in professional practise. Afterschool, our student Diversity Magazine editors and contributors were taken on a trip to the Islamic Human Rights Commission by Ms Simpson and Ms Cato to help them create new material for the next edition, following the launch of their first magazine which was shared with staff and students this week. Please follow the link below to see the fantastic work of our students:

[https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/site/data/files/docs/00-2019 20/Diversity/A815146CC1FE2BD7155235517BA4CF46.pdf](https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/site/data/files/docs/00-2019%20Diversity/A815146CC1FE2BD7155235517BA4CF46.pdf)

Also on Thursday, as part of Science week and our focus on STEM activities, Year 9 students heard from former student Leanne Barrett who is currently undertaking a Masters degree in genetic counselling. She shared her academic journey since leaving WSfG and gave examples from her current research. The week ended with five students attending Future Voices at the Leyton Orient Football Stadium, where they took part in workshops aimed to develop their creative problem solving with current issues such as anti-social behaviour. My thanks to Ms Philippou for arranging this and helping our students to have a voice in local issues.

From Friday to Saturday I will be at the annual ASCL (Association of School and College Leaders) Conference at the ICC in Birmingham. The theme this year is diverse leadership, which will explore diversity in leadership in all forms. Speakers include leading educationalists, policy makers and inspiring and informative leaders, as well as closing with comedian and mental health campaigner Ruby Wax OBE. The conference is always an excellent opportunity to share experiences with other school leaders. This year, I have no doubt that Headteachers will be very focused on sharing contingency plans in response to the current pandemic, whilst keeping their distance from one another!

Finally, congratulations to our Year 8 Netball Team who continue to excel in their matches and won with a fantastic score of 11-0 in their game against Buxton School on Wednesday. They also took part in a rally last week as you will see from Ms Warren's report inside this issue. Keep up the brilliant work and well done to all of our players!

Ms M Davies
Headteacher

Year 10 Parents/Carers Evening
Thursday 26th March 2020
4.30 to 7pm

Your child will be making appointments with their subject teachers for a discussion on their progress.

We ask all Year 10 students and **their parents/carers or an adult family member** to attend this consultation evening to discuss their progress and strategies to help them achieve their full potential at Walthamstow School for Girls.

It is a **crucial event** as it is your child's only consultation evening this year and is an opportunity to discuss their progress with subject teachers. They need to make appointments with their subject teachers in advance, between 4.30pm and 7pm.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Wood
 Student Progress Leader, Year 10

Attendance Figures for February 2020

Winners postcards for the month of February have been given to form groups. Classes will also receive a postcard from the Headteacher.



Well done to 7H, 8H, 9C, 10H & 11S for being February winners.

Year to date winners are 7F, 8H, 9C, 10S & 11S. Don't forget, winners for each term receive a form treat and 100% attenders receive a new star badge.

Ms King
 Attendance & Pastoral Manager



**Public Health
England**

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishea, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately



COVID-19 Update

The school has been keeping students, parents/carers and staff up to date on the latest developments on the spread of COVID-19 and the school will continue to follow the advice of the government via the Department for Education and Public Health England. Following the Cobra meeting held yesterday by the Prime Minister, the school will remain open, until advised otherwise by the government. However, as the situation may change over the course of the next few weeks, staff are preparing work for students to complete at home in the event of a regional or nationwide closure of schools. It is therefore vital to ensure that the school office have the correct contact number for parents and carers, as in the event of a closure we would use our usual methods of communication to inform the school community, such as Groupcall and the school website. If you have recently changed your contact number, please inform the school office.

In light of the decision to keep schools open, you may be aware that we have provided tissues in all classrooms and that the toilets have now been opened throughout the day to allow students to wash their hands. Please remind your child to wash their hands on arrival at school and when they arrive home after school. The Leadership Team last week focused on informing students of the present issue through assemblies. As well as dispelling myths, the slides used, which you may find helpful, can be found here:

<https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/covid-19>

A reminder that should you, or your child, experience any symptoms that indicate that you could have COVID-19 such as a continuous cough and fever, please follow the self-isolation guidance issued by the government, which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Due to the travel restrictions placed on Italy and in line with advice, you may be aware that the ski trip scheduled to take place in April has been cancelled. We are reviewing all planned trips on a case by case basis and will inform parents of any cancellations via e-mail.

Parent Governor Election Revised 16 March

Below are the nominations for the parent governor election, please read each statement carefully.

Each person with parental responsibility has one vote.

A ballot form will be sent out shortly, please follow the instructions on the form, which will also detail how you are to return the form to the school.

