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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Spring Term 2019
Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019
Thursday 31st January
Year 11 Parent/ Carer subject evening 4.30– 7pm
Half Term:
Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019
Thursday 7th March
Year 9 Parent/ Carer subject evening 4.30– 7pm
Thursday 21st March
Year 8 Parent/ Carer subject evening 4.30– 7pm

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy week with a range of activities, some arguably more fun, whilst others slightly more serious, as our students make plans for their future.



On Tuesday, thirty students went to see the award winning musical, 'Wicked' at the Apollo Theatre in Victoria. This is a fantastic female led performance, with a focus on the development of an unlikely friendship between two 'witches'. I hope our

students took from the musical the importance of supporting and building friendships with fellow women and girls, as well as those who may be different from us.

Ms Cornford has been as busy as our Drama students this week, as she organised yet another Drama trip which took place on Thursday to the Theatre Royal in Stratford to see 'The Unreturning', a play exploring the impact that war has had on those returning home, through the comparison of a soldier returning from the Western Front in 1918 and a soldier returning from Afghanistan in 2013. Whilst the ideas presented through this play may have challenged our students, the girls were thoroughly impressed by the dramatic techniques deployed in the performance and the opportunity to see something different.

On a more career oriented tangent, it has been an important week for our Year 10 students, who finished last week with a 'MyBnk' workshop on Friday morning. The workshop focused on topics such as saving, budgeting, public finance, social enterprise and start-up entrepreneurship, which as I am sure every parent/carer will agree are pivotal in equipping our students with the life skills they need to lead successful lives. Whilst in school we focus on the development of our students' subject specific intellectual skills, days such as these enable our students to develop wider skills which are necessary for the future.

This week, on Thursday, Year 10 students attended the Forest School Careers Fair where representatives from a range of different organisations spoke to students in regards to their future aspirations and careers, offering support and advice to help students take the next steps. Our students were invigorated and excited by the opportunities presented to them and several came away with a much clearer idea of what career they wanted to pursue.

In regards to sports news this week, students from across KS3 and KS4 will be taking part in the Waltham Forest Borough Trampolining Competition on Friday. The results will be announced in next week's bulletin, but for now, I wish the best of luck to all students competing. For more P.E. news, including some incredible wins for WSFG, please turn to page 7.

Finally, I would like to close with some news on our Year 7 students who are set to start their LORIC Coaching next week. LORIC Coaching encompasses the building of skills such as Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication which will help them both in school with their studies, and also out of school and in their future careers. The coaching will be given by a group of Year 10 students and by staff, therefore equipping our Year 7 students with a range of perspectives and experiences.



I hope staff, students and parents alike have a great weekend, despite the chill, which looks set to continue.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Year 11 Parents/ Carer Subject Evening
Thursday 31st January
4.30– 7pm

As usual, your child will have made appointments with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress **from 4.30 to 7pm**.

We ask all Year 11 students and **their parents / carers or a 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 an opportunity to discuss her mock GCSE results with subject teachers.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Desbenoit
Student Progress Leader, Year 11.

Emergency School Closures or Severe Weather

In the event of an emergency school closure the decision on whether the school stays open will be taken by the Headteacher after carrying out a risk assessment.

In the event of severe weather, the school will remain open whenever possible.

**Information about any closure will be available
on the school's website:**

www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

by phone:

020 8509 9446

or via a text message

We aim to send text messages to parents and carers, although there are sometimes delays in getting these messages through promptly, so please check the school's website for up to date information. Please ensure that the School Office has on record up to date addresses and telephone numbers including a mobile number and the person to contact in the case of a student emergency.

It is essential that the school has at least **one** land line and a mobile number.

Focus of the Fortnight

Dear Parents / Carers,

At the start of the year, all Students are issued with a PLANNER that has been carefully designed to support them with their school work, homework and general organisational skills.

Students are required to have their PLANNER in school with them at all times and if they do not, they will have an automatic 1 hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team.

If a student loses her PLANNER, she should purchase another from Student Services for the cost of £2.00.

In order to support your daughter with this Focus, please ensure she has her PLANNER with her every day for school and sign the planner as required.

Ms. K.H.Pratt
Assistant Headteacher



The Sanctions

- Students are required to have their PLANNER with them in school at all times
- The PLANNER is an essential part of their school equipment. If a student does not have her PLANNER, she will receive an automatic 1 hour detention and will have her conduct card signed.

Faculty News

Challenge Mathematics

Puzzle of the week

Congratulations to three Year 7 students from WSFG who correctly solved last week's puzzle (Puzzle 82 - Loose Change):

Nida 7W, Hira 7W, Lily 7S

Our ranking in the world for last week's puzzle is 21st.

Have a go at this week's puzzle and let's try and move up the leader board!

Ms Robinson
Challenge Coordinator



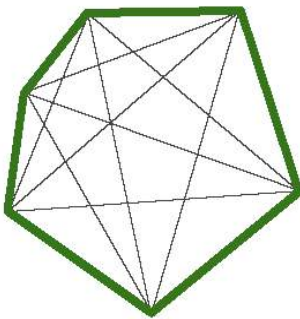
Entries open: 21/01/19

Entries close: 27/01/19



puzzle
number

83



Alyson draws lots of shapes made of different numbers of straight green lines (like the one on the left).

