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Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR Autumn Term 2018 End Friday 21st December 2018 Tuesday 18 December Christmas Carol Concert St Mary's Church 6.45pm for 7pm start. Friday 21st December End of term see page 9 for details. Spring Term 2019 Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019 Tuesday 9th January Year 9 options evening Thursday 31st January Year 11 Parent/Carer subject evening 4.30- 6pm	CONTENTS	PAGE	CONTENTS	PAGE
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The school has become quite festive this week, with our Christmas tree and cards from the school's competition adorning the foyer as well as decorations all over the school due to the room decoration competition being run by our LORIC student leaders.

Students and staff alike were very busy on Tuesday preparing for and then hosting the Community Party for our senior citizens who were entertained by our carol singers and musicians. A hundred visitors enjoyed raffle prizes, crackers and a visit from Santa, as well as being offered a delicious afternoon tea made and served by students. Several of our guests told me how much they enjoyed the party and I was proud of the very hard work that our staff and students put in to ensuring that a good time was had by all. My thanks to everyone including the Mayor who played a part in the event. Festivities continued with a charity Christmas jumper day on Friday, when for a donation of £1 for Save the Children Fund, students and staff wore a seasonal jumper. Next week we have the school's Christmas meal on Wednesday 19th and our Carol Concert at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 18th (see page 3).

At the weekend several students and a couple of members of staff ran around Clapham Common dressed as Santa Claus to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. As our thoughts turn to charity at this time of year, the school is continuing to funds for the charity Eat or Heat all next week through cake sales and food items are being collected across the school for the food bank – any donations you are able to make will be gratefully received. The school was also visited by a representative of the charity Education for All at lunchtime on Tuesday who spoke about the charity's work in Morocco to ensure that teenage girls receive a secondary school education which they would otherwise be unable to access. We will launch a campaign to support the girls next year.

Ms Cornford organised a Drama Trip for students to the Playhouse Theatre on Monday evening to see the Olivier Award winning musical '*Caroline, or Change*'. Also on Monday students and staff across the school participated in DEAR Day (Drop Everything and Read) when they spent the first 15 minutes of each lesson during periods 1-3 reading for pleasure.

The Smallpeice Trust came into school to run a STEM activity with sixty Year 9 students on Thursday. Thanks to Ms Healy for arranging the visit. Students participated in engineering and D&T activities as well as a marketing pitch. An article will follow next week.

Congratulations to the Year 11 students who have been selected to train as peer mentors and who undertook their first training session this week. This programme will start after Christmas. We have also completed the elections for this year's newly launched School Ambassador programme. The School Ambassadors along with two Form Reps from each year group will meet once every half term to discuss whole school issues that affect them and share ideas on further developing student voice and student leadership at WSFG.

On Thursday evening the school held a College Roadshow where information from a large number of colleges, careers and sixth form institutions was shared with the students in Year 11 and their parents in order to inform their applications for study next year.

Finally, as we approach the end of term on Friday next week, I would like to draw your attention to the arrangements for the early finish that day which are outlined on page 9.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher



**Carol Concert
Tuesday 18 December
St Mary's Church
Church End
Walthamstow
6.45 for 7pm start**

Featuring the steel pan bands, the choir
and orchestra.

All parents, carers, students, staff,
governors and alumnae are warmly invited



WSFG Community Party 2018

A huge thank you to all of our staff and students for making the 2018 Community Party a fantastic event. We couldn't do it without all of your offers of help and support and it really does mean so much to all of our elderly guests.

What a brilliant community we have here!

Thank you.

Ms Philippou

Assistant Headteacher





Presentation Evening 2018

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of attending the annual Presentation Evening, as a member of the Alumnae Committee (and a VIP guest- what an honour!), and it was a heart-warming event, as ever. I had the pleasure of meeting Waltham Forest's Mayor, Cllr Sally Littlejohn, and the specially- invited speaker, alumna Miriam Fagan, for refreshments with Ms Davies, Danielle Ferguson (Chair of the Alumnae Committee) , Mariam Musa (member of the committee) and Miriam's proud mother and husband before the event, and was struck by the warmth Danielle and Miriam shared. They had been in the same year at WSFG, but hadn't seen each other since they left and had lots of memories and news to share. The Mayor was evidently struck by the relaxed atmosphere on her first visit to WSFG, and enjoyed the delicious nibbles provided by the school catering team, too.