I am a proud mother of a daughter in Year 9 who sees state education as vital in creating a fairer society. It is this conviction that has led me to want to contribute on a personal level to WSFG. As a university lecturer at Birkbeck who is also Assistant Dean for Curriculum Development, I know what the weight of responsibility feels like and my efficiency is evident in that I have created partnerships between our university, state schools and FE colleges in London, creating work placements in schools for our students who support school-level attainment. With my commitment and experience, I will help WSFG strengthen its ties with the university sector to serve the needs of pupils. All in all, I look forward to putting my knowledge and skills in support of the school.

Mari Paz Balibrea

I wish to contribute to the school's strategic framework/objectives of providing a positive and supportive environment. The culture, values and ethos of the school are centric for students as well as staff.

As a HR director of over ten years I feel my skills/experience would be an asset. Additionally, as a parent of an autistic child. I am particularly interested in ensuring inclusivity for those with disabilities as defined under the Equality Act (2010) and those who require additional support.

Education is a core foundation for children and I would like to aid the school in shaping/providing a successful framework.

Inderpal Naura

I have lived in the area (Waltham Forest) all my life and I want to give something back to the local community. My family has a long affiliation with the school with my sister, nieces and now daughter attending the school. One of my nieces is a teacher at the school.

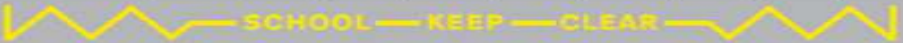
From a professional perspective, I am a senior audit manager and qualified accountant at one of the leading accounting firms in the city. I have experience of dealing with commercial as well as not for profit organisations and I feel my background and experience would undoubtedly benefit the school. Even if I am not successful, I would like to support the school in any way I can.

Ifzal Rehman

Parent of daughter in Year 7. I have lived in Walthamstow for 33 years and understand diversity and culture. I am a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry working within the NHS, Utility and Industrial sectors. I have experience in engagement, quality/budgeting and planning/project execution. Developing strategies and direction. Experienced people Manager developing individuals by mentoring.

Availability to listen to stakeholders, bringing different skills to the school with over 40 years operating within heavily regulated organisations, caring passionately about the wellbeing of all involved in the school are the key qualities I believe a Parent Governor must possess.

Pete Saunders



Message to Parents and Carers

Although the vast majority of our students walk to school and use public transport, we understand that for some of our school community it is necessary for some of our students to be dropped off by car each morning and be picked up in the afternoon. However, we would ask that parents and carers who drive note the following:



- It is illegal to park or stop outside of the school on the yellow zig-zag lines or those extending to the crossing. It endangers the lives of our students as cars pulled up by the side of the road reduce the visibility of drivers to see when children try to cross the road.
- It is illegal to park in the pedestrianised area leading to St Mary's Church.
- We would ask that parents and carers do not drop-off at the top of Church Hill Road. The constant stream of cars doing a turnaround at the top of that road not only frustrates our neighbours but significantly adds to the poor air quality that our students then have to breathe in during the school day.
- Please do not turn around using multi-point turns in the middle of Church Hill. This causes traffic to bank up and the idling and slow-moving cars add to the poor air quality in the environment of our school
- If you have no alternative but to bring your daughter to school by car, or pick her up from school, please arrange to do it at a distance from the school and in such a way that does not obstruct the surrounding roads, add to congestion and add to the air pollution. It is far better that your child walks the short distance and gets to breathe cleaner air during the day.
- We have also received numerous complaints about this from local residents who are themselves concerned about pollution.

For any student with a disability or serious injury that prevents them walking even a short distance, by prior arrangement it can be organised for them to be dropped off at the school entrance.



Dear Walthamstow School for Girls,

I wanted to thank you very much and give positive feedback at your article in last week's green sheet regarding encouraging girls and their families not to drive to school unless absolutely essential and not adding to pollution locally. I live very locally and my parents live just behind the school.

My dad and I have asthma that can be severe. We have both been hospitalised with asthma as emergencies in the past. After a life threatening attack I spent five days in hospital. I am very sensitive to pollution and it can trigger my asthma. My daughter, who attends your school has luckily only mild asthma but I do worry about her pollution exposure making it worse in the future, I also worry for her future and all our children's future because of the climate emergency where car pollution is a major contributor so again it is vital to encourage people to only use cars if absolutely necessary. I thought it a good idea that you offered drop off inside for children with genuine disability or injury need with prior arrangement.

I have many times witnessed multiple cars dropping and collecting girls from the school around the Church Hill area and causing a lot of chaos and unsafe road and pavement conditions.

Apart from the pollution it is sad for girls not to get the exercise and fresh air walking to school. If safety is a worry then they can walk in groups or one parent can take turns walking several girls.

