



GREENSHEET



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Week 'B'

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	HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE			
School Calendar Dates 2019-2020 Autumn Term 2019 Monday 2 September to Friday 20 December 2019 Wednesday 4th September 2019. Autumn Term starts for ALL students. NEW Year 7 students at 9.30am All other Years 8-11 at 1.30pm Half Term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019	<p>Dear Parents and Carers,</p> <p>As we reach the penultimate week of the Summer Term, our annual GREEN team building trips and other events have taken place throughout the week.</p> <p>Beginning on Monday (with further trips taking place on Wednesday and Thursday), our Year 8 group went to the Herts Young Mariners Base on the River Lea where they took part in a range of adventurous and challenging activities including, kayaking, climbing and paddle boarding as part of their GREEN reward trip. Our students had a fantastic time and were lucky to escape the current humidity we have been facing by falling off their paddle boards!</p> <p>On Tuesday and Friday our remaining Year 9 students visited All Star Lanes (the bowling alley) as part of their GREEN reward trip, following their fellow Year 9 peers who went last week. Our Year 9 students also thoroughly enjoyed their trip. My thanks to all the staff involved in the organisation of these trips and the staff who accompanied our students.</p> <p>Also on Tuesday, we welcomed back our incoming Year 6 student and their parents and carers for an information evening. They met key staff and were entertained by one of our musicians, Julia from Year 8, who played the violin.</p>			

On Thursday, our musical performers spent the day rehearsing for the Summer Concert, ahead of the performance which took place in the evening. There was a variety of talent on display including our renowned steel pan bands, our orchestras, rock bands as well as our solo performers. There was a special guest appearance



by Ms Cornford singing '*New York, New York*' accompanied by the Chamber Orchestra. It was a lovely way to celebrate nearing the end of the academic year and both myself and our Chair of Governors, Gillian Barker, were delighted to see so many members of our school community there.

On Friday, we also hosted our annual public speaking competition for our Year 8 students. I am always impressed by the standard of our students, as well as the confidence they demonstrate eloquently and passionately through their speeches, particularly when in front of an audience of their peers and teachers. I would like to thank Ms Cato for helping to prepare students as well as supporting them throughout the competition. Our winner will be revealed in the next edition of the Greensheet.

Not only did we have students taking part in activities throughout the school week, twenty four Year 10 students will be undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition this weekend in Chelmsford, camping overnight on Saturday. Fortunately, it looks like the weather will be on their side - I hope our students find their way back to the campsite and they are back in school on Monday for the final week before the summer holidays.

On one last note, a reminder to all parents, carers and students that we will finish the Summer Term with an early closure next week on **Friday 19th July from 12.30p.m.**

See page 4 for Autumn term information.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

WSFG SPORTS DAY 2019**Tuesday 16th July**

We will be holding our annual Sports Day on Tuesday 16th July at the Feel Good Centre. Students will be dismissed from there and will not be escorted back to school, if you wish to pick your child up, please meet her by the TOWN HALL FOUNTAIN at 3:30pm.

The bullet points below explain exactly how our afternoon is run, if you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school:

- Lessons 1, 2 and 3 will be as normal. Competitors taking part in field events will complete these in school.
- Lunch will be as normal for all students and will finish at 1:20pm when all students will report to their form room as they usually do and registers will be taken.
- Students will then be escorted down to the Feel Good Centre by their form tutor and an additional member of staff between 1:25-1:30pm.
- All students and staff will enter the Feel Good Centre track via the side gate on Chestnut Fields. No students will be permitted to leave the track during the afternoon.
- All students must be in their designated area by 1:50pm and events will start at 1:55pm.
- Spectators (students and staff) are situated around the edge of the track in a designated area for their form. Competitors will wait in the middle of the field.
- All students will be dismissed after the final results have been given at approximately 3:30pm using the side gate and students will make their own way home from the Feel Good Centre.

