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SCHOOL CALENDAR Autumn Term 2018 End Friday 21st December 2018

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The return to school following half term has been a busy one. On Monday evening our celebrations of Black History Month continued with a trip for a party of 26 students from all year groups to the sell-out English National Opera production of *Porgy and Bess*. We had a wonderful evening. The performances of the cast were of an extremely high standard, and, for most of the girls, it was their first visit to such an event. There was great excitement indeed when Lenny Henry was spotted in the audience as we left! A member of the audience complimented me on the girls' impeccable behaviour. We are grateful to Ms Cornford for organising this.

As October draws to a close, I am delighted that the group of students who ran assemblies for all year groups before half term have raised an impressive total of £1,111.34 through activities they held for Black History Month in support of the charity Black Mental Health UK. Congratulations to *Dean, Dainna, Amana, Naeema* and *Ann* (11G) and to *Destiny* and *Qaliya* (10H) who supported them. Indeed, our celebration of diversity at WSFG is evidenced every month of the year, and this was noted by Ofsted:

'Tolerance and diversity are strengths of the school.'

On Monday, students in Years 7 and 8 were involved in activities run by the charitable organisation MyBnk. Their staff came into school to work with them to develop their knowledge of basic finance and money. Students were involved in fun sessions to increase their understanding of financial matters such as budgeting, consumer choice and banking. As well as being delighted to offer our students this opportunity, the school received some pleasing feedback from one of the MyBnk team who said:

'Walthamstow School for Girls has been an absolute delight. We were welcomed early in the morning and all was put in place for us to thrive. The impeccable behaviour management and warmth from the staff gives the whole school a sense of safeness, they are welcoming and this encourages relaxed learning.'

This week all Year 7 students have been participating in a GREEN Trip, an afternoon of adventurous activities at the Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre with their Form Tutors and Student Progress Leaders. These activities, held over three afternoons, included supervised access to the trampoline park, soft play area and Ninja Run, which I hope they all enjoyed.

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 9 students, accompanied by Mr Morrow and Ms Kelly, visited Eden Girls' School as part of a joint project "Remembering Together" to commemorate the contribution made by different nationalities to the First World War. I was extremely impressed by the knowledge demonstrated by the students from both schools when I visited. The event was also filmed for a programme on BBC Asia news. The poppy wreaths, made jointly on the day, will be laid in front of the Waltham Forest Assembly Halls on Remembrance Sunday. WSFG will also be marking the centenary with an exhibition in the LRC on our former students' involvement in WWI. Some classes will be working alongside our archive resources. See next week's Greensheet for a full report.

On Wednesday there was an important netball match after school when our Year 10/11 team played a semi-final match against Chingford Foundation School (A and B Teams) and The Lammas School. WSFG played well, with lots of support from students and staff, but unfortunately did not progress to the final. However, we are very proud of the effort they put in and congratulate the team on their success in reaching the semi-final.

On Thursday Olive Dining served vegan recipes and food to interested students in response to suggestions received from some of our students. I would like to

thank our chef, Christopher Skippers, and his team for the effort they put into producing varied and delicious food for us. Our chef is also running Saturday Masterclasses in Bread Baking and Pastry. See page 15 for details.

A reminder that we have two evening events for Parents/Carers next week. Parents and Carers with daughters in Year 11 are invited to attend the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 6th November, between 6pm-7pm to receive information relevant to the entire Year 11 year group in their final year at WSFG (see below). Students in Year 10 should be making individual appointments for their Parents/Carers to meet with their subject tutors for the evening of Thursday 8th November, 2018 to discuss their progress in their subjects. Appointments start at 4.30pm and finish at 7.00pm.

Finally, I would like to wish any families celebrating the festival a Happy Diwali next week.



Meryl Davies Headteacher

Year 11 Information Evening Tuesday 6th November 2018 6-7pm.

The aim of this evening is to provide you with details on key events your daughter will need to prepare for this year and how to support her in core subjects:

- * Post 16 options and college applications, Ms Philippou (Assistant Headteacher)
- * Professional Interview Day, Ms Philippou
- * Preparing for GCSEs, Ms Kennedy
- * English final preparations/revision strategies, Ms Schaber
- * Maths maths mocks, interventions and revision software, Mr Salmon
- * Science, interventions and Tassomai, Mr Kerr
- * Summer 2019 NCS engagement, Mr Dominic

Ms Desbenoit

Student Progress Leader Year 11

Advice from the University of Oxford

Advice from Dan Pugh-Bevan, our schools liaison officer from the University of Oxford, is for students to have a little black book. Whenever students do anything connected with their learning, above and beyond what is learnt in the classroom, the idea is to write it down. Then, after leaving Walthamstow School for Girls, when going for interviews for colleges and universities, the book can be referred to, and the activities remembered and talked about.

The type of things to write about, could be books read, films seen, museums or galleries visited, TV programmes watched etc

Watching Hannah Fry's TV series about the magic and mystery of maths could be a good start:



https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0bn9dth

Ms Robinson Challenge Coordinator

Important dates for Parent /Carers this term

Parent Information Evenings 2018-19 (special information pertaining to your daughter's year).