We also have great bus, tube and rail transport links here if anyone has moved away from school. Something I learned is that children in cars get 50% of the car's pollution sitting in the car! They get much less walking on the pavement! So please do keep up the good work by keeping this subject in the green sheet as often as possible until people understand and change what is actually albeit probably unwittingly, but nonetheless selfish behaviour.

Kind regards,
Parent of a Year 10 Student

Careers Week 2020



Last week was National Careers Week. At this very exciting time when the options for possible careers is endless, it's vital that we encourage our students to be well informed and curious.

Last week, we held a different careers talk each day at lunch time covering a range of careers from journalism to medicine to visual effects. Our speakers gave great advice on taking opportunities, being curious and following your passions. We'd like to thank all of our visitors for taking the time out of their busy schedules to come and speak to us.

The week ended with a very exciting International Women's Day with lots of celebrations and more career related activities.

Thank you also to the students who attended the talks and well done to all of them for being interested, engaged listeners and for asking such good questions. We had students from Year 7, all the way to Year 11 and the feedback from them showed how keen our students are to explore and to learn.

Well done WSFG!

Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher



International Women's Day Poem 2020

My French Poem -

Inspired by Simone Beauvoir



Nous avons besoin d'avoir la liberté.
 Nous devons nous battre pour l'égalité.
 J'espère que nous pourrions vivre dans une société de
 Fraternité.

We need to have freedom/liberty.
 We have to fight for equality.
 I hope we will be able to live in a society of brotherhood.

Ma sœur que nous avons lue, nous avons appris de vous.
 Nous avons besoin de gagner notre victoire,
 Parce que vous avez souffert pour nous.

My sister we have read, from whom we have learned.
 We have to win our victory,
 Because you have suffered for us.

Où nous pouvons tous vivre dans un endroit.
 Où nous ne serons pas jugés par notre sexe.
 Que nos enfants et petits-enfants ne vivent pas dans un monde où les
 hommes ont plus de privilèges
 Nous avons la clé pour tout
 Mais c'est seulement si nous voulons l'avoir
 Et maintenant nous devons faire un changement dans ce monde pour le
 bien et pour le mieux.

Where we can all live in a place.
 Where we won't be judged by our gender.
 So that our children and grand children don't live in a world
 where men have more privileges
 We have the key to everything
 But it is only if we want it
 And now we have to make a change in this world for the good
 and for the best.

Zahra 10F
 March 2020

LGBTQ+ Poem

She tells herself
 "You're into boys."
 But deep down
 She knows that
 They make too much noise
 She tells herself
 "You like their taste."
 But deep down
 She finds it ugly
 When they do a race
 She tells herself
 "I like boys."

She can't like anyone else
 She knows she's not like the rest
 Like the rest of the girls
 She was never the ones
 The ones to adore pearls
 So what was so wrong?
 She knows that she's different
 Left out
 She thinks
 That maybe to find boys
 She'd apply for scouts

But that didn't work
 She felt so lost
 "You're into boys"
 Then why has she been tossed?
 "You're into boys."
 But deep down
 Her picture of a lover
 Is long hair
 Rosy lips
 And curvy hips
 She knows it's wrong
 But maybe
 Being gay
 Maybe that's;
 That's okay.



Faculty News

P.E.

Waltham Forest Year 8 Netball Rally

Last Friday, the Year 8 netball team attended the Waltham Forest Rally at Redbridge Leisure Centre. The students played a number of different teams from within the borough including Forest, Holy Family and Chingford who are all very strong netball schools.

All students worked extremely hard throughout the afternoon and we finished in 4th place overall.

Congratulations to the following students:

Betty 8G

Debra 8C

Aminah 8C

Hannah 8C

Tenzin 8C

Alex 8W

Nell 8W

Aishah 8F

Anna 8F



Ms Warren

Gardening Club News

March is a busy month for many gardeners.

As well as pruning, cleaning and planning, it is a perfect time for sowing seeds. With this in mind, we purchased an additional greenhouse to maximize our seed sowing and growing potential.

Our school office staff have also become involved through propagating and nurturing seedlings on windowsills in the school's front office.



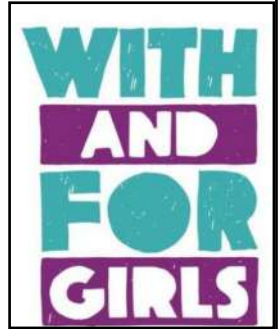
Thank you Year 7s and office staff for your continued support and interest in gardening club.

Ms Dominique
KS3 Learning Mentor

English News

Women of the World Festival

Last week Mr Caps and I had the immense pleasure of taking two of WSFG's budding diversity journalists to experience part of the 'Women of the World Festival' at the Southbank Centre. We were immersed in the experiences of the young women and girls who form the organisation 'With and For Girls'. Syd and Rain were very diligent journalists, taking notes to help inform their magazine articles which will be published after the Easter break.