She joins all the corners to each other using grey lines.

She notices that one of her shapes has three times as many green lines as green lines.

How many green lines are there on that shape?

Extension: How many grey lines are there in a shape that has n green lines?



@asharpeducator

Puzzle created by Andrew Sharpe



www.puzzleoftheweek.com

"The Bigger Picture"

Art

The two paintings below are by Nicola Hepworth, Art Teacher at WSFG, and depict groups of students from the school. Some figures were developed from sketches and some from photographs.



The first painting ***A Table in an Art Lesson***

(1.6mx1.2m)

shows a group of students drawing a Cubist still life in an Art lesson. The perspective has been tilted to create a flattened image and give each students equal status in the picture. The uniforms have become digital patterned areas to refer to the constant use of data and the digital in the modern world, including social media. The task, in contrast, involves drawing with a pencil and looking at real objects in the middle of the table.

The second painting ***On the Orange Sofas with Sketchbooks*** (1.8m x 1.2m) shows a group looking at each others' sketchbooks on the orange sofas on the first floor of the school. The perspective has been tilted again to flatten the image. This creates a mural-like effect. The background flickers with electronic binary code but the group are interacting with each other, the images in the books and some are looking out to the viewer.



These paintings and others (some of which can be found on www.nicolahepworth.com) were created during and after Nicola Hepworth completed a part time Post-graduate course called "The Bigger Picture" at The Essential School of Painting (ESOP) with the artist Bob and Roberta Smith.

They will be showing at The Omnibus Theatre, Clapham Northside, until February 13th 2019, and hopefully at an East London venue later in the year.

Ms Hepworth
Teacher of Art

P.E. News

We had some fantastic end of season games with our Year 8 and 9 basketball teams last week. The Year 9 team played against Lammas (traditionally a very strong basketball school) and they won 8-5 which was a brilliant result.

The Year 8 team played against Leytonstone. It was an extremely close game. The score was 10-10 at the final whistle so we had to go to extra time. Both teams scored a basket in the first half of extra time to make the score even again and we thought we were going to have to play a further period of extra time but then *Emily 8S* scored in the final 15 seconds of the game to win 14-12!

Please congratulate the girls on a great season if you get the chance, we will hear next week if we have progressed to the borough finals:

The teams

Year 9

Rebeca 9F
Arani 9F
Sylvie 9F
Jai Ming 9F
Roya 9W
Jessica 9W

Deja 9H
Morenike 9H
Tatiana 9H

Year 8

Joni 8W
Phoenix 8W
Rosie 8W
Emily 8S
Malaika 8H

Elisa 8G
Safa 8G
Khadijatou 8G
Ranya 8G
Anaya 8G
Aleyna 8G

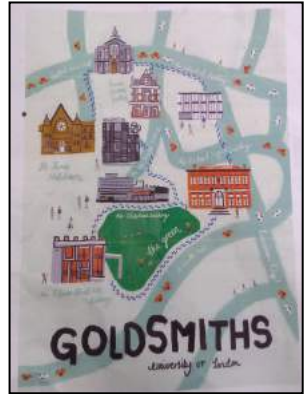


Ms Warren

Year 7 trip to Goldsmiths University

Challenge

At the beginning of term, twenty four students from Year 7 had the opportunity to spend the day at Goldsmiths University. The idea was to give an introduction to life at university and to inspire students to consider it as an option from a young age. There were four representatives from each form group who will be sharing what they learnt with their forms. Here is feedback from some of the students:



Going to Goldsmiths was one of the best experiences that I've ever had! The three student Ambassadors were very kind and helpful and showed us different parts of the university. In the afternoon we did an event planning activity where we had to plan a festival. I was very surprised to learn that Event Planning is actually a degree that can be studied at Goldsmiths!

Aimma 7W

The trip was absolutely amazing! We learnt so much and I enjoyed every minute of it. It was so cool to learn about life at university without the usual pressure which is applied when talking about the future and what it beholds. We learnt about some very crazy courses and one very interesting one – Curating. It is the study of collecting and organising Art, learning about its history and opinions about it. It was a great opportunity and I loved all of it!

Cleo 7F

I had an amazing day. We went on a tour of the campus and had to find things and answer questions. One thing that blew my mind was the Squiggle! It is a giant squiggle on top of a building and it weighs more than four hippopotami. The tour was lots of fun. Overall, it was a very useful day and a great experience. We learnt many things about life at university.



Teo 7F

We learnt many interesting things. My favourite part was the Festival planning and the tour. The most interesting thing I learnt was how big the classes can be. We went into a lecture theatre with over 300 seats! Universities are very different to schools. For example, students can still live at home but many live in university accommodation. Another main difference is that at school we have twenty five lessons each week. At university there may be as few as eight. When not in lectures, students need to study on their own, read for their course, do essays and they can join clubs and societies.