Tuesday 6th November	6.00-7.00pm	Year 11
Tuesday 27 th November	6.00-7.00pm	Year 8

Parent Subject Evenings (meet your daughter's teachers).

Thursday 8th November4.30-7.00pmYear 10Students in Year 10 should be making individual appointments for theirParents/Carers.

Community Christmas Party.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year at WSFG we host a Community Christmas Party. This is a very special event which is really important to us when the whole school comes together to organise a celebration with food, gifts and entertainment for the elderly members of our community. We like to show them how much we appreciate and value them and to make sure they have a good time with some great company.

This year, our Community Party will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 11th December.

We are starting to organise the event and to send out invitations to our elderly guests.

If you have any elderly relatives, neighbours, friends or contacts who you would like to invite, please provide us with their full name(s) and address(es) so that we can contact them. This could be via phone (020 8509 9446) email (info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) or via your daughter(s).

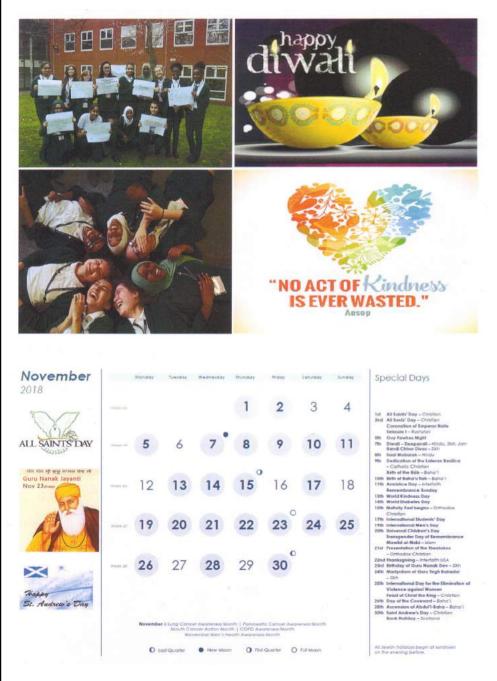
Additionally, if you have any unwanted (brand new) gifts that we could offer our guests, please send them to the Humanities office via your daughter(s). Last year was one of our best ever community parties and, with your support, we'd like to make sure this year is even more memorable. Thank you.

Ms Philippou Assistant Headteacher





WSFG Diversity Calendar for the month of November



100% Attendance figures for September 2018.

September winners are 7S, 8G, 9D, 10H and 11C. 100% certificates and pin badges have been issued.

The 100% attendance for the whole of the last academic year raffle winners were;

Maria 8F Rada 9W Ying 10F

The prize this year was a Kindle Fire each.

Year 11 has not been drawn yet.

Ms King Attendance Manager

Faculty News

English

This month, our Year 9 students will be participating in Into Film's Youth Film Festival with a screening of 'MazeRunner: the Death Cure' at the Empire Cinema in Walthamstow on Wednesday, 7th November. This is an excellent opportunity for Year 9 students to view their stimulus text before writing their own film review.

Looking further ahead, the English faculty is pleased to announce that Year 7 students, currently studying *A Christmas Carol*, will have an opportunity to watch a live performance of the novel in December. Additional details will be provided nearer the time.

Ms Schaber Head of English



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Hannah Fry's Mysterious World of Maths

Several students caught up with Hannah Fry's TV series over half-term. Here is a review and two pieces of artwork inspired by one of the episodes.

I really like Hannah Fry's Mysterious World of Maths as it tells me that maths has a lot of power! I know this because she explains everything that we enjoy doing or want to do in a mathematical way. This really intrigued me. Also, I got to know about our mathematical ancestors and how they have given us ways to understand how maths works in reality. In addition to this, she is trying to explain to us a question that hasn't been answered for over a thousand years! This makes it very exciting to watch. My favourite part of the episode that I saw was when Hannah went on the largest zip line in the world. She is such an inspiration.

Hira 7W

If you enjoyed the series on BBC4, you may be interested to visit Hannah's YouTube Channel for more inspiration. Here is a link to her TED Talk on The Mathematics of Love: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=N37x4GgDVBM&t=4s</u>

Ms Robinson Challenge Coordinator and Maths Challenge Rep

Hannah Fry by Tilda

Performing Arts News and Events

Theatre Trips

At WSFG, it is our ambition that every child goes to the theatre at least once during their time with us. We started the year with the first of a planned series of Performing Arts Diversity trips, with the aim of developing understanding of our differences as individuals and celebrating our common humanity.

Last year we initiated the Year 8 theatre trip. This year we are taking the Year 8s to see *Grimm Tales* at the Unicorn. 8 WSF will be going on Tuesday 4th December and 8 GCH on Wednesday 5th December.



Please note that all students are expected to participate in this visit, which fits completely into the school day. If you have any concerns, issues or questions, please contact me as soon as possible. All students have been issued with letters outlining the key information; copies of these letters can also be found on the school website.