This is what Syd had to say about the experience:

On Friday 6th March we went on a trip after school to The Southbank Centre to see the With And For Girls awards. In this awards ceremony twenty five women from all over the world and from different feminist organisations came to collect their awards at the fourth With And For Girls awards ceremony.

With And For Girls is a part of WOW (Women Of The World), who have funded many of the winner's organisations with funds to help with their cause. So far, they have donated close to 2 million dollars to different organisations since 2014. During the awards ceremony two women came to teach us chants about women's rights and more. There were many emotional speeches, which inspired most of us in the room. It was an upbeat and cheerful ceremony which I would definitely recommend going to another year especially if you are a strong believer in women's rights. All the winners had been nominated and chosen by adolescent girls around the world and are all very forward about their views on equality for all.



You can see pictures and find out more about this year's ceremony on Instagram or twitter at @withandforgirls

Miss Simpson

World Book Day

**HELP OUR SCHOOL TO BUY MORE BOOKS and
GIVE THE GIFT OF READING**

You can buy books through the **Scholastic Book Club** and this month you can also use the **£1 World Book Day token!**

Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/walthamstow-school>
to browse the latest books and order online.

Students can also order in the LRC by cash or sQuid
'Book Club and Book Fair'.

Books can be delivered to the school or to your home.

THE SCHOOL ACCOUNT IS 'WSFG'



**For every £1 you spend,
our school will earn 25p
in Scholastic Rewards.**

Please place your
**order online by
29th March, 2020.**

Thank you for your support

Ms Kelly
LRC Manager

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Programme includes:
Force Field, Irish,
Music, Mona Lisa,
Mr Blue Sky,
and Uptown Funk

Annual Steel Pan Fundraising Concert

CELEBRATING THE

GIFT

Walthamstow School for Girls
Church Hill, Walthamstow
London, E17 9RZ

Thursday 2 April 2020 7pm sharp Hewett Hall Doors open 6.30pm

Tickets £7 adults £4 students

Tickets are limited. Booking is essential. Student and parent tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance via sQuid and collected from Student Services.

For all other tickets please contact Helen Bradshaw at: hbradshaw@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk



Cycling Course for Year 7 Students

Monday 16th March - Friday 20th March 2020
4.00pm – 5.30pm

Places are limited - only 8 students can participate.

Dates and Times

Monday 16 th March	16:00-17:30pm
Tuesday 17 th March	16:00-17:30pm
Wednesday 18 th March	16:00-17:30pm
Thursday 19 th March	16:00-17:30pm
Friday 20 th March	16:00-17:30pm

You must be able to stay on a bicycle with a level of control to be able to participate in this course.

You must wear comfortable clothing such as jogging pants, flat shoes or trainers.

The group will meet at Muga at 3.45pm until 5.30pm each day. You must not be late.

The school has bikes and helmets for use so there is no need to own your own bike. If you are interested please collect a letter form G38

Mrs Dominique
 Key Stage 3 Learning Mentor



Composition Club

At Waltham Forest Music School

Held at Walthamstow School for Girls E17 9LN

NEW CLASSES on Saturdays

11.15am to 12pm: Age 7-11

12pm to 1pm: Ages 11-14

11 week course starting 14 March

At the club we'll create & record music in a variety of genres. We'll work on a **Summer term project** with a possible opportunity to perform works at Westminster Cathedral!

This club is part of Music School Membership:
£31 (£15.50 low income) per 10 week term to attend one or more groups.

To book a space:

Email Music.Service@walthamforest.gov.uk or call 020 8496 1594

WALTHAMSTOW CRICKET CLUB



CALLING ALL WOMEN CRICKETERS (12+)



**INDOOR TRAINING
WITH A PROFESSIONAL
FEMALE COACH**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY
EVE FROM 6.30**

COST: £5 PER SESSION

**WHERE: WILLOWFIELD SCHOOL E17
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School Calendar Dates 2019-2020

Spring Term

Monday 6 January to Friday 3 April

Thursday 26 March

Year 10 Parent Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm

Thursday 2 April

Steel Pans Concert 7pm

Easter Holiday Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April

Summer Term

Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 17 July

Thursday 23rd April

Intercultural Evening

Thursday 7 May

Year 7 Parent Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm

Friday 8 May

Exceptional Bank Holiday

Monday 11th May—

Wednesday 24th June

Year 11 GCSE Examinations

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



**ON ENTERING
AND
LEAVING THE
SCHOOL PREMISES**