Once we were seated in Hewett Hall, it soon became evident that this was going to be a particularly memorable Presentation Evening, as the hall was set up in a new format, and the students were even more attentive than usual. It was Ms Warren's first Presentation Evening as SPL, and everything ran very smoothly. Ms Davies welcomed everyone and praised the girls for their amazing results, which were even more impressive as they were the first cohort (guinea pigs, perhaps..) for the new exam format. Mr Shackson welcomed three gifted students to perform: *Lily Deason* (steel pans), *Kalila Hambloch* and *Pearl Bador* (voice), who represented the very high standard of musical talent in the year group. Everyone enjoyed their performances immensely and a very positive atmosphere was generated which lasted throughout the evening. Ms Davies read the Chair of Governor's speech, as Ms Barker was unable to attend, and the certificates were presented by Miriam Fagan, giving everyone a chance to admire the colourful and stylish outfits the students were wearing for this important occasion. Mustard, tartan, DMs and extra- long eyelashes seemed to be the most popular choices!

Then came the special awards and speeches: Danielle Ferguson, Chair of the Alumnae, encouraged the students not to forget their school friends and staff, and to keep in touch in the future. She had found it difficult to wear bottle green for many years, but was proud to be involved with the school again and urged students to consider joining the Alumnae in the future. She presented two awards from the Alumnae: to *Sidra Chaudry*, for making the most progress from Key Stage 3 to the end of Key Stage 4, and *Lily Deason* for her Outstanding Contribution to the School and the Community.

Subject awards were also presented, including awards for effort as well as achievement, and for 100% attendance. Ms Warren spoke about the challenges, fun and heartbreak of working with this year group; in particular, she remembered *Dilara Ozbek*, whose tragic early death had affected everyone so much. Guest speaker Miriam Fagan took to the stage, with a gripping tale about a 'young lady she knows' who had been expelled from two secondary schools before ending up at WSFG as a last chance in year 9. Everyone in the hall was attentive as she described how this girl, with the help of patient and

understanding teachers, made friends and found her feet at last and gained some good GCSEs, against the predictions of the Heads of her previous schools. She then continued with her education, going on to university and further training, despite being diagnosed with dyslexia and being discouraged by some of her lecturers. She eventually specialised in children's safeguarding, and now runs a consultancy with her mother, who had supported her along the way. She then revealed that she was in fact the young lady in question, who had been saved and encouraged by WSFG all those years ago! This revelation made a big impression on students, parents/carers, staff and guests alike, as no one would have imagined that the confident, poised, articulate young woman speaking to us could have been the difficult and troubled teenage girl she described. I'm sure this speech will be remembered by everyone who heard it.

We then adjourned to the dining hall for photographs, delicious food and spiced drinks. It was great to congratulate students on their GCSEs and special awards, and to find out what they were doing now; I met someone who was at naval college, hoping to become an officer, and another student who was painting in her bedroom and hoped to establish herself as an artist. Other girls were pursuing long-held dreams to study medicine and act; some were already enjoying the world of work at the local hospital, and there were LOTS of very proud parents in the room!

All in all, it was a hugely enjoyable evening, and I'm sure all the girls who attended will have fond memories of the Presentation Evening, thanks to the support of their devoted SPL, teachers, support staff and parents. Thank you for inviting me!

Mrs Finamore
former Community Liaison Co-ordinator



Miriam Fagan and
Danielle Ferguson

*Sidra Chaudry,
collecting her award*



*Lily Deason
collecting her award*



WSFG Christmas card competition



Here is a selection of the entries to our Christmas card competition.



The winners will be announced in next week's Greensheet.

Attendance figures for November 2018.

The following are the attendance figures for November 2018 and total so far. Winners postcards have already been issued.

Well done to 7G, 8F, 9S, 10G & 11C for being November winners.

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

Ms King
Attendance Manager



Information for staff / students

The final day of Autumn Term is Friday 21st December 2018

- ☆ ALL lessons 1 – 3 are as normal.
- ☆ 12.25pm – back to Tutor Rooms for taking down decorations, clearing and PM registration.
- ☆ Register **MUST** be taken please.
- ☆ There will be a normal breaktime offer in the canteen.
- ☆ There will be no lunchtime offer.
- ☆ Friday 21st December will be a non-uniform day with proceeds going towards the Community Party for the Elderly.
- ☆ The jewellery rules still apply on this day and lanyards **must** be worn.
- ☆ Tutor Groups dismissed by SPL or LT at approx 12.45pm
- ☆ School finishes at 12.45pm and no students will be allowed to remain in school beyond this time.