Whole-school Musical Production: Mary Poppins

Rehearsals are in full swing for our production of *Mary Poppins*, to be performed in the week commencing 11th February. The cast comprises around 60 students from every year group. Auditions were highly competitive and students have done extremely well to be cast. All participating students have been issued with a rehearsal schedule up until Christmas; after school rehearsals are usually on Tuesdays and Fridays, and attendance is essential.

Sporting events The Year 10/11 netball team reached the semi-final. The team comprises:

> Maria 11F (captain) Melissa 11S (player of the match) Amie 11S Deepthighaa 10H Shanai 10H Aini 10W Marianne 10H Olivia 10G Hannah 11H Chiara 10G

Finally the following cross country runners have qualified for the Youth Games:

Lois 7W	00:12:42	Year 7 Girls
Malaika 8H	00:14:22	Year 8 Girls
Aoife 10F	00:17:27	Year 10 Girls
Becci 11W	00:18:02	Year 11 Girls

Congratulations to all!

Ms Cornford Head of Performing Arts

WSFG visits the London Coliseum!

On Monday evening, twenty six students and five staff travelled to St Martin's Lane in central London to see the magnificent production of Gershwin' s *Porgy and Bess*, an exploration of the relationships between members of a close-knit community in 1920s South Carolina. This is the production's first staging at the home of the English National Opera and consisted of a specially formed 40 voice chorus from several countries with a full orchestra. The performances were outstanding and the music ranged from jazz, ragtime, blues and spirituals with some easily recognisable songs such as 'Summertime'.

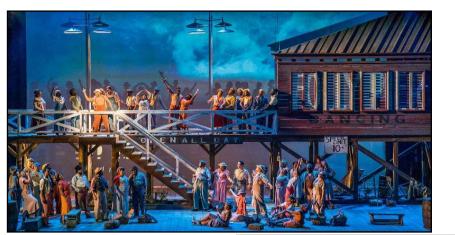
For most of the students, it was their first visit to the opera. However, in the interval, I was complimented on the excellent behaviour of all of our students. Despite the location of our seats, which were some way from the stage, the heat generated by a full house and a long 90 minute first half, the girls were impeccably behaved-and generated compliments from members of the audience.

The highlight of the evening was a celebrity spotting of Lenny Henry as he left just behind us!

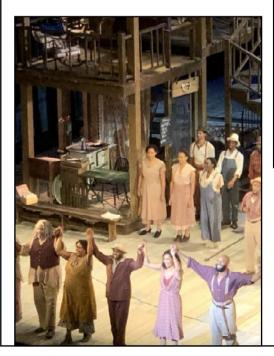
We are grateful to Ms Cornford and her team for organising these wonderful cultural opportunities for us here at WSFG.











Christmas Card Competition 2018 Deadline 16th November

Design a Christmas Card based on a woman artist of your choice- you can use any of these as inspiration



Angie Lewin



Yayoi Kusama



Lubna Chowdhary



Gillian Ayres

All entries to Ms Royds by the closing date

WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS ALUMAE FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 15th November 2018

7.00 p.m. (doors open at 6.30pm) **PLEASE USE CAR PARK ENTRANCE IN WOODBERRY ROAD**

Tickets £5.00 per person in advance Tickets £7.00 on the door

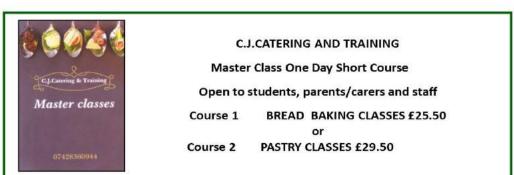
Adults only - open to staff, parents, alumnae and friends over 18 Bring YOUR own food and drink Tables of eight **Booking essential**

To book a place please contact

Lesley Winter on: 020 8509 9410

Or email: www.ukan.sch.uk





Our classes are fun, relaxed, informative and interactive. Whether you are a beginner or have more experience come along and let our chefs guide and inspire you and boost your confidence.

The courses include

- Understanding different types of YEAST (dried and fresh) or PASTRY
- Using sight, smell and touch to guide your dough/pastry making
- Baking two different styles of bread dough (including brown ad Italian bread dough)
- Baking three different styles of desserts (including a sponge base, short crust pastry, Viennese biscuits and choux paste

What is included

- All ingredients (the food is yours to take home)
- A kitchen apron will be provided (please hand in at the end of the session)

What you need to bring

- Flat soled shoes
- Long trousers and a long sleeved top

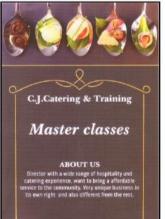
When

Course 1 Saturdays 9.30am-11.30am or 12-2pm 27 October, 3 November, 10 November, 17 November, 24 November

Course 2 Saturdays 9am-12pm or 12.30-3.30pm 27 October, 3 November, 10 November, 17 November, 24 November

Where

Walthamstow School for Girls, Church Hill E17 9RZ To sign up please contact Christopher Mob: 07428360944 Email: christopher576@hotmail.co.uk Cash or Card payment accepted on the day



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Thursday 20th December	Christmas Carol Concert 7pm

Spring Term 2019 Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019

Summer Term 2019 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

May Bank holiday Monday 6th May

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