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SCHOOL CALENDAR Autumn Term 2018 End Friday 21st December 2018

Half Term: Monday 22nd -Friday 26th October

Tuesday 30th October Year 7 Parent/ Carer information evening 6-7pm

Tuesday 6th November Year 11 Parent/ Carer information evening 6-7pm

Thursday 8th November Year 10 Parent/ Carer subject evening 6-7pm

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We enjoyed showing approximately a thousand visitors around the school at our Open Day on Thursday last week, with more visitors looking around during the school day on Monday and Thursday this week. I would like to thank all the students who helped



staff and who volunteered to represent the school by acting as tour guides, helping in faculties, giving demonstrations, entertaining us by playing steel pans, serving refreshments, or helping in other ways - the enthusiasm and positivity they brought to their tasks



made me proud. Special mention must go to our performers *Nuriya* (11S) who played 'The Swan' by Camille Saint-Saëns on oboe and *Firdaous* (11F) who sang "Sandcastles" by Beyonce and also to *Zoe* (7C), *Tanvi* (7S), *Eve* (11H) and again *Firdaous* who spoke most eloquently. They

performed twice, each time to a packed Hewett Hall. The speakers told the audiences about their experiences at WSFG.

Zoe and Tanvi spoke to the prospective students about the transition from primary to secondary school and offered advice for next September and *Eve* and *Firdaous* spoke about the many opportunities they have had during their time at WSFG, including, for *Eve*, a trip to Zanzibar in the summer term. I also thank my staff for their support during Open Evening in preparing inspiring displays, arranging for student helpers and all the hard work that goes into giving parents a taste of what happens in the various faculties at WSFG. I hope we were able to give our visitors a flavour of WSFG.



The parents of our Year 7 students were invited to the Parents' Sharing Evening to hear musical entertainment prepared by each Year 7 form class during their first few weeks at the school.

I enjoyed the evening tremendously and look forward to seeing this musical talent develop over the next few years. This is the second year that Ms Bradshaw and her colleagues in the Performing Arts Faculty have shared their early work with Year 7 parents and I am sure that all our parents and carers value the effort that goes into putting on an event of this kind and appreciate the work that Ms Bradshaw and the other music teachers do, much of it outside school hours, to support their daughters' education.

On Wednesday afternoon the same group of parents and carers came into school to discuss how their daughters have settled in during their first half term at WSFG with their form tutors. I hope that the Year 7 students and their families already feel at home, even though it has only been a matter of just weeks since they started at WSFG.



A reminder to parents/carers with daughters in Year 7 that they also have a Parents Information Evening in the week following half term when, on Tuesday 30th October (6.00-7.00pm), important information for that year group in the coming year will be shared with them.

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Ms Wood took some time out of our INSET day on Friday to accompany a group of students to the Waltham Forest Borough Cross Country Championships at Jubilee Park. The competition for students in Years 10-13 was over a distance of 4000m. I am delighted to announce that *Aoife* (10F) came first in her year group and an impressive second overall in the 4000m race (beaten only by one of our former students, Annalie, now in Year 12 at Forest School). Well done to *Aoife* and to *Becki* (11W) who came fifth overall and third in her year group. WSFG had students competing in the Year 8 category, (3000m) – *Malaika* (8H) who came second and *Demmy* (8C) who was 15th out of around 200 competitors. The Year 7 team raced over 2600m and *Lois* (7W) was 5th, *Betty* (7G) was 10th and *Aminah* (7C) and *Niamh* (7H) were 15th and 16th respectively. Congratulations to all our runners and thank you for representing the school so well.





On Saturday there was another event for our runners. Ms Simpson and Ms Janes accompanied a group of students to Hyde Park for a 5K charity run in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. Please see the article from one of our students on page6.

After school on Wednesday the Year 9 netball team played their last match of the season against Frederick Bremer and won 10-2. I am told that the players were fantastic and gave 100% throughout the match. Well done to: *Deja* (9H) the captain and *Grace* (9G) player of the match and to *Molly* (9G), *Morenike and Zaini* (9H), *Sylvie* (9F), *Jessica and Roya* (9W), *Rebeca, Jai-Ming* and *Arani* (9F). On the same evening the Year 10/11 team played Highams Park and won 14-3. They are now through to the borough semi-finals.

Hearty congratulations to the team: the captain, *Maria* (11F) and *Melissa* (11S) the player of the match and to *Amie* (11S) *Hannah* (11H), *Deepthighaa, Marianne* and *Shanai* (10H) *Aini* (10W), and *Olivia* and *Chiara* (10G). Two fantastic scorelines for WSFG!