The first day of the Spring Term for students is Monday 7th January 2019

- ◆ All Students are expected in **FULL** school uniform and to be in school at the correct time.
- ◆ The Focus of the Fortnight will be on correct Uniform and Lanyards.
- ◆ This will be a Week B.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Ms.K.H.Pratt

Assistant Headteacher.

The Focus of the Fortnight
17th December – 18th January 2019
aspects of the school uniform.
Clothing, Jewellery, Lanyards, Conduct Cards, One-Card.

Dear Parents / Carers,

The focus will include clothing, jewellery, lanyards, conduct cards and one-cards. It is vital that your child is correctly equipped for school, including wearing the correct uniform. The school has clear rules about uniform and jewellery which are detailed on page 9 of your child's Student Planner. The sanctions for not following the school rules are detailed below.

In addition, we are also asking that your child does not wear brightly coloured underwear that shows through their white school shirt as this is inappropriate for school. They must also be wearing a school skirt of a modest length and there will be a sanction applied if they are not. We expect all our students to be dressed modestly for school and if the uniform rules are followed correctly this will be the case.

Thank you for your support of the school in this Focus and in all other matters.

Ms.K.H.Pratt
 Assistant Headteacher

The Focus.
UNIFORM
Clothing, Jewellery, Lanyards, Conduct Cards, One-Card.

- If a student is wearing a non-uniform item, it will be confiscated and they will be asked to change into an item of correct uniform provided by the school. The student will collect any confiscated uniform items at the end of the day from her SPL. The conduct card will be signed.
- If a student is wearing a skirt that is too short, they will be asked to adjust it but if it is still too short, they will be asked to change into an item of correct and appropriate uniform provided by the school. The conduct card will be signed. **If a student is wearing her school skirt rolled up at the waistband to shorten it, the conduct card will be signed for a uniform infringement.**
- Any items of non-uniform jewellery will be confiscated and Parents / Carers will be sent a letter asking them to collect the item just before the next half term holiday. (This will NOT be returned at the end of the day). The conduct card will be signed.
- If the lanyard or conduct card are not worn, there will be an automatic one hour detention that the Parents / Carers will be informed of by letter. The conduct card will be signed.
- Please see page 9 of the Student Planner for uniform and jewellery regulations at WSFG.
- Blazers are **COMPULSORY** for Year 7, 8 and 9 students and they **MUST** be worn at all times in school unless permission is given by staff to remove them.



A huge thank you for all your kind donations which will enable local families have a better Christmas.

A cake sale and raffle was held on Friday 14th December and monies raised will go to help Eat or Heat in the new year. Further events will be held next term so watch this space. Thank you.
The WSFG Eat or Heat team.



Faculty News

Maths Inspiration

Last month, 30 students from Year 10 had the opportunity to attend three inspirational maths lectures at the Savoy Theatre, by Matt Parker, Hugh Hunt and Ben Sparks. Here is some feedback about the event:

Throughout the talks we learnt how mathematics is used in the real world which helped us to think about different career paths involving maths. For example, maths and engineering go hand in hand to produce high-functioning products of technology. We also learnt about the dangers of gambling.

Overall it was a great opportunity and a fantastic enrichment experience.



Brianna and Amy

The Maths Inspiration trip was an excellent opportunity to show the importance of working hard at the subject and how it can help us in so many ways. Matt Parker spoke about mathematical mistakes in the real world, then Hugh Hunt did a very interactive presentation where he discussed the formula $F=ma$. Finally, Ben Sparks talked about probability and the connection between maths and music. Overall it was a very educational trip.

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Ben Sparks talked about the 'Sacred Geometry of Chance'. He spoke about how probability affects populations and about the probabilities involved in a game of poker. He also used a practical demonstration of how probabilities can be counter-intuitive. It only needs 60 people for it to be almost certain that two people in the group will share a birthday. All in all, it was a really good talk and I would give the whole experience 10/10. It was very educational and I think more people should be able to have more opportunities like this more often. It really brought maths to life.