Any parents/carers picking up students need to collect them by the TOWN HALL FOUNTAIN. Please ensure that your child knows that she is to wait for you at the fountain and that she must exit the track via the Chestnut Fields gate.

Unfortunately due to Health and Safety regulations it is not possible for parents/carers to spectate at our Sports Day.

P.E. Faculty

Information for Staff, Students and Parents / Carers

The final day of Summer Term is Friday 19th July 2019

- ☆ ALL lessons 1 – 3 are as normal.
- ☆ There will be no break or lunchtime offer for students.
- ☆ Friday 19th July will be a non-uniform day with proceeds going towards a Year Group charity donation. The cost is £1.
- ☆ The jewellery rules still apply on this day and lanyards **must** be worn.
- ☆ School dismissed from 12.30pm

The first day of the Autumn Term for ALL students is Wednesday 4th September 2019.

- ☆ **NEW** Year 7 students at **9.30am**
- ☆ All other Year 8 – 11 at **1.30pm**
- ☆ 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 A.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Ms.K.H.Pratt
Assistant Headteacher.



Families and Homes Directorate

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 Date: 11 July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that we have been undertaking a consultation process with regard to SEND funding, through our use of the High Needs Block (HNB) funding that we receive from the Government. This consultation ended on the 10 July 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you that have responded, either through one of the consultation meetings, through the online survey, or by contacting us directly to provide feedback. All of your responses are being collated and carefully considered, and will inform the next stages of the process, along with any final decision.

The Council very much recognises that this remains a sensitive, complex and challenging issue, and one which many Local Authorities are facing. The Council has decided to delay taking a decision on the current proposals so that further engagement can take place with key stakeholders and to allow for further dialogue with the Government regarding the funding arrangements for SEND.

Having considered the responses to the consultation received so far including feedback from our public meetings, we have decided to create a SEND Stakeholder Engagement Group. The group will discuss the funding arrangements, consider feedback from the consultation and provide feedback and ideas to further develop proposals. The intention is that members of this Group will attend three 'SEND workshops', which will be held in late July and early September (proposed dates are Wednesday 24 July 10:00-11:00am, Tuesday 3 September 3:00-5:00pm and Thursday 12 September 2:00-4:00pm).

The Group will include representatives from the LA, the SEND Parent Forum, Schools and also individual Parent/Carers who are not part of the Parent Forum. We want five representatives who are parents/carers of children with SEN to take part in this process. We will invite five representatives of Schools and two representatives from the SEND Parent Forum. If you would like to be one of the parents/carers who takes part please see below.

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Following the workshops, a report will be taken to Schools Forum in October. It is anticipated that any Council decision regarding the proposals will take place later that month.

Should any Parent/Carer wish to volunteer to be part of the SEND Stakeholder Engagement Group, they should send their request to Natasha Clayton at Natasha.clayton@walthamforest.gov.uk by Friday 19 July at 12pm.

All applicants must be prepared to attend the workshops on the dates that are being proposed. Selection of those who will be invited to take part (in the event that more than five applications are received) will be based on the needs of the group to cover the broadest range of ages and needs of our cohort of SEND young people.

Once again can I thank you for all of your engagement and responses that we have received to date. I look forward to continuing to work with you to find the best solutions for our young people and families.

Yours sincerely

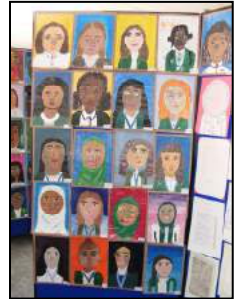
Linzi Roberts-Egan
 Deputy Chief Executive

Faculty News

Year 7 GREEN Day

GREEN DAY is an annual event held by Year 7 to raise money and display their art and work which they have done over the past year. GREEN day was held during school last Thursday.

This year's chosen charity to raise money for was Samuel's charity. Samuel was a nine year old boy who was diagnosed with a rare type of cancer. He was very disappointed with the meals given to the children whilst in hospital and so he decided to take it upon himself, with the help of his dad, to raise money for the hospital to accommodate better meals. He wanted the other children to have a decent choice as a meal isn't just a meal for them, it is one of the things that can bring a little pleasure on an often horrible and scary day.