The school's celebration of Black History Month has continued this week with competitions running until after half term, so students still have next week to complete their entries, and heritage menus selected and prepared by the students and our chef being served in the Dining Hall. On Friday 12th some of our students and former students attended an event at Walthamstow Assembly Hall to acknowledge the achievements of Young Gifted and Black students in the borough. Ms Cato accompanied the students to the event and they were all excited to receive awards for their achievements at KS3 and KS4 in front of an audience of very proud parents.

This half term has seen many activities taking place throughout the school and I am sure we will all be grateful for next week's half term break to prepare ourselves for the run up to Christmas, which is always a very busy time. I wish all WSFG students and their families an enjoyable and healthy holiday and look forward to seeing the students again on Monday 29th October at the usual time.

Meryl Davies Headteacher

Important dates for Parent /Carers				
	Parent Information Evenings 2018-19 (special information pertaining to your daughter's year).			
	Tuesday 30 th October	6.00-7.00pm	Year 7	
	Tuesday 6th November	6.00-7.00pm	Year 11	
	Tuesday 27 th November	6.00-7.00pm	Year 8	
	Parent Subject Evenings (r Thursday 8th November Det	neet your daughte 6.00-7.00pm rails to follow	r's teachers). Year 10	

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Year 7 Sharing Evening

A number of Year 7 students took part in the second ever Year 7 Sharing Evening on Monday 15th October 2018. It was lovely to see the work of our youngest students shown off so proudly to their parents, peers and staff.



The repertoire included One Call Awaysung by 7F; Leave The Light On- sung by 7S; You've Got A Friend In Me- sung by 7W; Lean On Me- sung by 7C; Whistle Down The Wind- sung by 7G and the finale 'I'll Be There' which was performed by the entire year group.



Congratulations to all of the brave soloists, including *Cleo* 7F who performed 'Irish Washerwoman' on the violin. A piece that we are more used to hearing on the Steel Pans. The final thank you should go to all of the students who performed in the event and the Performing Arts Department.

Eli 11F







Black History Month Competition-Year 7, 8 and 9

Deadline 5th November

Create a piece of artwork inspired by a black artist of your choice. Hand in to your art teacher or give into the art office

Have you downloaded the new SIMS Parent app?

Receive alerts about your child's attendance, behaviour and achievement, direct to your phone.

Simply visit the App or Play Store and download SIMS Parent to get started.

Or login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk

Ask your school for more information.





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Office 365@WSFG

This academic year, all year 7 students will be using Office 365 in their computing lessons to support their learning. They can use Office 365 from home and from school. Students have access to Word, PowerPoint and Excel no matter what device they are using, it could be an iPad, Chrome Book, laptop or PC. They also have a storage area called One Drive, where they have 1000 gigabytes of storage.



One of the advantages of using Office 365 is that it will read back whatever a student has written. Students can change the background colour of the text so that it is easier to read. They can also change a setting so that the verbs, nouns adjectives and adverbs are highlighted in different colours.

Each student also has an electronic exercise book where they can take notes. These notes can include drawings, text and links to resources. There is also an area of the notebook where they can collaborate with other students and another area where the teacher can share resources.

Their teacher can set assignments using Office 365 and students can hand-in their assignments online – no more paper sheets that can get lost.

Mr Bryant Head of ICT

Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity Run



On Saturday 13th October some of the students from WSFG ran the Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity run. Ms Simpson and Mrs Janes ran with us and completed it in an amazing 28 minutes!

From the bake sale and the school's Just Giving page we managed to raise £312.17.

All of this money will go to help the country's terminally sick children. The run was very much enjoyed by all and it was inspiring to see the poorly children cheer us on and some even participated too!







Thank you for the generosity of teachers and pupils donating money and buying cakes at our bake sale, because of you the bake sale was a tremendous success. We have helped children to have a better chance of living. Some children will now be able to have lifesaving operations or medication. Thank you once again for all your help and donations.

Edith 8F

This is the link to our just giving page if parents want to continue to make donations

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/walthamstow-school-for-girls2018 .

Ms Simpson Interim Deputy Head of English Faculty

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

Our School History

Here is a poem from the December 1927 *Iris* magazine, which many of our current students taking exams and tests will be able to relate to. The title is ironic, as you will see when you read the poem.

Ms Kelly, LRC Manager

"Our Carefree Youth."