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I think the Maths Inspiration trip was very useful as it showed the connection between maths and engineering in a very interactive way, using spinning wheels, balls and boomerangs! It gave me a much better understanding of motion and spin. It's nice to know that maths has so many applications to daily life, and is not all about passing exams. The talk was a very good visual learning experience. I would recommend going to more talks like this as they stimulate the brain and make us think, much more than a textbook. I really do hope I can do more of this in the future as it was such an inspiring educational and enjoyable day.

Mahima

Thank you to Ms Black and Mr Courtenay for joining us.

Ms Robinson

Challenge Coordinator

ICT

Office 365 Update

We have now been using Office 365 with all of our Year 7 students since September. Students have had the opportunity to take their notes using Microsoft Teams (this is part of Office 365). They can include images and drawings with their notes and these notes are accessible from home and school.

Another feature of Microsoft Teams is the ability for teachers to set online assignments, students can then complete the assignments from home as well as from school. Their teacher can then mark these assignments and provide students with some feedback and a grade with is instantly available to their students (no waiting to get exercise books back!).

We asked some of our year 7 students to let us know what they think of Office 365:

Mr Bryant
Head of ICT

Office 365 is great for communication. Also it is really easy and fun to do homework on it.
Zoha

You don't need an exercise book; you can just keep your notes using Teams - Class Notes.
Maria

Office 365 is good because it lets us share things with each other and you can find it on any device.
Aatikah

You can access assignments on it. You can make notes on it. You don't need a USB to access documents.
Amelie

There are cool fonts and stickers.
Matilda

Lost Property

Reminder to Parents/Carers.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled. Blazers should be named with labels or in indelible pen.

Students are reminded that you can collect lost property at **3.30pm** every day. Parents and carers may also collect lost property on **any day after school**.

All lost property will be **removed** from the box on the last day of term. Have a lovely break.

Ms Jolliffe
Student Services



Community Events

Sunday 16th December, Friends of Lloyd Park Christmas Sing-A-Long

2-4pm the Friends of Lloyd Park will be holding an afternoon of festive cheer in the park. They will have music from a Choir and christmassy food and drink including mulled wine, hot spiced apple juice (with optional rum), mince pies, biscuits and homemade bakes. The William Morris Gallery will be running crafty family activities too.

Monday 17th December Christmas Carol Concert, St Mary's Church, Church End, E17 9RL.

Doors 7.45 8-9pm free. Stmaryswalthamstow.org

Tuesday 18th December Waltham Forest Civic Carol Concert

Get into the festive spirit at the annual carol concert in the beautiful surrounds of Walthamstow Assembly Hall. Join children and young people from Waltham Forest Music Service who will perform all your favourite carols interspersed with traditional readings from the Christmas story. 7pm to 9.30pm and is free to attend.

Sunday 23rd December Carols By Candlelight, St Mary's Church, Church End, E17 9RL. 7-8.15pm Free. Londonforestchoir.org

Gnome House Winter Warmer - Sat 15 December



**Please join us on Saturday 15th December 2018
for our annual 'Winter Warmer.'**

Time: 12pm – 7pm

Location: 7 Blackhorse Lane, E17 6DS

Carols – Father Christmas – Coffee from Perky Blenders

Craft Beer from Left Bank Brewery

Sweet and Savoury Vegan Snacks from Marli's Kitchen

African Drumming – Art Exhibition

Arts and crafts activities for children

Face Painting and more!

The festive programme also includes:

12.00 Doors opened by Father Christmas

12.45 Christmas Carols by the Roger Ascham Primary School Choir

1.15 Tree planting with Father Christmas in our new garden

1.30 Meet Father Christmas

1.45 Mbilla Arts CIC African Drumming Circle. Plus an opportunity to use the drums after the performance (with Father Christmas)

School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3rd September to Friday 21st December 2018

Tuesday 18th December

Christmas Carol Concert

Friday 21st December 2018

The final day of Autumn Term

see page 9 for details

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Tuesday 9th January

Year 9 options evening

Thursday 31st January

Year 11 Parent/Carer subject evening

4.30- 6pm

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

Thursday 7th March

Year 9 Parent/Carer subject evening

4.30- 6pm

Thursday 21st March

Year 8 Parent/Carer subject evening

4.30- 6pm

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- 6pm

Monday 13th May—Tuesday 18th June—GCSE Examinations Year 11

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