Cally 7C



It was an amazing experience to find out how many choices of courses we can study in the future and how people fulfil their dreams. I would love to go there and learn even more about the possibilities. It is amazing how free you can be to study in your own time what you love, how many life skills can be learnt, and how new friends can be made. You can have so many choices and change your life in a good way. Go to Goldsmiths! I recommend it!

Dolores 7H

Thank you to Ms Cassango and Mr Courteney who accompanied us on the trip. The next university trip for Year 7 will hopefully be to the Royal Veterinary College in the summer.

Ms Robinson
Challenge Coordinator



Music



Welcome to the Forest

Earlier this term, you may remember *Tulin* and *Maui* from the Year 10 steelband were filmed playing at No 1 Hoe Street, in preparation for their participation in Waltham Forest's 'Borough of Culture' Opening Ceremony on January 11th 2019.



As you can see their hugely magnified images were projected on to the Town Hall during the ceremony.

We are pleased that the school did feature in the community at this notable local event - once again, via the steelband!



Mr Murphy
Teacher of Steel Pans.

WSFG Hoodies Year 11 2019

1. Total cost - £16.20 (includes embroidered school badge and **2019** made with all students' names printed at the back)
Optional Name printed to back £2.50.



Year 11 students can now order their hoodies ready for Leavers' day 2019. Either:

Pop into the shop to order - Simple try on samples and order your size and colour. Or

Order on line:

Click on www.speedstitch.co.uk

2. Scroll down to school uniform and click.
3. Select “parents” - Buy online
4. Click on “W” for Walthamstow school for Girls
5. Click on leavers hoodie
6. Select your colour and size (**choose from 5 colours across 5 sizes**)
7. If monogram wanted please find the product ‘monogram’ choose the £2.50 option and add to basket. In the text box please enter your name to be printed.

Add to your basket, then select delivery option.

A) option 1 – click and collect – once ready we shall let you know when you can collect from Speedstitch E17 – DATE W/C 20/5/19 tbc

B) option 2 – delivery fee of £3.50 to be sent home. Please note this will be once the full school order is complete and will take a further 3-5 days to get to you. (we suggest click and collect).

In the order summary text box please enter the students name so we can reference the order against the correct top. As the orders come out in the name of the credit card holder.

Deadline dates

Strict Last orders Wednesday 24th April.

To meet order date of W/C 20th May.

Any queries about your order please contact shop@speedstitch.co.uk 020 8531 4800 directly.

Ms Desbenoit

SPL Year 11.

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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
26 January, 2 - 16 February,
2 March - 16 March

Course 2 Saturdays 9am-12pm or 12.30-3.30pm
26 January, 2 - 16 February,
2 March - 16 March

Where

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Community News

Motive/Motif: Artists commemorate the Suffragettes

When

Thursday 24 January 2019 - Sunday 9 June 2019

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where

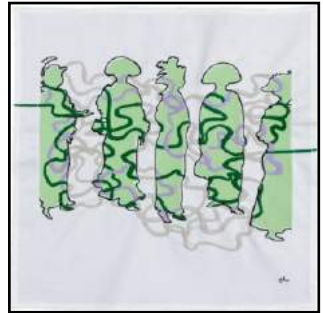
Vestry House Museum

Vestry Road, Walthamstow

London E17 9NH

020 8496 4391

vhm.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk



Cost

Free

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Private view Friday 25 January, 6.30pm – 8pm. All welcome.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 1918 Representation of the People Act, Vestry House presents an exhibition of embroidered handkerchiefs designed by 20 contemporary artists, including Rachel Whiteread, Mona Hatoum and Sarah Lucas.

The starting point for the exhibition was a piece of cloth embroidered in 1912 by Suffragettes imprisoned at Holloway Prison. Most of the 78 women who embroidered their signatures participated in demonstrations organised by the Women's Social & Political Union. They were denied the status of political prisoners and many were force-fed.

The contemporary handkerchiefs are presented alongside the historic cloth embroidered with the names of seventy-eight Suffragettes, courtesy of The Women's Library Collection at LSE. The exhibition also included photographs and information about each of the Suffragettes through an AV installation prepared by London College of Fashion, UAL.

Exhibition organised by London College of Fashion, UAL.



Examination Invigilators

Required for May 2019

Scale 3, Point 14

**Rate of pay: £10.66 per hour
(plus holiday 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 8.30am
Afternoon session start at 1.00pm

Finishing time: Depends on the length of the exam, which varies between 1 hour to 3 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, m.madhani@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk.

Please note CVs will not be accepted.

Closing date: Tuesday 29th January 2019 (Noon)
Interview date: Week commencing Monday 4th February 2019

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

School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

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Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

May Bank holiday Monday 6th May

Thursday 9th May	Year 7 Parent/Carer subject evening 4.30– 7pm
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Monday 13th May—Tuesday 18th June—GCSE Examinations Year 11

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019

Monday 3rd June—Friday 28th June	Year 10 mock examinations
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