LAST night we decided to get up at five And 'swot-up' some words that from Latin derive, Prepare last week's history, an essay to write, To translate some French at the very first sight, To juggle with x's, with y's and with z's, And generally cudgel our sleepy young heads. Alas! though at eight the alarm clock went off, We shiver and growl as our nightdress we doff. Five minutes for breakfast, no more can we stay, We put on our hats and then run all the way. We think of the test we've been promised to do In Latin, and English and Arithmetic too. We shudder and groan as we enter the room, "Rough note-books and pencils" – those words full of doom; Well-known and expected they fall on our ears, As hopeless and helpless we burst into tears.

G. McFarlane (Va)

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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Community Events

Saturday 20th October British Dyslexia Association Pop-Up Road Show

<u>Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association (WFDA)</u> are pleased to support the British Dyslexia Association's Pop-up Roadshow, delivered by BDA CEO, Helen Boden, with guest speakers, from Microsoft, SEN Legal and John Hicks. This event is aimed at parents and carers of young people with dyslexia and those who have a general interest in finding out more about this learning difference. The roadshow is on **Saturday 20th October** at Walthamstow Central Library from 1-4pm. Free entry but tickets must be booked in advance via email conference@bdadyslexia.org.uk

Saturday 20th October FRP Free Paint Give Away. Forest Recycling Project are hosting a free paint giveaway for local residents on **Saturday 20th October** from 10am-2pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to take away up to 20 litres of free paint, with various types and colours of paint on offer. With a typical pot of paint on the high street costing £10-£30, each attendee could save up £100. The event will be held at Unit 7, The Sidings, E11 1HD.

Saturday 20th October Family Portrait As Phototherapy Workshop

The Mill Community Centre on Coppermill Lane will be hosting a workshop on family portrait photography on **Saturday 20th October** from 11am. For more information on the project please visit;

https://themille17.org/events/family-portrait-as-a-way-of-phototeraphy/

Sunday 21st October Hoe St Market Returns. The Hoe St Market is back on **Sunday 21st October,** 12-5pm. Gifts, art, cards, cakes, plants, jewellery, children's clothes, soaps, ceramics, baby accessories, candles, homeware and more from local artists, makers and bakers at Walthamstow Trades Hall. Homies on Donkeys are serving tacos alongside South East Asian streetfood in the front car park (next to the petrol station on Hoe St) – buy outside and eat inside with a drink from the very cheap bar! Kid friendly with plenty of seating and space for prams, the address is 17 Hoe St but the entrance is on Tower Hamlets Road (opposite Yard Sale Pizza).

Sunday 28th October Samaritan's Weird Walthamstow Halloween Walk,

Follow professional tour guide Simon on a tour of what remains of old, strange Walthamstow – built on marshes, some say a portal to other worlds. And whatever you do, don't short-change the ghost at St Mary's...Taking place on **Sunday 28th October** at 4pm, tickets are £12 per adult, £9 per child. All money raised goes to Samaritans of Waltham Forest. For more details and to book,

https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/simonjones6

The Visit by Friedrich Dürrenmatt

19th, 20th, 21st October 2018

Doors Open 7:30pm, Curtain Up 8pm

Tickets £9 £6 Concessions

0208 524 7269 or wegottickets.com/walthamdrama

Forest Community Theatre, Guildford Rd E17 4EA



20 October 2018 to 27 January 2019 The Enchanted Garden

Tuesday - Sunday, 10am - 5pm. Free admission (suggested donation £5)

William Morris was a key figure in the development of domestic garden design, helping to popularise the Arts and Crafts garden among the artistic middle class in England and the US. His gardens at Red House and then Kelmscott Manor supplied endless inspiration to Morris, his family and friends.

The Enchanted Garden explores how Morris's contemporaries and subsequent generations of artists - from the Pre-Raphaelites to the Bloomsbury Group - have responded to the allure of garden spaces, using them as stages for the magical, menacing and romantic.

Many works in the exhibition reference real gardens that still enchant visitors today, including Morris's Red House and Kelmscott Manor, which supplied endless inspiration for him, his family and friends.

Featured artists include Claude Monet, Lucian Pissarro, Edward Burne-Jones, Stanley Spencer, Beatrix Potter, Cicely Mary Barker, Roger Fry and Vanessa Bell.

The exhibition is organised by the Laing Art Gallery in association with the William Morris Gallery.

William Morris Gallery, Lloyd Park, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 4PP 020 8496 439

http://www.wmgallery.org.uk/visit

School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

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Year 11 Parent/Carer information evening 6-7pm
Year 10 Parent/Carer subject evening 6-7pm
Year 8 Parent/Carer information
evening 6-7pm
Staff inset day school closed to students
Presentation Evening
Early school closure at 2.30pm for
Community Party
Christmas Carol Concert

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

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