So now the hospital has a completely re-vamped menu for the children along with staff dedicated to supporting and helping the children their meals. Samuel started his charity to help sick kids and their families get through what is most likely the worst time in their lives, to make their time more bearable and to bring some relief, fun and hope to their day. Samuel's Charity helps any sick children, whether in hospital or not.



There were multiple stalls to raise money such as a mini bar, a raffle, a coffee and Hot chocolate stand, a marvellous book store as well as donation for entry to the exhibition.



Year 7 successfully raised over £150 which will be a great help to Samuel's charity.

Raising money for such an incredible charity like Samuel's and having fun at the same time is a wonderful feeling.

Nuriyah 7C

As a GREEN rep I really enjoyed the day, it was a fun social event where I could have fun with my friends and enjoy the creative stalls such as nail painting. Having our art displayed made me feel like I had achieved something, I'm satisfied with how the day turned out.

Boluwatife 7C

Ms Philippou Assistant Headteacher

London Youth Games Indoor Rowing

At the weekend three students competed in the London Youth Games.

Abigail 10F competed in the indoor rowing and won the Year 10 girls event. *Abby* rowed 1386 metres in five minutes, finishing just over 40 metres ahead of the next competitor.



Abby along with *Aoife* 10F and *Ella* 9W also competed the day before and helped the girls' swimming team finish 8th overall, which is a significant improvement on previous years and is a very respectable placing when you consider that there are thirty London Boroughs.

In the senior girls medley relay, *Aoife* (50 breast stroke) and *Abby* (50 butterfly) and two other girls swimming backstroke and freestyle came 5th, which was a great result and made them the best placed Waltham Forest relay team.

Well done to all our student competitors!



Ms Wood
SPL Year 9
Head of PE

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Looking for parents and carers to join our 'WSFG Friends' & Carers Alumnae Group'

WSFG Alumnae is expanding - and you could be a part of it!

WSFG Alumnae is made up of a small committee of alumnae and school staff with an active interest in the school. In the past years, we have held monthly meetings in our bid to keep alumnae updated on each other and the school's development and its activities.

We successfully produce a termly newsletter, have a dedicated web area, have held a regular quiz night, run the Open House at the school every year and support the school with events and initiatives. We would like to continue doing so and would welcome the contribution of parents and carers of students to establish a wider community of friends and alumnae and to reinvigorate the group to do more.

If you are interested in joining or would like to be kept updated on the next steps, please get in touch with us:

wsgalumnae@gmail.com

For more information visit our website:

<https://www.wsfq.waltham.sch.uk/alumnae/whoarewe>

Thank you for your support.
Alumnae Committee

Merchandise

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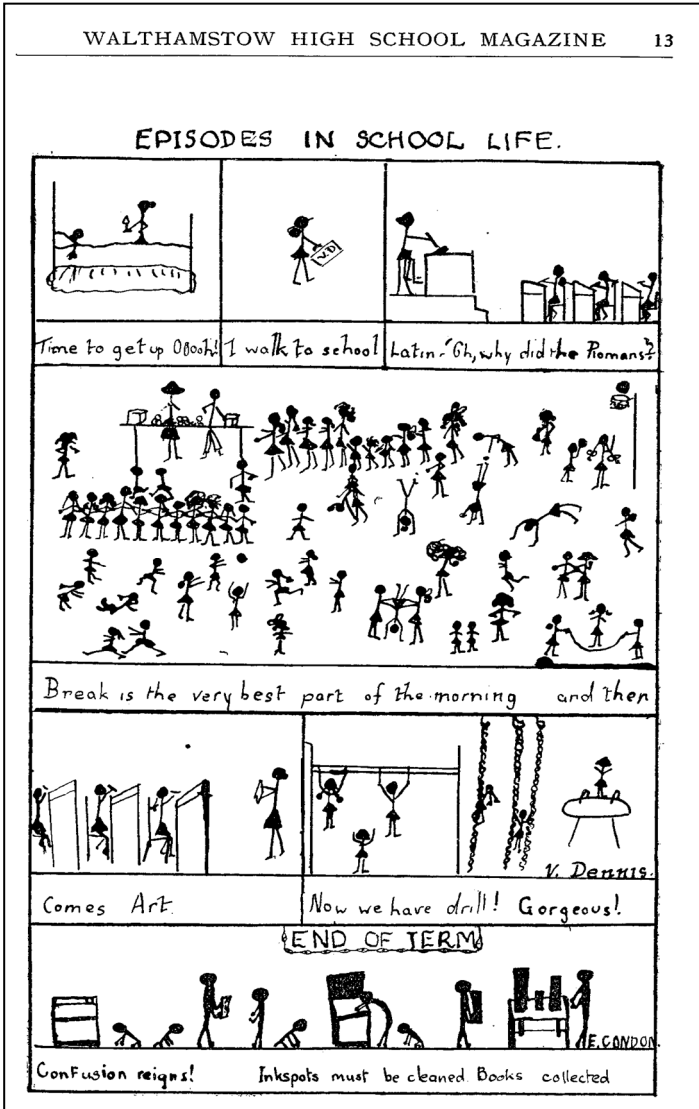
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Our School History

Here is a cartoon from the December 1929 edition of the *Iris* magazine. School life is much the same but life is somewhat easier when inkspots do not have to be sanded off the wooden tables!

Ms Kelly
LRC Manager





**OPEN HOUSE LONDON –
At Walthamstow School For Girls
Saturday 21st September, 2019
10.00am-1.00pm**

Walthamstow School for Girls will again be involved in the Open House London, an architectural design event which takes place on the weekend of 21st-22nd September 2019.

The school building, which is Grade II listed, will be open for tours highlighting the architectural features on Saturday 21st September between 10.00am and 1.00pm only, with the final tour at 12.30pm.

For information regarding other buildings across all areas of London open to the public over that weekend, please visit the Open House London website <https://www.openhouselondon.org.uk/>. Entrance to buildings is free of charge.

O Kelly, LRC Manager



Community Event

Girls Rock London (GRL!)



Who we are

Girls Rock London (GRL!) is a music project for girls and women in London. We are part of a movement of rock camps that take place all over the world, united by a desire to achieve gender equality in the music industry and to ensure that all girls and women get the chance to make music. The aims of the project are to empower girls and women – regardless of previous musical experience – to write and perform music, and to build self-confidence.

The programme we run is a mixture of musical/technical tuition and workshops, which together help to build participants' self-esteem and confidence, and provide a platform for girls and women to find and develop their voices. Rock Camp is all about trying new things, working together and making lots of NOISE

Registration for Girls Rock London 2019 is now open!!

GRL! welcomes applicants who self-identify as girls, women, trans* and/or gender non-conforming. Open to girls, young women, trans and gender non-conforming youth aged 11-16.

Our Summer Rock Camp is a week-long programme featuring instrument instruction, workshops, visiting artists, band practice and a showcase performance. Campers have instrument tuition every day in groups of five, and at the end of the week perform an original song they have written with their bands, and the support of coaches and mentors, in front of friends and family.

The programme is designed to improve participants' confidence and self-esteem, and our 1:1 volunteer/participant ratio means that we provide tailored musical and pastoral support to participants. All sessions are led by our amazing team of volunteers – women, trans and gender nonconforming folks with experience in the music industry, education and youth work.

This year's camp will be held at Berger Primary School in Hackney from Monday, July 29th to Saturday August 3rd inclusive.

Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/y6fl3ufn>

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Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020

Easter Holiday Monday 6 April 2020 to Friday 17 April 2020**Summer Term 2020****Monday 20 April 2020 to Monday 20 July 2020**

Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020